

the total of the Canadian creditable periods shall be deemed to be one continuous period.

5. For the purposes of this Article:

- (a) where a period of residence in Australia and a Canadian creditable period coincide, the period of coincidence shall be taken into account once only as a period in which that person was an Australian resident; and
- (b) a Canadian creditable period accumulated under the Old Age Security Act which coincides with a Canadian creditable period accumulated under the Canada Pension Plan shall be taken into account once only.

6. The minimum period of residence in Australia which a person must have accumulated before paragraph 1 applies shall be as follows:

- (a) for an Australian benefit other than an invalid pension, the minimum period required shall be one year of which at least 6 months must be continuous; and
- (b) for an invalid pension, the minimum period required shall be 2 years of which at least 6 months must be continuous.

ARTICLE 7

Australian Pro-Rata Benefits

1. Where an Australian benefit is payable whether by virtue of this Agreement or otherwise to a person who is outside Australia, the rate of that benefit shall be determined according to the social security laws of Australia but: