(ii) is unable to satisfy any additional conditions with respect to the receipt of unemployment benefit or sickness benefit imposed in his case by regulations (a) made under subsection (4) of the said section 12, other than the National Insurance (Married Women) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (b);

shall not be a period of unemployment or incapacity for work, as the case may be."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 21st day of April, 1953, 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 21st day of April, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *D. C. B. Holden,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

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REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH NOVEMBER, 1953, 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 1953.

1953. No. 157

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 (3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (c), and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 (5), 5 and 7 (1) (*b*) of that Act, in either 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 :—

*Citation, interpretation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland),

(a) Reg. 14B, National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 236) as amended by S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 50; and Reg. 2, National Insurance (Seasonal Workers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 139) as amended by S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 172.
(b) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 220.
(c) 1946. c.23.

1953, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**a**), as amended (**b**), (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ") and shall come into operation on the 30th November, 1953.

*Revocation of regulations 7 and 7A of the principal regulations*

**2.** Regulations 7 and 7A (**c**) of the principal regulations (which relate to exception from liability for, and the crediting of, contributions in respect of periods of full time education, full time unpaid apprenticeship and full time training at courses approved by the Ministry) are hereby revoked :

Provided that the said regulations shall continue to apply to cases to which they would have applied if these regulations had not been made, being cases in which the full time education, full time unpaid apprenticeship (not being a gainful occupation) or full time training at a course approved by the Ministry commenced or again commenced before the date of the coming into operation of these regulations.

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

**3.** Immediately after regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation :—

" *Full time education, unpaid apprenticeship and training*

**7.**—(1) In this regulation " education " means full time education, " apprenticeship " means full time unpaid apprenticeship, " training " means full time training at a course approved by the Ministry, and " national service " means whole time service within the meaning of Part I of the National Service Act, 1948 (**d**).

(2) For any week of education, apprenticeship or training, a person —

(*a*) shall be excepted from liability to pay a contribution as a non-employed person, and

(*b*) may, if he so desires and is not entitled to be credited with a contribution for that week under paragraph (4) of this regulation, pay a contribution as a non-employed person, and payment thereof may be made at any time before the end of the fourth contribution year following the contribution year in which the education, apprenticeship or training terminated.

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(**a**) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948. No. 217.
(**b**) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1949. No. 123 ; 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. 14 ; S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 69 ; S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 123.
(**c**) See regulation 2, National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953 (S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 14).
(**d**) 11 and 12 Geo. 6. c.64.

(3) Any contribution paid by a person as a non-employed person in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall be treated as equivalent to a contribution of the appropriate class in relation to unemployment and sickness benefit if in respect of the period of three years, disregarding any period of national service, immediately preceding the commencement of the education, apprenticeship or training he had paid or had credited to him not less than one hundred and four contributions as an employed or self-employed person.

(4) To persons excepted from liability to pay contributions under paragraph (2) of this regulation, contributions shall be credited as follows :—

(*a*) to any person who has not attained the age of eighteen years there shall be credited for any week of education, apprenticeship or training a contribution of the class specified in relation to his case in sub-paragraph (*c*) of this paragraph ;

(*b*) to any person who has attained the age of eighteen years there shall be credited for any week of training a contribution of the class specified in relation to his case in the succeeding sub-paragraph if —

(i) the training was not, at its commencement, intended to continue for more than one year or, in the case of a person undergoing a course of training provided under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 (**a**), such longer period as the Ministry may in such case think fit, and

(ii) he has, unless the Ministry is of the opinion that in the circumstances of his case it is reasonable to dispense with this condition, paid or had credited to him not less than one hundred and four contributions as an employed or self-employed person in respect of the three years, disregarding any period of national service, preceding the commencement of the training, and

(iii) immediately before the commencement of the training there were, in the opinion of the Ministry, having regard to his particular circumstances and the industrial conditions in the district in which he ordinarily resides, reasonable grounds for believing that unless he underwent training he would become, or remain, unemployed.

(*c*) Contributions specified for the purposes of the two preceding sub-paragraphs are —

(i) in the case of a person who satisfies Condition I or Condition II of the schedule to these regulations, a contribution as an employed person ;

(a) 1945. c.6.