

No. 3142

**SWEDEN, DENMARK, FINLAND,
ICELAND and NORWAY**

**Convention (with Final Protocol) respecting reciprocity in
the granting of benefits for reduced working capacity.
Signed at Reykjavik, on 20 July 1953**

*Official texts: Swedish (two texts, one for Sweden and one for Finland), Danish,
Finnish, Icelandic and Norwegian.*

Registered by Sweden on 3 February 1956.

**SUÈDE, DANEMARK, FINLANDE,
ISLANDE et NORVÈGE**

**Convention (avec Protocole final) relative à l'octroi d'avantages
réciproques en cas de réduction de la capacité de
travail. Signée à Reykjavik, le 20 juillet 1953**

*Textes officiels suédois (deux textes, l'un pour la Suède et l'autre pour la Finlande),
danois, finnois, islandais et norvégien.*

Enregistrée par la Suède le 3 février 1956.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION]

No. 3142. CONVENTION² BETWEEN SWEDEN, DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND AND NORWAY RESPECTING RECIPROCITY IN THE GRANTING OF BENEFITS FOR REDUCED WORKING CAPACITY. SIGNED AT REYKJAVIK, ON 20 JULY 1953

His Majesty the King of Sweden, His Majesty the King of Denmark, the President of the Republic of Finland, the President of the Republic of Iceland and His Majesty the King of Norway, having decided to conclude a convention respecting reciprocity in the granting of benefits for reduced working capacity, have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

His Majesty the King of Sweden :

Mr. G. E. Sträng, Cabinet Minister and Head of the Ministry of Social Affairs;

His Majesty the King of Denmark :

Mr. Poul Sørensen, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs;

The President of the Republic of Finland :

Mr. Vieno Simonen, Minister of Social Affairs;

The President of the Republic of Iceland :

Mr. Steingrímur Steinthórsson, Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs;

His Majesty the King of Norway :

Mr. Aaslaug Aasland, Minister of Social Affairs,

who, having been duly furnished with full powers for that purpose, have agreed on the following :

Section 1

Each contracting country hereby undertakes to give nationals of the other contracting countries benefits in respect of reduced working capacity in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

¹ Translation by the International Labour Office (International Labour Office, *Legislative Series*, May-June 1955), with the exception of the preamble of the Convention and the sixth paragraph of the Final Protocol.

² Came into force on 1 September 1954, in accordance with section 7, the instruments of ratification having been deposited in Reykjavik by Sweden on 29 January 1954, by Denmark on 9 February 1954, by Finland on 1 June 1954, by Iceland on 22 January 1954, and by Norway on 13 May 1954.

A woman who is not herself a national of a contracting country but who is or was last married to a national of a contracting country shall be treated as a national of such country.

A person who was formerly a national of a contracting country and who has not acquired the nationality of any other country shall also be treated as a national of a contracting country.

Section 2

In this Convention "benefits in respect of reduced working capacity" means invalidity pensions, prosthesis and medical care, training and rehabilitation.

Section 3

The provisions of the country of residence shall apply as regards the conditions for being awarded and continuing to receive the benefits covered by this Convention and as regards the amount and calculation of such benefits :

Provided that, in order to be entitled to an invalidity pension in the country of residence, an insured person must either have stayed in that country without interruption for at least five years immediately before applying for such pension or have stayed in the country for at least one year immediately before applying and have during such stay of one year or over been physically and mentally capable of carrying on his normal occupation. In order to be entitled to the other benefits under this Convention, i.e. prosthesis, medical care, training and rehabilitation, the insured person must have acquired a permanent domicile in the country of residence. Any temporary absence from the said country shall be disregarded.

Section 4

The cost of providing benefits under this Convention shall be defrayed by the country of residence.

Section 5

If provision has been made in the legislation of a contracting country whereby a person in receipt of an invalidity pension shall, on attaining a specified age, receive instead an old-age pension, nationals of the other contracting countries who are in receipt of an invalidity pension shall receive instead an old-age pension in accordance with the same rules as the nationals of the country of residence.