(2) in the second and fourth columns, the rates below which a widowed mother's allowance and a widow's pension or such a retirement pension, as the case may be, shall not be reduced on account of earnings.

Rate of widowed mother's allowance (1)	Minimum reduced rate (2)	Rate of widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of husband's insurance (3)	Minimum reduced rate (4)
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
50 0	21 0	38 6	9 6
48 6	20 6	37 0	9 0
47 0	20 0	35 6	8 6
44 0	19 6	32 6	8 0
40 6	19 0	29 0	7 6
37 6	18 0	26 0	6 6
34 6	17 6	23 0	6 0
31 6	16 6	20 0	5 0
28 6	15 6	17 0	4 0
25 6	15 0	14 0	3 6
22 6	14 0	11 0	2 6"

Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH APRIL, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 13A(2) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953(b), (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on the 6th April, 1955.

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) In relation to a confinement which takes place on or after the date of the coming into operation of these regulations, paragraph (1) of regulation 5 of the principal regulations (which

(a) 1946. c.23. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 123.

specifies cases in which a confinement which took place in, or in the course of transit to, accommodation of a description falling within paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 13A of the Act shall be treated as if it had not so taken place) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation, and that regulation shall accordingly have effect as set out in the schedule hereto.

(2) At the end of the said paragraph (1), there shall be added the following words:—

"or if it is shown to the satisfaction of the determining authority—

(i) that arrangements were made, by or on behalf of the woman, in anticipation of the confinement's taking place either elsewhere than in accommodation of a description falling within the said paragraph (*b*) or in accommodation of that description but in such circumstances that, if the confinement had taken place in that accommodation and in those circumstances, she would have been entitled to a home confinement grant; and

(ii) that, in relation to the confinement, no arrangement for her admission to the accommodation in which, or in the course of transit to which, it took place was made more than two days before the date of her admission to that accommodation or (if the confinement took place in the course of transit to that accommodation) the day during which her confinement took place; and either

(iii) that not later than the end of the third day after the day during which her confinement took place, and not later than the end of the fifth day after the date of her admission to that accommodation, she was discharged therefrom by and with the approval of a person authorised or empowered to discharge her; or

(iv) that, although the confinement took place in the course of transit to accommodation of a description falling within the said paragraph (*b*), her transit to such accommodation was not thereupon completed, or, if it was, she was not then admitted."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of April, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

William Allen,

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of April, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

D. C. B. Holden,

Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.