

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1928, and shall have effect and be deemed to have had effect as from the 19th day of April, 1928.

Given under the official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 31st day of July, 1928.

(L.S:) (Signed) *H. Conacher,*
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour
for Northern Ireland.

Collection of Contributions : Persons over 65.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE *included with* WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS *in S.R.O.* 1928. No. 47 : *see page 274.*

Courts of Referees.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (COURTS OF REFEREES) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928, DATED AUGUST 27, 1928, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 30).

1928. No. 96.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers conferred on it by Sections 13 and 35 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, as adapted to Northern Ireland by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) The panels of persons chosen to represent employers and insured contributors respectively required to be constituted by the Ministry shall be composed of such number of members as the Ministry sees fit to appoint for each district.

(2) Before appointing a person to be a member of a panel, the Ministry shall take into consideration the name of any person suggested for appointment by the Advisory Committee for the district concerned, or, if in the district there is no such Advisory Committee, it shall take into consideration the name of any person suggested for appointment by or on behalf of any employers or insured contributors or by any associations of employers or employed persons if, in its opinion, the person or association making the suggestion is an interested party.

(3) The members of a panel shall hold office for three years from the date of their appointment or for such other term as the Ministry may direct.

Constitution of panels of persons chosen to represent employers and insured contributors respectively.

Term of office of members of panels.

Provided that the Ministry may at any time terminate the appointment of any member of a panel.

(4) Where a vacancy occurs by reason of the death or retirement of a member of a panel before the termination of his appointment, any person appointed by the Ministry to fill such vacancy shall hold office only until the expiration of the term for which that member was appointed.

Provided that nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as implying any obligation upon the Ministry to fill any vacancy in a panel.

**Constitution
of a Court of
Referees.**

2.—(1) A Court shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the Ministry and one person drawn from the employers' panel and one person drawn from the insured contributors' panel and duly summoned to serve on the Court.

(2) So far as practicable, the persons drawn from the two panels shall be men when men's cases are being considered, and women when women's cases are being considered.

(3) Each member of a panel shall, so far as practicable, be summoned to serve in turn upon a Court.

(4) Any case may, with the consent of the claimant or association concerned but not otherwise, be proceeded with in the absence of any member or members of the Court other than the Chairman, and in any such case the Court shall be deemed to be properly constituted, and the Chairman shall, if the number of the members of the Court is an even number, have a second or casting vote.

(5) No member of a panel shall act as a member of a Court during the consideration of a case in which he appears as the representative of the claimant or by which he is or may be directly affected or in which he has taken any part as an official of an association or as an employer or as a witness or otherwise or whilst he is himself claiming unemployment benefit or is disqualified for the receipt of such benefit.

**Preliminary
examination
of a case.**

3. Where an insured contributor has required the insurance officer to report any matter to a Court the Chairman of the Court may, at any time before the matter has been taken into consideration by the Court, refer the matter for previous examination and report to two persons, who are persons resident in the neighbourhood in which the insured contributor resides, and of whom one shall be drawn from the employers' panel and the other from the insured contributors' panel.

**Procedure
of a Court
of Referees.**

4.—(1) (a) Save as hereinafter provided, reasonable notice of the time and place at which a Court will sit for the consideration of any case shall be given to the claimant, and except by consent of the claimant a Court shall not proceed to the consideration of any case unless such notice has been given.

(b) During the consideration by a Court of any case the claimant, an insurance officer, and any officer of the Ministry of Labour that the Ministry may direct, shall be entitled to be present at the sitting of the Court, and the claimant may be represented at the sitting of the Court by any person, not being counsel or solicitor, authorised by him, but for the purpose of discussing its recommendations the Court may order all persons not being members of the Court to withdraw from the sitting of the Court.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (a) hereof and of paragraph (b) hereof, so far as they relate to a claimant and any representative authorised by him, shall not apply in the case of any review under section 11 (2A) of the Act; provided that before making any recommendation to disallow the continuance of unemployment benefit the Court shall give an opportunity to the claimant to attend and be represented as aforesaid before it.

(2) Where the case to be considered by a Court is a claim by an association which has made an arrangement under section seventeen of the Act for payment of a sum in lieu of unemployment benefit, the secretary of the association, or the secretary of the branch of the association through which the claim was made, shall have the same rights as to notice, presence at the sitting of the Court, and representation by another person, as are given to a claimant by these Regulations.

(3) The Court may allow any person appearing to the Court to be likely to be affected by the decision of the Court to be present during the consideration of a case but save as aforesaid, there shall not be admitted to the sitting of the Court any member of the public or the representative of any newspaper.

(4) The decision of a majority of a Court shall be the decision of the Court, but any member dissenting from any decision of the Court may record his dissent and the reason therefor, and a statement that the member so dissented and of the reason recorded by him for so dissenting shall be transmitted to the insurance officer with the recommendation of the Court.

5. In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say :—

“ The Act ” means the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, as amended by any subsequent enactment.

“ Advisory Committee ” means an advisory committee appointed under sub-section (5) of section 2 of the Labour Exchanges Act, 1909.

“ Court ” means a Court of Referees for the purposes of the Act.

“ Employers' Panel ” and “ Insured Contributors' Panel ” mean the panels of persons chosen to represent employers and insured contributors respectively required to be constituted under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Act.

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

6. The Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations, 1920, the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) Regulations, 1921, the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) (No. 2) Regulations, 1921, and the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, are hereby revoked in so far as those Regulations apply to Northern Ireland, but such revocation shall not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under any of those Regulations.

7.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1928, and shall have effect and be deemed to have had effect as from the nineteenth day of July, 1928.

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

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 27th day of August, 1928.

(Signed) *R. R. Bowman,*

(L.S.)

Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour
for Northern Ireland.

Exempt Persons.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EXEMPT PERSONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1928, DATED JUNE 27, 1928, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920 (10 AND 11 GEO. 5, c. 30).

1928. No. 61.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, as adapted to Northern Ireland by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(i) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires :—

“The Acts” means the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1928.