

(3) The clerk or acting clerk to the Committee shall count the votes and shall declare the candidate who has obtained the largest number of votes to be elected.

(4) In the event of any two or more candidates obtaining an equal number of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Books and Accounts to be kept by Insurance Committees.

1. Minute Book showing, *inter alia*, the payments authorised by the Committee.
2. Inventory of the property of the Committee not being moneys or securities
3. Register of instruments, agreements, and contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Committee.
4. General Cash Book in a form approved by the Ministry.
5. Ledger, containing the following accounts, together with, as respects each particular account, such subsidiary accounts as the Ministry may from time to time require.
 - (a) Current Account with the Ministry;
 - (b) Administration Fund;
 - (c) Sanatorium Benefit Fund;
 - (d) Discharged Soldiers Sanatorium Benefit Fund;
 - (e) Such other accounts as may be found necessary or desirable.
6. Sanatorium Benefit Register in a form approved by the Ministry.
7. Register of payments made in respect of benefits of deposit contribution in a form approved by the Ministry.

Exempt Persons.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE
AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1924
(14 AND 15 GEO. 5, C. 38).

1924. No. 92.

PART I.

GENERAL.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1925.

Short title,
etc.

Interpre-
tation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“The Act” means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924 (14 and 15 Geo. 5, c. 38);

“The Ministry” means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland;

“Certificate of Exemption” means a certificate under Section 2 of the Act exempting the person to whom a certificate is granted from liability to be insured under the Act;

“Exempt Person” means a person to whom the certificate of exemption which is still in force has been granted;

“Half-year” means any period approximating to six months in respect of which contribution cards have been or may be issued under any Regulations relating to the collection of contributions made under the Act and for the time being in force;

“Contribution year” means any period commencing in June or July as the case may be and comprising two consecutive half-years;

“Contribution” means a contribution paid under the Act for any period in which the person in respect of whom it is paid is an exempt person;

“Employment” means employment within the meaning of the Act, and “employed” has a corresponding meaning;

“Insured” means a person insured under the Act;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Repeal of
existing
Regulations.

3. The Regulations specified in the First Schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked but without prejudice to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

PART II.

Certificates of Exemption under Section 2 (1) (d) of the Act.

Qualification
for
exemption
under
Section 2 (1)
(d) of the
Act.

4.—(1) A person applying under paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Act for a Certificate of exemption shall be entitled to such certificate if he proves that, having been continuously an insured person since the commencement of the second contribution year before that in which the application is made, he has been employed for less than thirteen weeks in each

of the two contribution years immediately preceding that in which the application is made.

(2) If after the end of any contribution year commencing after the date on which a certificate of exemption is granted by virtue of Section 2 (1) (d) aforesaid the Ministry is satisfied that the person holding the certificate has been employed for twenty-six or more weeks both in that contribution year and in the preceding contribution year, he shall cease to be entitled to exemption under that provision as from such date as the Ministry may determine.

(3) A person holding a certificate of exemption by virtue of Section 2 (1) (d) aforesaid who is not disqualified under the provisions of the last paragraph from remaining an exempt person shall be entitled, upon making application to the Ministry in the manner, within the period, and subject to the conditions specified in Part III. of these Regulations, to obtain a renewal of such certificate.

PART III.

Form of and Method of Making Application for Certificate, etc.

5. A certificate of exemption shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations or in such other form substantially to the like effect as the Ministry may approve and shall be authenticated in such manner as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

Form of
Certificate.

6.—(1) A claim for exemption shall be in the appropriate form set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations or in such other form providing for substantially the same particulars as the Ministry may determine and shall be addressed to the Ministry either directly or through such office or person as the Ministry may appoint.

Application
for
Certificate.

(2) Every person making a claim for exemption or for the renewal of a certificate of exemption shall state fully and correctly all particulars required to be given in the form.

7. A certificate of exemption shall remain in force for such period, not exceeding five years from the date of grant or renewal, as may be specified in the certificate, provided that—

Duration of
Certificate.

- (i.) if during the currency of the certificate the circumstances of the exempt person alter in such a way as to disentitle him to exemption the certificate shall thereupon become void ; and

- (ii.) if at any time the exempt person gives notice to the Ministry that he desires that the certificate of exemption granted to him shall be cancelled the certificate shall be cancelled accordingly as from such date as the Ministry may determine.

Renewal of
Certificate.

8. Where an exempt person desires to obtain a renewal of his certificate of exemption he may, before the expiration of the period for which that certificate is in force, make a claim for the renewal thereof by sending to the Ministry an application in such form as it may direct and the Ministry shall, if it is satisfied that the claimant continues to be entitled to exemption, grant a new certificate to him accordingly.

Evidence
required be-
fore grant
or renewal of
Certificate.

9. Before the grant or renewal of a certificate of exemption every claimant shall make a full disclosure of all facts upon which he relies to show that he is entitled to exemption, and shall furnish such further evidence in relation to his claim, by statutory declaration or otherwise, as the Ministry may require and the Ministry may, in the case of an application for a certificate of exemption by an insured person, require production of his contribution card for the half-year then current.

PART IV.

Exempt Persons' Benefits.

Definitions.

10. In this Part of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Benefit period” means the period from the first day of April to the thirty-first day of March (both inclusive) in any consecutive years ;

“Qualifying period” means the two half-years next preceding any benefit period ;

“Full benefits” means

(a) Sanatorium benefit ;

(b) Sickness benefit of such amount and subject to such conditions as are specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and to these Regulations made thereunder—

Qualification
for Benefits.

- (a) Every exempt person shall be entitled to Sanatorium benefit ;
- (b) A person who is an exempt person at the commencement of any benefit period shall be entitled to full benefits during that benefit period if twenty contributions have been paid by or in respect of him whether as an insured or exempt person during the qualifying period.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, an exempt person who was not previously entitled to full benefits under these or any other Regulations for the time being in force in regard to the benefits of exempt persons and who has not become entitled to such benefits at the commencement of the benefit period shall, on application to the Ministry, be entitled to full benefits for the remainder of the current benefit period—

- (a) If not less than thirty contributions either as an insured or exempt person have been paid by or in respect of him, provided always that he shall not become so entitled until after the lapse of six weeks from the date of the application and that if he does not become so entitled before the first day of October in any year he shall not become entitled until the commencement of the next benefit period ;
- (b) If he was an insured person for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding the date on which he becomes an exempt person and if not less than twenty-six contributions have been paid by or in respect of him during the period of his insurance.

12. If a person who is entitled to full benefits as an exempt person ceases to be exempt by reason that the provisions of sub-section 3 of Section 6 of the Act apply to him and if he becomes again exempt within six months after his discharge he shall on again becoming exempt forthwith become entitled to full benefits and shall remain so entitled during the next succeeding benefit year.

Persons
serving tem-
porarily in
Army, Navy,
etc.

13. No exempt person shall be entitled to the benefits or any of them until he has furnished to the Ministry such evidence, if any, as it may require with respect to his age, employment and the number of contributions paid in respect of him.

Proof of age,
etc.

Change of
address, etc.

14.—(1) If an exempt person changes his place of residence he shall give notice to the Ministry of the address of his new place of residence.

(2) If a person ceases to be an exempt person he shall give notice of that event to the Ministry and his right to the benefits shall determine as from the date on which he ceased to be an exempt person.

Disqualifi-
cation for
Benefits.

15.—(1) An exempt person shall not be entitled to benefits under these Regulations during any period in which he is outside Northern Ireland.

(2) An exempt person shall not be entitled to receive or to continue to receive any benefit under these Regulations unless he conforms to all instructions issued to him by the Ministry with regard to such benefit.

PART V.

Finance.

Payments
into Exempt
Persons
Fund.

16.—(1) All contributions paid in respect of an exempt person shall be carried by the Ministry to the credit of a fund to be called the Exempt Persons Fund.

(2) The provisions of sub-sections 1 and 2 of Section 70 of the Act which require the Ministry to ascertain what sums standing in the National Health Insurance Fund are available for investment and which regulate the investment of the amount so ascertained and the crediting of interest on investments shall apply to sums standing in the Exempt Persons Fund as they apply to sums standing to the credit of the Deposit Contributors Fund and of the Navy, Army and Air Force Insurance Fund in the National Health Insurance Fund.

Payments
out of
Exempt Per-
sons Fund.

17.—(1) The following sums less the proportion payable out of moneys provided by Parliament shall be transferred in respect of each year from the Exempt Persons Fund at such time as the Ministry thinks fit—

- (a) To defray the expenses incurred by the Ministry in connection with the Medical Certification a sum at the yearly rate of one shilling in respect of each of the total number of exempt persons entitled to benefits under these Regulations ;
- (b) To the General Sanatorium Benefit Fund the sum of one shilling and three pence multiplied by the number of exempt persons entitled to Sanatorium Benefit.

(2) There shall be transferred in respect of each year from the Exempt Persons Fund to the Exchequer such sum in respect of the expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Ministry in the administration of benefits to exempt persons as the Ministry may determine, not exceeding the sum of three shillings multiplied by the number of exempt persons, and the provisions of the Act relating to the application of moneys provided by Parliament towards the cost of the administration of benefits shall not apply to any sums so transferred to the Exchequer.

(3) The number of exempt persons and the number of such persons entitled to Sanatorium Benefit in any year shall be determined in such manner as the Ministry thinks fit.

18. The Ministry shall at such intervals as it thinks fit cause a valuation to be made of the assets and liabilities of the Exempt Persons Fund and shall make from time to time such modifications if any with regard to the conditions upon which the benefits are provided to exempt persons and otherwise as may appear to it expedient as a result of any such valuation.

Valuation of Exempt Persons Fund.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS REVOKED.

The National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Consolidated Regulations (Ireland), 1918 (S. R. & O. 1918, No. 1770).

The National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Ireland) 1920 (S. R. & O. 1920, No. 1873).

The National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923 (S. R. & O. of N. I., 1923, No. 18).

SECOND SCHEDULE.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION.

No.....

This is to Certify that.....

residing at.....

is exempted from liability to become or to continue to be insured under the National

Health Insurance Act, 1924, until.....192.....

Signed.....

Date192.....

THIRD SCHEDULE.

FORM No. 1.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1924.

CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION.

Full Name of Person making application for a certificate of exemption.

(If a woman, state whether "Mrs." or "Miss.")

Address of usual place of residence

(The full postal address should be given.)

Have you previously made a claim for an exemption certificate

If so, state the date on which the claim was made

And the result of the claim

Particulars to be given by a person claiming exemption on the ground that he (she) is—

(A) In receipt of a pension or income of the annual value of £26 not dependent upon his (her) personal exertions.

(N.B.—In claiming exemption on the ground of income it is not necessary that you should disclose the whole of your income; but you must be prepared to prove that the income disclosed is sufficient to entitle you to exemption).

(1.) What is the employment in respect of which you are now claiming exemption? (1)

(2)—(i) Name and address of your employer

(ii) What is your average weekly remuneration from this employment? (including the value of any food or lodging received as part remuneration). (ii)

(3.) State the source from which your pension or income is derived:—

Full and separate reference should be given to the source of each item, e.g., name of person, class and denomination of any stocks or shares, place and address of land or houses, etc., from which the income is received.

The gross amount of Pension or Income.

£ s. d.

Gross total of Pension or Income upon which Claim is based.

£ s. d.

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If any of the items of Pension or Income mentioned above are liable to any deduction, state the nature of the deduction :—

<i>Under the head of deduction all expenses which are essential to the receipt of the income should be included. For example, such items as mortgages, repairs, cost of collection of rent, rates and inhabited house duty, etc., should be stated.</i>	Amount of Deductions.		
	£	s.	d.
	:	:	:
	:	:	:
	:	:	:
		Total of Deductions.	
		£	s. d.
		:	:
		:	:
		:	:
	Net total of Pension or Income upon which the Claim is based	£	s. d.
		:	:

Particulars to be given by a person claiming exemption on the ground that he (she) is—

(B) Ordinarily and mainly dependent for his (her) livelihood upon some other person.

(4.) What is the employment in respect of which you are now claiming exemption ? .. (4) ..

(5.) Name and address of your employer (5) ..

(6.)—(i) What is your average weekly remuneration from this employment? (including the value of any food or lodging received as part remuneration). (6) ..

(ii) Is it continuous throughout the year or for a part of the year only? If the latter, state for what period ..

(iii) Have you any other earnings? If so, state the amount, and the nature of the occupation in which they are derived ..

(7.) State (i) Name of person on whom you are dependent .. (7) ..

(ii) His (or her) relationship (if any) to you ..

(iii.) His (or her) home address (The postal address in full should be given.) ..

(iv.) The nature and extent of the support received from him (or her). (It should be stated whether the support received includes board, lodging and clothes.) ..

(v.) Do you contribute in any way towards your support? If so, state the amount. If you do not contribute, state No ..

Particulars to be given by a person claiming exemption on the ground that he (she) is—

(G) Ordinarily and mainly dependent for his (her) livelihood on the earnings derived by him (her) from an occupation which is not employment within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924.

(N.B.—1. In answering questions (8) to (12), you should refer only to any employment which renders you liable to compulsory insurance.

2. In answering questions (13) to (18), you should refer only to your occupation which is not employment within the meaning of the Act, and on which you claim that you are ordinarily and mainly dependant.

INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT.

(8.) What is the employment in respect of which you are now claiming exemption ? (8).....

(9.) What is your average weekly remuneration from this employment ? (including the value of any food or lodging received as part remuneration ?) (9).....

(10.) How much time does it occupy ? (10).....

(11.) Is it continuous throughout the year or for a part of the year only ? (11).....

(12.) Name and address of your employer (12).....

13.) State full particulars of the occupation on which you claim to be ordinarily and mainly dependent

(14.) State what grounds you have for considering that this occupation does not render you liable to compulsory insurance

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION.

(15.) State the address at which this occupation is carried on (15)

(16.) State your average earnings a year from this occupation * (16)

(17.) State whether this occupation is continuous throughout the year. If not, for what period in the year are you engaged in it ? (17)

(18.) State whether any contributions under the Act have been paid in respect of you with reference to this occupation and, if so, under what circumstances (18)

* If your present occupation has continued for three years or upwards, the average earnings for the past three years should be given.

(The Declaration below must be signed.)

DECLARATION.

I have clearly understood the above questions, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all the statements made by me in this claim are correct, and so far as I know I am entitled to a certificate of exemption from health insurance.

Signature (or Mark) of Claimant.....
Signed (or Mark made) in my presence.....

Witness*

* The signature must be witnessed by a householder.

Address

Date

To
The Ministry of Labour for
Northern Ireland.

FORM No. 2.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1924.

CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION BY A PERSON INTERMITTENTLY EMPLOYED.

State the following particulars:—

- (1.) Your full name
(If a woman, state whether "Mrs." or "Miss.")
- (2.) The address of your usual place of residence
(The full postal address should be given.)
- (3.) The name of your approved Society
- (4.) The Name and Number of the Branch (if any) to which you belong
- (5.) Your membership No. in the Society.....
- (6.) The date of your entry into insurance.....
- (7.) The nature of your employment.....
- (8.) The names and addresses of all your employers—
 (a)
- (b)

DECLARATION.

I have been insured during the contribution years from July, 19....., to June, 19....., and from July, 19....., to June, 19....., and have been employed for less than 13 weeks in each of those years.

I have the following further statement to make—

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.....

I have clearly understood the statements made by me in this claim, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all those statements are correct. So far as I know I am entitled to a Certificate of Exemption from health insurance, and I hereby make application for such a Certificate.

Signature (or Mark) of Claimant.....

Signed (or Mark made) in my presence

* *The signature must be witnessed by a householder or a representative of an Approved Society.*

Witness*.....

Address

Date

To The Ministry of Labour for
Northern Ireland.

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Rate, Duration and Conditions attaching to Sickness Benefit.

Sickness benefit as provided by these Regulations shall mean a payment of nine shillings a week for a period or periods not exceeding thirteen weeks, during which the exempt person is rendered incapable of work by some specific disease, or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice has been given to the Ministry, commencing on the fourth day of such incapacity, provided that:—

- (i.) Where an exempt person has been in receipt of sickness benefit in respect of any disease or disablement lasting less than thirteen weeks, any subsequent disease or disablement occurring within twelve months from the last date in respect of which he received sickness benefit, shall be deemed to be a continuation of the previous disease or disablement.
- (ii.) Where an exempt person has received sickness benefit for thirteen weeks he shall not be entitled to any further sickness benefit during the twelve months following the date in respect of which he last received benefit.

For the purpose of these Regulations a day of incapacity shall be interpreted in accordance with Section 10 of the Act.

No sickness benefit shall be paid to an exempt person during any period in respect of which such person has received, or recovered, or is, in the opinion of the Ministry, entitled to receive or recover any compensation or damages within the meaning of section 16 of the Act or any pension, grant or allowance which, in pursuance of the provisions of any statute in that behalf, is treated for the purposes of such section as if it were compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1906 to 1923.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 24th day of December, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

(Signed) *W. F. Wackrill,*

(L.S.)

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 24th day of December, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

(Signed) *J. A. Dale,*

(L.S.)

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.