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Rates of Contribution.

<i>Employed Contributor.</i>				<i>*Exempt Persons.</i>				
Man	1s. 4d.	Man	10½d.
Woman	11d.	Woman	6d.

* An employee must not be regarded as exempt unless he produces a current exemption book.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 31st day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

W. F. Wackrill,

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour this 31st day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

H. Conacher,

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

Prolongation of Insurance Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, ACTING JOINTLY UNDER THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1925. No. 151.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour, acting jointly so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee is empowered to make jointly with the Ministry, and acting separately so far as regards Regulations

which the said Joint Committee is empowered to make alone, in exercise of the several powers conferred on them by the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and by the Contributory Pensions (Joint Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Prolongation of Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925.

Short Title
and com-
mencement.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 4th day of January, 1926.

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

Interpre-
tation.

“The Insurance Act” means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924 ;

“The Pensions Act” means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 ;

“The Prolongation Act” means the National Health Insurance (Prolongation of Insurance) Act, 1921.

“Employment” means employment within the meaning of the Insurance Act.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, Section 1 of the Prolongation Act shall apply, and shall be deemed always to have applied, in cases where condition (b) therein mentioned is not complied with, as if for that condition there were substituted the following condition :—

Modification
of Prolonga-
tion Act.

that the Approved Society of which the insured person is a member is satisfied, or in the case of a dispute it is decided in manner provided by the Insurance Act, that during the period hereinafter specified the insured person has, except when incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement, been available for but unable to obtain employment.

(2) The period specified shall be—

(a) in the case of a person who, before the commencement of these Regulations, ceased to be an insured person by reason that condition (b) in Section 1 aforesaid was not complied with in his case, the period of two contribution years ending on the fifth day of July, 1925, or if he has not been in insurance so long, the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the said fifth day of July, 1925 ; and

- (b) in the case of a person who, on or after the commencement of these Regulations, would, but for these Regulations, cease to be an insured person, the period of two contribution years ending immediately before the date on which he would but for these Regulations cease to be insured, or if he has not been in insurance so long, then the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the end of the second of the said two contribution years,

excluding in each case any period of employment.

(3) A member of an Approved Society who, before the commencement of these Regulations, ceased to be an insured person for the reason aforesaid shall not, by virtue of these Regulations, be entitled to any benefit under the Insurance Act in respect of any period before the society is satisfied, or in the case of a dispute it is decided in manner provided by the Insurance Act, that he has fulfilled the conditions under which he remains an insured person under the Prolongation Act and these Regulations, and in no case shall he be entitled to any benefit by virtue of these Regulations in respect of any period prior to the commencement of the Pensions Act.

Application
of Prolonga-
tion Act to
deposit
contributors.

4. The provisions of the Prolongation Act, as modified and set out in the manner following, shall apply to deposit contributors :—

- (1) Where a deposit contributor, being an employed contributor, continues or has continued to be unemployed after the expiration of the period during which, under the provisions of Article 4 of the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S.R. & O. 1925, No. 12) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Regulations") or the corresponding provisions of any Regulations revoked by those Regulations, he is or was treated for all purposes as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Insurance Act he shall, notwithstanding anything in that Article, remain and shall be deemed always to have remained while the Prolongation Act continues in force an insured person if and so long as the conditions laid down by the immediately succeeding paragraph are fulfilled in his case.
- (2) The conditions to be fulfilled by a deposit contributor for the purposes of the preceding paragraph are—
 - (a) that the Ministry is satisfied that the deposit contributor has not since the commencement of the period aforesaid been unemployed by reason of having entered upon or become engaged in some occupation which is not employment within the meaning of the Insurance Act ;

- (b) that the Ministry is satisfied that during the period hereinafter specified the deposit contributor has, except when incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement, been available for but unable to obtain employment.

(3) The period specified shall be—

- (a) in the case of a person who, before the commencement of these Regulations, ceased to be an insured person in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the principal Regulations, or the corresponding provisions of any Regulations revoked by those Regulations, the period of two contribution years ending on the fifth day of July, 1925, or if he has not been in insurance so long the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the said fifth day of July, 1925; and
- (b) in the case of a person who, on or after the commencement of these Regulations, would, but for these Regulations, cease to be an insured person the period of two contribution years ending immediately before the date on which he would but for these Regulations cease to be insured, or if he has not been in insurance so long, then the period between the date on which he entered into insurance and the end of the second of the said two contribution years,

excluding in each case any period of employment.

(4) A deposit contributor who before the commencement of these Regulations ceased to be an insured person as aforesaid shall not, by virtue of these Regulations, be entitled to any benefit under the Insurance Act in respect of any period prior to the Ministry being satisfied that he has fulfilled the conditions under which he remains an insured person under these Regulations, and in no case shall he be entitled to any benefit by virtue of these Regulations in respect of any period prior to the commencement of the Pensions Act.

5. If any person who has, by virtue of these Regulations, remained in insurance is at the date of the expiration of the Prolongation Act, or was within the period of four weeks preceding that date, incapable of work, he shall not cease to be an insured person until four weeks after the date on which he again becomes capable of work.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 7th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

W. F. Wackrill,

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour this 7th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

H. Conacher,

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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Returning Officers' Expenses.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918 (7 & 8 GEO. 5, C. 64), IN ITS APPLICATION TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

1925. No. 24.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.
(General Elections).

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") by Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as that Act applies to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of any Order made by His Majesty in Council under the last-mentioned Act, the Ministry hereby prescribes that the Returning Officer shall be entitled in respect of the conduct of Parliamentary Elections (other than University Elections) of members of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland to his reasonable charges not exceeding the sums hereinafter set forth, provided that the charges for disbursements are in no case to exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

This scale will be applicable to elections of the full number of members conducted after the 1st day of January, 1925, subject to any alterations which may from time to time be made.