(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Full weekly rate of benefit applicable under Part I of the Second Schedule to the Act.			
	s. d. 26 0	s. d. 20 0	s. d. 16 0	s. d. 15 0
Number of contributions paid or credited in the relevant contribution year.	Reduced rate at which benefit is payable.			
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
48—49 ..	25 0	19 6	15 6	14 6
46—47 ..	24 0	19 0	15 0	14 0
43—45 ..	23 0	18 0	14 0	13 6
40—42 ..	21 0	16 6	13 0	12 6
37—39 ..	19 0	15 0	12 0	11 6
34—36 ..	17 0	13 6	11 0	10 6
30—33 ..	15 0	12 0	9 6	9 0
26—29 ..	13 0	10 0	8 0	7 6

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Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions

REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST JUNE, 1948, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 17, 20, 22 and 24 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40 (5) of that Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the 21st June, 1948.

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

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

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland;

"insurance officer", "local tribunal" and "the umpire" have the same meanings as in the National Insurance

(Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" the determining authority " means, as the case may require, an insurance officer, a local tribunal or the umpire ;

" disqualification " shall in relation to any period include any period during which, by virtue of the proviso to subsection (2) of section 16 of the Act, widow's benefit is not payable by reason of the widow cohabiting with a man as his wife ;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment or regulations shall include a reference to such enactment or regulations as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Widows' pensions for widows incapable of self-support.

2.—(1) Where a widow in relation to whom neither the conditions for a widow's pension contained in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (1) of section 16 of the Act (which paragraph imposes conditions of entitlement to a widow's pension) nor the alternative conditions contained in subsection (1) of section 17 of the Act are satisfied, would, but for the provisions of this regulation, cease to be entitled to widow's benefit at a time when she is by reason of any infirmity incapable of self-support and is under pensionable age, she shall, for any subsequent period during which she is incapable of self-support by reason of that infirmity, have the same right (if any) to a widow's pension in respect of the marriage in respect of which she was entitled to the widow's benefit as if the said conditions were satisfied.

(2) The following provisions shall apply in the case of a widow who claims a widow's pension by virtue of the preceding paragraph of this regulation :—

(*a*) The widow shall from time to time as required by the Ministry furnish evidence by means of a certificate (in such form as the Ministry may approve) that by reason of an infirmity she is incapable of self-support, and shall at any time, if so directed by the Ministry, submit herself to medical examination by a medical board appointed by it consisting of two or more medical practitioners.

(*b*) For the purpose of the determination by an insurance officer or a local tribunal of any question as to the nature of an infirmity, or whether an infirmity is the same infirmity as that by reason of which the widow was previously incapable of self-support, a certificate given by any such medical board shall be conclusive evidence.

(3) The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall apply in the case of a widow who claims a widow's pension by virtue of paragraph (2) of regulation 4 of the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regula-

tions (Northern Ireland), 1948, subject to the qualification that where the claim is made before the appointed day she may (instead of furnishing a certificate in accordance with sub-paragraph (*a*) of the preceding paragraph) elect to have her case submitted to a medical board appointed by the Ministry in accordance with the said sub-paragraph (*a*).

Condition as to duration of marriage in relation to widows' pensions in the case of widows who have been married more than once.

3.—(1) Where a widow has been married more than once, then for the purpose of her right to a widow's pension in respect of her last marriage, the condition as to the duration of that marriage contained in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (1) of section 16 of the Act (or, in a case to which, instead of that condition, the alternative condition contained in paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) or in subsection (4) of section 17 of the Act applies, the said alternative condition) shall be deemed to be satisfied if the sum total of any periods before the relevant time (as defined in the next succeeding paragraph) during which she was either a married woman, or entitled to widow's benefit other than a widow's basic pension, or only not so entitled by reason of disqualification, amounts to not less than ten years :

Provided that if throughout the three years immediately preceding the date of any marriage of the widow, she was neither a married woman nor entitled to such widow's benefit (apart from any disqualification therefor), any period during which she was married, or was so entitled to such benefit before the date of that marriage, shall not be taken into account for the purpose of this regulation.

(2) In the preceding paragraph, the expression " the relevant time " means for the purposes of the said paragraph (*c*) the date of the husband's death, for the purposes of the said paragraph (*b*) the date on which the widow ceases to be entitled to a widowed mother's allowance, and for the purposes of the said subsection (4) the date on which she ceases to be entitled to a widow's pension.

Special conditions in relation to retirement pensions by virtue of the husband's insurance in the case of women marrying after pensionable age.

4.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph (iii) of subsection (1) of section 20 of the Act (which paragraph relates to the prescribing of further conditions for entitlement to a retirement pension by virtue of the insurance of the husband in a case where a woman married the husband after attaining pensionable age), one of the following further conditions must be satisfied in the case of a woman to whom that paragraph is applicable, that is to say :—

(*a*)—(i) that she and her husband have been married for not less than three years ; or

(ii) that, if the husband dies before the expiration of three years from the date of the marriage, she has a family which includes a child who, or children one of whom, either was at the husband's death a child of his family or is a son or daughter of theirs ; or

(*b*) that, immediately before the date of the marriage, she was or, but for any disqualification, would have been entitled to widow's benefit ; or

(*c*) that, immediately before the said date, she was entitled to a retirement pension, or would have been so entitled but for any disqualification, or but for her failure to