Given under my hand at Stormont this 2nd day of June, 1955.

Ivan Neill,
Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Contributions

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD JUNE, 1955, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946 TO 1955.

1955. No. 101 [C]

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 74(5) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(a), and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5(b) of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(c), (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on the 6th June, 1955.

Amendment of regulation 13 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 13 of the principal regulations (which relates to the granting of certificates of exception) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation and accordingly shall have effect as set out in Part I of the schedule hereto.

(2) In the said regulation 13, after the words "regulation 14" there shall be inserted the words "or 14A" and, for the words "one hundred and four pounds", there shall be substituted the words "one hundred and fifty-six pounds".

(3) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of the said regulation 13, after the words "specified in the certificate", there shall be inserted the words "being a period commencing not earlier than the date on which application for exception was made"; after the words "attached to the grant" there shall be

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(a) 1946. c. 23.
(b) See National Insurance (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1955 (1955. c. 10).
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948. No. 217 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949. No. 149; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950. No. 67; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951. No. 38; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952. No. 139; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 69; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 123; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 157.

inserted the words " or continuation in force "; after the words ceases to be " there shall be inserted the words " or is not "; after the words " date of such cessation " there shall be inserted the words " or non-fulfilment ", and at the end of the said sub-paragraph there shall be added the following proviso:—

" Provided that the period specified in the certificate may, at the discretion of the Ministry, commence at such date not earlier than thirteen weeks before the date on which application for exception is made as the Ministry may consider appropriate to the circumstances of the case."

Amendment of regulation 14 of the principal regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 14 of the principal regulations (which relates to items of income which are wholly or partially disregarded in determining whether a person is in receipt of an income of less than one hundred and four pounds a year) shall be amended in accordance with the next following paragraph and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part II of the schedule hereto.

(2) (*a*) In the said regulation 14, for the words " one hundred and four pounds " wherever they appear, there shall be substituted the words " one hundred and fifty-six pounds ".

(*b*) After paragraph (2) there shall be inserted the following paragraphs:—

" (2A) any sum received on account of the death of any person by way of a pension or allowance payable to or in respect of a child (within the meaning of the instrument authorising the payment) or by way of a rent allowance payable to a widow or other dependant, being in either case a sum which—

(*a*) is payable by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance under the War Orphans Act, 1942(**a**), or under any Royal Warrant, Order in Council, Order by Her Majesty or Scheme administered by him in exercise of functions transferred to him by the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Pensions) Order, 1953(**b**); or

(*b*) is payable under any enactment, Scheme, ordinance, regulation or other instrument whatsoever promulgated or made in any place outside the United Kingdom or under the law of any such place, and in the opinion of the Ministry is analogous to any payment falling within sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph; or

(*c*) is payable under a 1914-1918 War Injuries Scheme as defined in the National Insurance (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949(**c**);

(2B) any sum received on account of an allowance under the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945(**d**);

(**a**) 5 & 6 Geo. 6. c. 8.
(**b**) S.I. 1953/1198.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1949. No. 154.
(**d**) 1945. c. 19.

(2C) any sum received by way of guardian's allowance, child's allowance or orphan's pension (a) under the Act;

(2D) any sum received by way of death benefit in respect of a child under the Industrial Injuries Act."

Additions to the principal regulations

4. After regulation 14 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following regulation—

"**14A.** Where an applicant for a certificate of exception is in receipt of an income which, after the deduction therefrom of such, if any, of the items specified in the last preceding regulation as are included therein, exceeds one hundred and fifty-six pounds a year by an amount not greater than the amount of the contributions which he would be liable to pay in a year if he were not excepted, he shall be deemed for the purposes of sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (*a*) of sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Act, not to be in receipt of an income exceeding one hundred and fifty-six pounds a year."

5. After regulation 20 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following regulation—

"*Calculation of weekly rate of remuneration*

20A. Where a person is employed for less than forty hours a week, the rate of his remuneration for the purpose of Part I and Part II of the First Schedule to the Act shall be deemed to be that sum a week which bears the same proportion to his actual remuneration as forty hours bears to the number of hours for which he is employed."

Given under the Official Seal of the National Insurance Joint Authority this 3rd day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

T. C. Stephens,
Secretary,
National Insurance Joint Authority.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

William Allen,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

D. C. B. Holden,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

(a) See reg. 3, National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.