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Frozen State Pension, what are the guidelines that determine a pensioner is no longer a resident of UK. If I had emmigrated, yes I can see change of residency.,but I retired in UK and then came on holiday here in Thailand. What gives you the authority to say I now reside here.

Any British Subject living overseas tenure must be considered temporary until they lose the right to vote

DWP response

Regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Regulations 1975 provides the authority for the non-uprating (freezing) of state pension under certain circumstances if a person is not 'ordinarily resident' in Great Britain.

The decision as to whether a person is "ordinarily resident" is made on a case by case basis and is subject to the normal appeals process.

Once a person leaves Great Britain they are considered absent but if they return to Great Britain and inform the department their pension will be paid at the current applicable rate for the period they remain in Great Britain.