

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

Calculation of Contributions.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE
UNDER SECTIONS 5, 8, 30 (1) (e) AND 44 (1) OF THE WIDOWS',
ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT
(NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1925. No. 158.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 5 and 8, paragraph (e) of sub-section (1) of Section 30 and sub-section (1) of Section 44 of 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, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, so far as regards Regulations which are required to be so made, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925, and shall come into operation on the 4th day of January, 1926.

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

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

“ The Insurance Act ” means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, or any Act repealed by that Act ;

“ The Ministry ” means the Ministry of Labour ;

“ Society ” means a society approved for the purposes of the Insurance Act ;

“ Member ” means a member of a society for the purposes of the Insurance Act ;

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

“ Excepted person ” means a person employed in an excepted employment in respect of which contributions are payable under the Pensions Act, and with reference to any period before the commencement of that Act includes a person employed in an excepted employment in respect of which contributions under that Act would have been payable if the Act had been in force.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. For the purposes of the Pensions Act and any Regulations made thereunder, "contribution year" means any period commencing in June or July, as the case may be, and comprising two consecutive periods in respect of which contribution cards may be issued under any regulations made under the Insurance Act, and for the time being in force.

4.—(1) In calculating for the purpose of paragraph (b) of Section 5 and paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Pensions Act and of proviso (iii) to the last-mentioned Section the average number of contributions paid by or in respect of an insured person within the meaning of that Act, a contribution shall be deemed to have been paid in respect of every week or part of a week in respect of which a contribution is treated for the purpose of calculating arrears as having been paid under sub-section (3) of Section 15 or sub-section (3) of Section 60 of the Insurance Act and Article 3 of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924 (S.R. & O. 1925, No. 1545), or under Article 5 of the said Regulations.

(2) The foregoing provision shall apply to deposit contributors, exempt persons and excepted persons as if they were members of a Society, save that the Minister may in any case in which he thinks fit modify or dispense with the requirements of the said Regulations relating to the time within which notice of incapacity is required to be given.

5.—(1) If in any contribution year an insured person within the meaning of the Pensions Act (other than a voluntary contributor) is or was before the commencement of the Pensions Act available for, but unable to obtain employment except when incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement, contributions shall be deemed, for the purposes of the above-mentioned provisions of sections 5 and 8 of the Pensions Act, to have been paid by or in respect of him for the weeks in which he was so available for, but unable to obtain, employment :

Provided that this provision shall not apply—

- (i) to a person who elects under proviso (iii) to Section 8 of the Pensions Act to substitute twenty-six for thirty-nine contributions for the purpose of the statutory conditions mentioned in that paragraph ; or
- (ii) to a person, other than an excepted person, who having been employed for any period within the contribution year fails to surrender a card stamped in respect of that period to the society of which he is a member or, if he is a deposit contributor or exempt person, to the Ministry.

(2) In the case of an insured person within the meaning of the Insurance Act, other than a person who elects as aforesaid, contributions which by virtue of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1923 (S.R. & O. 1923, No. 1567), or Part VI. of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924, are treated as having been paid by or in respect of him for the contribution year ending on the 1st day of July, 1923, or the 6th day of July, 1924, shall be deemed for the purposes of the above-mentioned Sections of the Pensions Act to have been paid by or in respect of him.

6. Contributions in respect of an employed person which have not been paid on the due dates shall for the purpose of widows' or orphans' pensions be deemed to have been so paid if they have subsequently been paid or recovered and unless the Minister is satisfied that the employed person habitually neglected to produce a contribution card to his employer in accordance with the Regulations relating to the collection of contributions made under the Insurance Act and for the time being in force.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 29th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

W. F. Wackrill,

(L.S.)

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 29th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.)

G. C. Duggan,

Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Collection of Contributions for Excepted Persons.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, ACTING JOINTLY, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 10 (1) OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour, acting jointly, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the Widows', Orphans' and