(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

Unemployment Benefit : Transitional

1948. No. 237
See p 963

1948. No. 313
See p 978

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.

1948. No. 246

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

Unemployment and Sickness Benefit

1948. No. 248

See p. 778.

Unemployment Benefit (Transitional) Regulations

REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

Amended 1948 SR&O (N.I.) 313
Amended 1949 SR&O (N.I.) 1290
140

1948. No. 237

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 62 and 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the 2nd July, 1948.

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

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

"the Unemployment Insurance Act" means the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936;

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

"local tribunal" means a tribunal constituted in accordance with regulation 8 of the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948;

"the Insurance Industry Special Scheme" means the approved scheme referred to in the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1947;

"existing contributor" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2;

"existing benefit year" means a benefit year within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Act which an existing contributor began not earlier than the 7th July, 1947, by proving, on a

claim for benefit (including a claim for agricultural benefit), the matters set out in subsection (1) of section 33 of that Act, or which was begun in error, not earlier than that date but in respect of which those matters were subsequently so proved before the appointed day, and a claim year under the Insurance Industry Special Scheme, which began not earlier than the 7th July, 1947;

"first normal contribution year" means the contribution year applicable to an existing contributor under regulation 2 of the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, commencing, as the case may be, on the 7th March, 1949, the 6th June, 1949, the 5th September, 1949, or the 5th December, 1949;

"first normal benefit year" means the benefit year applicable to an existing contributor under regulation 2 of the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, commencing, as the case may be, on the 1st August, 1949, the 7th November, 1949, the 6th February, 1950, or the 1st May, 1950;

"benefit" means benefit (including agricultural benefit) under the Unemployment Insurance Act or the Insurance Industry Special Scheme, and references to benefit rights shall be construed accordingly;

"unemployment contributions" means, in respect of weeks occurring before the appointed day, contributions (including agricultural contributions) under the Unemployment Insurance Act and weeks of insurable employment under the Insurance Industry Special Scheme, and, in respect of weeks commencing on or after the appointed day, contributions as an employed person under the Act; and any references to the payment of an unemployment contribution in respect of any week before the appointed day shall include a reference to a contribution deemed or treated as paid for the purpose of any right to benefit or to the occurrence of a week of insurable employment under the Insurance Industry Special Scheme;

"waiting day" means, in relation to days before the appointed day, any of the first three days of a continuous period of unemployment;

"insurance period" means any one of the following periods, namely:—

(*a*) an insurance year under the Unemployment Insurance Act;

(*b*) (subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation 4) the period commencing with the appointed day and ending immediately before the beginning of the first normal contribution year, except where this period is in excess of fifty-two weeks, in which case it means the last fifty-two weeks thereof; and

(*c*) a contribution year under the Act, beginning not earlier than the first normal contribution year;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act, or, in relation to any period before the appointed day, the Unemployment Insurance Act.

(3) Any contributions or benefit paid or deemed or treated as paid in Great Britain, and any weeks of insurable employment under the approved scheme referred to in the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders, 1921 to 1947, in respect of any period before the appointed day, which would, but for the Act, have been taken into account in Northern Ireland for any purpose of the Unemployment Insurance Act shall be taken into account to the like extent for the purposes of these regulations.

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

(5) 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.

Existing contributors.

2. In these regulations, references to an existing contributor shall be construed as meaning any person who, immediately before the appointed day, was either insured or treated as insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act or the Insurance Industry Special Scheme and who, but for the Act, could have fulfilled the first statutory condition for the receipt of benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Act in respect of a day occurring on or after the 1st January, 1946, had he then made a claim for benefit, and, for this purpose, contributions shall be taken into account as follows: in the case of benefit other than agricultural benefit, all unemployment contributions, and, in the case of agricultural benefit, only agricultural contributions.

Modification of contribution conditions for unemployment benefit in the case of existing contributors.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 13, where an existing contributor cannot satisfy the contribution condition contained in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Act (which is that not less than twenty-six contributions of the appropriate class have been paid by him in respect of the period between his entry into insurance and the day for which the benefit is claimed), but—

(*a*) was, immediately before the appointed day, in an existing benefit year; or

(*b*) in respect of a day for which unemployment benefit under the Act is claimed, proves that, but for the Act, and subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, the first

statutory condition for the receipt under the Unemployment Insurance Act of benefit other than agricultural benefit would then have been fulfilled in his case; or

(*c*) (in the case of such an existing contributor who has received unemployment benefit by virtue of section 59 of the Act, which section relates to extension of unemployment benefit, and the regulations for the time being in force thereunder, or by virtue of the corresponding regulations made under section 66 of the Act or the corresponding order made under the Insurance Industry Special Scheme), subject to the proviso to this paragraph, pays contributions as an employed person for thirteen weeks beginning on or after the appointed day;

the said contribution condition shall be deemed to be satisfied:

Provided that, for the purposes of sub-paragraph (*c*) of this paragraph, where such an existing contributor only received unemployment benefit under section 59 of the Act and the regulations for the time being in force thereunder, contributions shall only be reckoned towards the said thirteen contributions if they are paid in respect of contribution weeks begun or ended since the first day in respect of which he receives unemployment benefit under that section.

(2) In determining whether the condition referred to in sub-paragraph (*b*) of the last preceding paragraph would have been fulfilled, all unemployment contributions paid by an existing contributor shall be reckoned as contributions.

4.—(1) The contribution condition contained in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Act (which is that not less than fifty contributions of the appropriate class have been paid by or credited to the claimant in respect of the last complete contribution year before the beginning of the benefit year which includes the day for which benefit is claimed) shall not apply to a claim for unemployment benefit by an existing contributor in respect of any day of unemployment which occurs before his first normal benefit year, but this provision shall be without prejudice to the application of paragraph (2) of regulation 13 to an existing contributor in relation to unemployment benefit by virtue of section 59 of the Act and the regulations for the time being in force thereunder.

(2) Where, in the case of an existing contributor, the period between the appointed day and the beginning of the first normal contribution year is less than fifty-two weeks, it shall be deemed to be a period of fifty-two weeks, and, for the purposes only—

(*a*) of determining whether the said contribution condition has been satisfied in respect of any day of unemployment which occurs during his first normal benefit year; or