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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Retirement Pension Increments

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JULY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE FAMILY ALLOWANCES AND NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1959.

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 5(4) of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959(a), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Retirement Pension Increments) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959, and shall come into operation on the 3rd August, 1959.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"the Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(b);

"reckonable contributions" means contributions which are to be taken into account for the purpose of the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act (which sub-section provides for increasing the weekly rate of a retirement pension by reference to contributions as an employed or self-employed person paid by the beneficiary in respect of the period after his attaining pensionable age) or, in a case to which sub-section (3) of section 20 of the Act (which sub-section relates to a retirement pension payable to a woman by virtue of her husband's insurance) applies, for the purpose of the provisions of the said sub-section (4) as modified by the said sub-section (3).

Treatment of reckonable contributions

2.—(1) The following provisions of this regulation shall have effect for the purpose of the application of the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act in relation to a case in which—

(*a*) the reckonable contributions include one or more contributions paid for contribution weeks commencing before the 3rd August, 1959 (hereinafter referred to as "old contributions") and one or more contributions paid for contribution weeks commencing on or after that day (hereinafter referred to as "new contributions"), and

(*b*) the number of old contributions is neither twenty-five nor a multiple of twenty-five.

(2) If, in any such case, the number of new contributions is less than six, all the new contributions shall be treated as if they were old contributions.

(3) If, in any such case, the number of new contributions is six or more,—

(*a*) all the old contributions, if their number is less than twenty-five, or

(*b*) so many of the old contributions as exceed twenty-five or a multiple of twenty-five,

shall be treated as if they were new contributions.

(a) 1959, c. 7. (b) 1946, c. 23.