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The Social Security (Credits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made	*9th May* 1977
Coming into operation—	
for the purpose specified in regulation 1(2)	*9th May* 1977
for all other purposes	*29th May* 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 13(4) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a), as extended by Article 18(25) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(b), and section 2 of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975(c), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations, which may be cited as the Social Security (Credits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977, shall be read as one with the Social Security (Credits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(d) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations"), as amended(e), and, subject to the following paragraph of this regulation, shall come into operation on 29th May 1977.

(2) For the purpose only of determining, before 29th May 1977, claims for, or questions arising as to, benefit for any period after 28th May 1977, these regulations shall come into operation on 9th May 1977.

Amendment of regulation 9 of the principal regulations

2. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be amended by the insertion at the beginning of paragraph (1) of the words "Subject to paragraph (9)" and by the addition after paragraph (8) of the following paragraph:

"(9) A Class 1 credit to which a person is entitled in respect of any week by virtue of the provisions of this regulation shall be a credit for the purpose of enabling him to satisfy the second contribution condition for entitlement to unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, maternity grant or maternity allowance only if—

(*a*) in respect of the relevant past year, that person has an earnings factor of not less than 13 times the lower earnings limit for that year which, for the purposes of entitlement to unemployment benefit, is derived from Class 1 contributions actually paid or, for any other purpose, is derived from Class 1 or Class 2 contributions actually paid; or

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(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)
(c) 1975 c. 18
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 113 (I, p. 760)
(e) There is no amendment which relates expressly to the subject matter of these regulations.