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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH AUGUST 1971, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966 TO 1971.

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 44 and 49 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**), and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 30 and 48 of, and paragraphs 17 and 18 of Schedule 9 to, that Act, paragraph 5 of Schedule 7 to the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**), paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**c**), section 1 of the National Insurance (Old Persons' and Widows' Pensions and Attendance Allowance) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**d**) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(**e**), in each case in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 101(3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971, and shall come into operation on 20th September 1971.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

"the Order of 1971" means the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971.

Higher rates and amounts of benefit payable under regulations

2. Subject to the provisions of regulations 5 and 7(1), as from the dates specified in column (1) of Schedule A there shall be substituted for each of the Schedules and for the Table mentioned in column (2) thereof the Schedule set opposite thereto in column (3).

Miscellaneous amendments relating to benefit and to contributions

3.—(1) As from the dates specified in column (1) of Schedule J, there shall in the regulations mentioned in column (2) thereof be made the amendments specified against those regulations mentioned in columns (3) and (4) thereof.

(2) As from 20th September 1971, Schedule 2(**f**) to the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 (amounts payable, by way of refund of contributions, to persons entering insurance too late to be able to satisfy contribution conditions for widow's benefit or retire-

(**a**) 1966. c. 6 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1967. c. 22 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1969. c. 19 (N.I.).
(**d**) 1970. c. 28 (N.I.).
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 224.
(**f**) As last amended by reg. 4(2) of and Sch. J to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263.

ment pension) shall be amended by the addition thereto, at the end, of the provisions set out in Schedule K.

Condition relating to payment of additional benefit under awards made before the appointed or prescribed day

4. Where an award of any benefit under the Act has been made before the day appointed or prescribed for the payment of benefit of the description to which the award relates at a higher weekly rate by virtue of the Order of 1971 or of these regulations, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 6 to the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (effect of any such award) shall, if the period to which the award relates has not ended before that day, have effect subject to the condition that if the award has not been made in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of the said paragraph 3 (which sub-paragraph authorises the making of such an award providing for the payment of the benefit at the higher weekly rate as from that day) and a question arises as to—

(*a*) the weekly rate at which the benefit is payable by virtue of the Order of 1971 or of these regulations, or

(*b*) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the higher weekly rate are satisfied,

the benefit shall be or continue to be payable at the weekly rate specified in the award until the said question shall have been determined in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Persons not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland

5.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of these or any other regulations, but subject to the provisions of this regulation, a person who is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland immediately before 20th September 1971 (in this regulation referred to as "the said date") shall, unless and until that person becomes ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, be disqualified for receiving—

(*a*) in the case of a woman who immediately before the said date is a married woman and had not retired from regular employment, any additional retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, if the husband before the said date had retired from regular employment and was not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland;

(*b*) in the case of a woman who immediately before the said date is a widow, any additional retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, if her husband had died before the said date;

(*c*) in any other case, any additional retirement pension (not being additional retirement pension to which either of the two foregoing sub-paragraphs applies) if that person had retired from regular employment before the said date;

(*d*) any additional widow's benefit if her husband had died or retired before the said date;

(*e*) any additional child's special allowance if her former husband had died before the said date.

(2) Notwithstanding as aforesaid, if immediately before the said date a person is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland but that person has, or would, but for the absence of any child from Northern Ireland, have in his family immediately before the said date a child in relation to whom the conditions for guardian's allowance specified in section 28 of the Act are satisfied, that person and any other person who would otherwise be entitled to any additional guardian's allowance in respect of that child shall be disqualified for receiving any additional guardian's allowance in respect of that child

unless and until the child becomes (or is) included in the family of a person who is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

(3) The disqualifications for the receipt of additional benefit contained in this regulation shall not apply to a person for any period during which he is in Northern Ireland.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation references to additional benefit of any description are to be construed as referring to additional benefit of that description by virtue (either directly or indirectly) of any provision of the Order of 1971 (other than Article 2(3) thereof) or of these regulations (other than regulation 7(2)).

(5) A widow who—

(*a*) is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland immediately before the said date, and was entitled to widow's benefit immediately before attaining pensionable age, or who would, but for any provision of the Act disqualifying her for the receipt of such benefit, have been so entitled; and

(*b*) is or becomes entitled to a retirement pension by virtue of her own insurance the right to which is calculated by taking into account under section 32 of the Act her husband's contributions;

shall be disqualified for receiving any additional retirement pension the right to which is so calculated unless and until she becomes ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland if either—

(i) her husband died before the said date; or

(ii) before the said date he had retired from regular employment and was not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

(6) The provisions of paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 6 to the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 shall apply where, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this regulation, benefit of an amount higher than the amount awarded to a person has in fact been paid to him.

(7) The disqualification for the receipt of additional retirement pension contained in paragraph (1)(*c*) shall not apply to a woman in relation to a retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, if that husband had not retired from regular employment before the said date and either—

(i) he was her husband immediately before that date; or

(ii) she married him on or after that date.

Amendment to the National Insurance (Old Persons' Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970

6. As from 20th September 1971, there shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of regulation 7 of the National Insurance (Old Persons' Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(**g**) (rates of benefit for or in respect of persons over pensionable age on 5th July 1948), the following paragraph:

"(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the weekly rate of benefit to which a woman is entitled by virtue of regulation 3, 4, 5 or 6 shall be £3·60."

Transitory provisions

7.—(1) As respects the period beginning on 20th September 1971 and ending on 22nd September 1971, the rate of a person's unemployment or sickness

(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 281.

benefit for any day in the said period payable by virtue of section 18(3) of the Act (unemployment and sickness benefit for persons over pensionable age) shall be determined as if the day from which higher rates of retirement pension are payable by virtue of the foregoing provisions of these regulations were 23rd September 1971.

(2) As from 20th September 1971, for the purposes of sections 30(1) and 33(1) of the Act (increase of retirement pension and woman's retirement pension in certain cases for contributions paid after pensionable age), as amended by section 1(1)(*e*) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, by paragraphs (4) and (5) respectively of regulation 4 of the Family Allowances, National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and Miscellaneous Provisions (Decimalisation of the Currency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(h), and by Article 2(3) of the Order of 1971, where—

(*a*) at least one relevant contribution has been paid for a contribution week beginning on or after 30th October 1967, and

(*b*) at least one relevant contribution has been paid for a contribution week beginning before 20th September 1971 which cannot be applied for the purposes of the operation of the said section 30(1) or 33(1) with respect to contribution weeks beginning before 20th September 1971 because a set of 9, 12 or a multiple of 9 or 12 (as the case may be) contributions had not been completed,

the contributions which have for that reason not been so applied may be treated as having been paid—

(i) if they are fewer than 9, for contribution weeks beginning on or after 20th September 1971;

(ii) if they are more than 9, 9 for contribution weeks beginning on or after 30th October 1967 but before 20th September 1971, and the remainder for contribution weeks beginning on or after 20th September 1971.

(3) Regulation 7(2) of the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(i) shall be amended by the insertion, after the words "on or after 30th October 1967", of the words "but before 20th September 1971".

Given under the Official Seal of the National Insurance Joint Authority this 16th day of August 1971.

(L.S.) *F. B. Hindmarsh,*
a person authorised by the National Insurance Joint Authority to act on behalf of the Secretary, National Insurance Joint Authority.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 16th day of August 1971.

(L.S.) *C. G. Oakes,*
Assistant Secretary.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of August 1971.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

(h) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15. (i) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 234.

SCHEDULE A Regulation 2

Substituted Schedules providing for Higher Rates of Benefit, etc.

Date of operation (1)	Existing Schedule or Table (2)	Substituted Schedule (3)
23rd September 1971	The National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(j)	
	Schedule 2(k)	Schedule B
20th September 1971	The National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(l)	
	Table contained in regulation 13(m)	Schedule C
20th September 1971	The National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(n)	
	Schedule(o)	Schedule D
20th September 1971	The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(p)	
	Schedule 1(q)	Schedule E
	Schedule 2(r)	Schedule F
	Schedule 3(s)	Schedule G
20th September 1971	The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(t)	
	Schedule 2(u)	Schedule H
	Schedule 5 Part III(v)	Schedule I

(j) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 222.
(k) See Sch. B to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and Sch. 5 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(l) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 123.
(m) See Sch. C to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and reg. 11(1) of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(n) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 246.
(o) See Sch. D to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and Sch. 4 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(p) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 39.
(q) See Sch. E to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and Sch. 10 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(r) See Sch. F to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and Sch. 11 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(s) See Sch. G to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and Sch. 12 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(t) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 129.
(u) See Sch. H to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 234 and Sch. 13 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.
(v) See Sch. H to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 263 and Sch. 14 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15,