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Dear [REDACTED]

### State Pension

In reply to your letter regarding your State Pension if Scotland votes for Independence.

If Scotland does become Independent this will have no effect on your State Pension you will continue to receive it just as you do at present.

In answer to your second question; anyone who is in receipt or entitled to claim State Pension can still receive this when they live abroad, if this is a European country or a country where Britain has a reciprocal agreement they will continue to receive annual increases as if they stayed in Great Britain.

If the country does not fall into the above criteria then the rate of State Pension remains payable at the rate it was when they left Britain and no annual increases will be applied until such times they come back to live in Britain permanently.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact us our details are at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Cassidy

Customer Advisor