(3) In regulation 9(1)(*c*) (which relates to the reduction of practitioners' pensions) in respect of any year ending on or after 31st March, 1965, or part of such year, for the reference to seven hundred and eighty pounds per annum there shall be substituted a reference to the maximum annual amount on which on 1st April in that year graduated contributions were payable for one employment under section 1(1)(*b*) of the Act of 1959.

(4) In proviso (ii) to regulation 9(1) (which relates to the reduction of pensions of officers ceasing to be employed in non-participating employment) in respect of any period after 5th January, 1964, the amount of the average remuneration to be ascertained in accordance with that proviso shall be ascertained by reference to the certificate under section 6 of the Act of 1959 in force during that period.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 12th day of December, 1963.

(L.S.) *Ronald Green,*
Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the National Insurance (Modification of the Health Services Superannuation Scheme) No. 2 Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961 in consequence of the increase under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 of the maximum earnings on which graduated contributions are payable. The regulations come into force on 6th January, 1964, when the increased rate of equivalent pension benefits takes effect.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH DECEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 66(4) OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946.

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has determined under section 66(4) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**) that the Ministry of Health and Local Government is the appropriate department of the Government of Northern Ireland to make regulations under that sub-section modifying the scheme for the provision of pensions and other benefits established by regulations made under section 2 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(**b**);

(**a**) 1946. c. 23. (**b**) 1950. c. 10.