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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made	*19th December 1980*
Coming into operation . . .	*8th January 1981*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 8(1) and 126 of, and paragraphs 1(1), 5(1) and 6(1)(*c*) of Schedule 1 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and Article 3(4) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the concurrence of the Inland Revenue in so far as relates to regulation 5 of these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(**c**) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 8th January 1981.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**d**).

Insertion of regulation 5A in the principal regulations

2. After regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"*Earnings period for earnings to be aggregated where the earnings periods for those earnings otherwise would be of different lengths*

5A.—(1) The following provisions of this regulation apply where—

(*a*) earnings paid in respect of two or more employed earner's employments fall to be aggregated; and

(*b*) the earnings periods in respect of those earnings are, by virtue of regulation 3, 4 or 5 of these regulations, of different lengths.

(2) In this regulation "the designated earnings period" means—

(*a*) where the earnings are derived from employments which include any contracted-out employment and any non-contracted-out employment, the earnings period in respect of earnings derived from the contracted-out employment or, if there is more than one such employment, the shorter, or as the case may be the shortest, of the earnings periods in respect of earnings derived from such employments; and

(a) 1975 c. 15, as amended by Article 3(1) of the Social Security and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/427 (N.I. 9)) and Article 4 of the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. 1979 No. 459 (II, p. 2018))

(b) S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)

(c) 1980 c. 30

(d) S.R. 1979 No. 186 (II, p. 833) to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations