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The Contracted-out Employment (State Scheme Premiums) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made	*23rd March 1983*
Coming into operation . . .	*6th April 1983*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph 6(3) and (4) of Schedule 2 to the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Contracted-out Employment (State Scheme Premiums) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1983.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Order" means the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;

"the Board" means the Occupational Pensions Board;

"the 1976 regulations" means the Contracted-out Employment (Notifications, Premium Payment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**b**);

"premium" means an accrued rights premium, limited revaluation premium or pensioner's rights premium within the meaning of the Order.

Parts of state scheme premiums to be treated as paid in certain cases

2.—(1) In a case where the amount of a premium (including a premium calculated in accordance with Article 46(5)(*a*) or (*b*) of the Order as modified by regulation 8(8)(*b*)(iii) or (iv) of the 1976 regulations) is payable and its amount exceeds $\frac{5X}{4}$, the amount of the excess shall be treated for all purposes as having been paid.

(2) In paragraph (1), X means that amount which would be the amount of the premium under the State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(**c**) if the amendments made to those regulations by the State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982(**d**) were disregarded.

(3) Where the premium is an accrued rights premium or a pensioner's rights premium, the amount of the excess referred to in paragraph (1) shall, for the purpose of extinguishing the accrued rights of the earner in question or the rights of the pensioner in question to guaranteed minimum pensions under a scheme, be treated as having been paid on whichever is the later of—

(*a*) the date on which the scheme ceased to be contracted-out; and

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(**a**) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15); paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 2 was amended, and paragraph 6(4) inserted, by Article 4(11) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8))
(**b**) S.R. 1976 No. 101; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1978 No. 74 and S.R. 1983 No. 55
(**c**) S.R. 1978 No. 35; amended by S.R. 1982 No. 108
(**d**) S.R. 1982 No. 108