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#### ABOUT THE GENERAL INCREASES IN BENEFITS

This is to tell you that from 14 APR 16 the amount of benefit you receive will change. The new amount will be included in the payment on or after this date. It is important to tell us about any changes, such as a change of address. If a change of circumstances has occurred prior to receipt of this notification, we apologise for any distress caused.

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#### HOW YOUR BENEFIT IS MADE UP

basic State Pension	£119.30
Pre 97 additional State Pension	£39.51
Post 97 additional State Pension	£41.96
Graduated Retirement Benefit	£5.58

The amount each week is £206.35

### **ABOUT THIS LETTER**

If there is someone else in your household who also gets State Pension or Widow's/Bereavement Benefit, they may not have received their letter yet; it will be sent to them soon.

### **ABOUT OTHER BENEFITS YOU MAY RECEIVE**

If you are paid other benefits or allowances separately (such as Attendance Allowance/Bereavement Benefit or Carer's Allowance) you will be sent a separate letter telling you about the rate you will receive from April.

### **HOW YOUR STATE PENSION OR WIDOW S/BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT IS MADE UP**

Your pension/benefit can be made up of one or more components (as shown over the page). More information on components is shown in the leaflet sent with this letter.

### **ABOUT CHANGES OF CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MUST REPORT**

You must tell us straight away about any changes that may affect your pension or benefit (such as a change of address). The enclosed leaflet tells you more about this.

### **ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE**

There is a section in the leaflet called 'Answers to frequently asked questions' you may find helpful.

### **HOW TO CONTACT US**

**IF, AFTER READING THE LEAFLET**, you have a query or you wish to report a change in your circumstances, please get in touch with us. Our phone number and address are shown over the page. Our opening hours are 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday

**PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER FOR INFORMATION** - you may need to use it if you have to submit a tax return.