

## Death Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949

REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND JULY, 1949, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9 (4), 21 (3), 24, 28 and 29 (1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 21 (5), 21 (6), 27, 28, 40, 43, 45 (1), 57, 62, 68 and 69 of that Act, in either case in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

### *Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Death Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, and shall come into operation on the 5th July, 1949.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ the Act ” means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 ;

“ the Industrial Injuries Act ” means the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 ;

“ the New Entrants Transitional Regulations ” means the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ the Residence and Persons Abroad Regulations ” means the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ the General Transitional Regulations ” means the National Insurance (General Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ the Claims and Payments Regulations ” means the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations ” means the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

“ the Ministry ” means the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland ;

“ the relevant person ” means the person by whom the contribution conditions for death grant are to be satisfied ;

“ the deceased ” has the same meaning as in section 21 of the Act ;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment or regulations shall include references to such enactment or regulations as amended by any subsequent enactment, regulations or order.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations in like manner as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

*Calculation of yearly average of contributions, etc., for death grant*

2.—(1) The yearly average of contributions paid by or credited to any person shall in relation to death grant be calculated in the same manner as that provided in regulation 3 of the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, in relation to widow's benefit and retirement pensions, and accordingly that regulation (other than paragraph (c) thereof) shall also apply as a separate provision in relation to death grant.

(2) Paragraph (2) of regulation 8 of the said regulations (which paragraph relates to the suspension of the payment of certain benefits pending appeals to the umpire) shall apply in relation to death grant as it applies in relation to maternity benefit, widow's benefit, a guardian's allowance and a retirement pension, and paragraph (8) (other than paragraph (b) of the proviso thereto) of the said regulation 8 (which paragraph relates to the payment of certain benefits in an emergency under arrangements made by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance) shall apply in relation to death grant as it applies in relation to unemployment benefit, sickness benefit and maternity benefit.

*Modification of the Act in relation to period over which yearly average of contributions is to be calculated for death grant in the case of certain persons under pensionable age and over sixteen*

3. The period over which the yearly average of contributions paid by or credited to any person is to be calculated shall in relation to death grant be, in the case of any person becoming insured under the Act on or after the appointed day who immediately before that day was under pensionable age and on that day was over the age of sixteen, the same as that specified in paragraph (1) of regulation 2 of the New Entrants Transitional Regulations, and accordingly that paragraph (other than sub-paragraph (b) thereof) shall apply in relation to death grant.

*Special provisions for men over fifty-five and women over fifty, immediately before appointed day*

4.—(1) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the New Entrants Transitional Regulations (which provisions respectively relate to the postponement of the pensionable age for, and to contributions paid by or in respect of, certain persons who immediately before the appointed day were over the age of fifty-five in the case of men or fifty in the case of women and under pensionable age) shall apply in relation to death grant as they apply for the purposes of retirement pensions and widow's benefit.

(2) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (which provisions respectively relate to the postponement of pensionable age for, and to contributions paid by or in respect of, certain existing contributors), shall apply in relation to death grant as they apply for the purposes of retirement pensions and widow's benefit if paragraph (2) of that regulation were omitted.

(3) Where a person attained pensionable age within the period of twenty-six weeks commencing on the appointed day, and by the time he had attained that age had not satisfied the contribution condition for death grant contained in sub-paragraph (1) (a) of paragraph 5 of the Third Schedule to the Act, but thereafter further contributions have been or are paid by him which, if taken into account, would satisfy that condition, he shall be deemed to have satisfied that condition as from the 5th July, 1949, or the end of the week in respect of which the twenty-sixth contribution was paid, whichever date is the later :

Provided that in calculating the said period of twenty-six weeks any week throughout which the person concerned was either unemployed or incapable of work shall be disregarded.

*Deaths occurring outside Northern Ireland*

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act and these regulations, a death grant shall be payable in respect of a death occurring outside Northern Ireland if the conditions contained in any one of the following paragraphs are satisfied, namely :—

- (a) that the deceased immediately before death was, or but for any failure to make a claim would have been, entitled to sickness benefit or to industrial injury benefit under the Industrial Injuries Act ; or
- (b) that the deceased immediately before death was, or but for any failure to make a claim would have been, entitled to widow's benefit or a retirement pension, or to industrial death benefit under the Industrial Injuries Act, or would

- have been entitled to a retirement pension had he then retired from regular employment and made the necessary claim, or was a child in respect of whom a guardian's allowance was payable, and in any such case the death occurred in any part of His Majesty's dominions ; or
- (c) that the deceased was a person to whom the last preceding paragraph would have applied but for his temporary absence from His Majesty's dominions, and it is proved that he intended to be absent from His Majesty's dominions for not more than twelve months ; or
  - (d) that the deceased immediately before death was entitled to industrial disablement benefit under the Industrial Injuries Act ; or
  - (e) that the deceased immediately before death was entitled to pay contributions under the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation 3 of the Residence and Persons Abroad Regulations (which provisions specify the circumstances in which contributions are payable by persons for periods when they are outside Northern Ireland), and not less than forty-five contributions were paid by or credited to him in respect of the last complete contribution year before his death ; or
  - (f) that the deceased immediately before death was a serving member of the forces within the meaning of paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the National Insurance (Members of the Forces) Regulations, 1949 ; or
  - (g) that the deceased immediately before death was either (i) employed as a mariner within the meaning of paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (other than a mariner excepted from insurance by paragraph (2) of regulation 2 of those regulations) or as an airman within the meaning of paragraph (2) of regulation 1 of the National Insurance (Airmen) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (other than an airman excepted from insurance by paragraph (2) of regulation 2 of those regulations), or (ii) a person who (then being otherwise entitled to unemployment benefit, widow's benefit, a retirement pension or industrial death benefit, or then being so entitled but for any failure to make a claim) by virtue of the relevant provisions of either of the said regulations or of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, or the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Airmen) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, was not disqualified for receiving any such benefit by reason of his absence from Northern Ireland ; or

- (h) that the deceased immediately before death was either the wife or husband or child (to whom the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 21 of the Act are applicable) of a person who, had he then died, would have satisfied the conditions contained in any one of the foregoing paragraphs, and such wife or husband or child, as the case may be, was then resident with that person, and for this purpose the expression "child of the family" contained in the said paragraph (b) shall be deemed to include a child who would be included in that expression but for the provisions of subsection (3) of section 24 of the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 (which subsection makes it a condition of a child's being included in a family that the child is in Northern Ireland); or
- (i) that the deceased immediately before death was ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, and the death occurred within a period of thirteen weeks, or, in the case of a death occurring in the Channel Islands, within a period of six months, from the date when he last left Northern Ireland; or
- (j) that the deceased immediately before death was a person who, but for his absence from His Majesty's dominions, satisfied one of the appropriate conditions contained in paragraph (b) of this regulation either in relation to widow's benefit or a retirement pension, and was by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 15 of the General Transitional Regulations (which paragraph relates to payment of benefit to persons in occupations outside Northern Ireland in connection with war) not disqualified for receiving any such benefit by reason of such absence; or
- (k) that the deceased died during or as the result of a confinement in respect of which she was not, or but for any failure to make a claim would not have been, disqualified for receiving maternity benefit (to which she was otherwise entitled) by reason of her absence from Northern Ireland:

Provided that where the expenses which the claimant has incurred or intends to incur in connection with any death to which this regulation applies do not include the cost of the burial or cremation of the deceased, any death grant which would otherwise be payable in respect of that death shall be reduced by three-fifths, except in the following cases, namely in any case where the deceased was a person to whom—

- (i) paragraph (a) applies by virtue of the provisions of any of the regulations specified in paragraph (g); or
- (ii) paragraph (f), (g) (i) or (i) applies; or
- (iii) paragraph (g)(ii) applies in relation to unemployment benefit; or

- (iv) paragraph (h) applies provided that person was the wife or husband or child of any person to whom any one of the foregoing paragraphs of this proviso would have applied had he died at the time of the death of the deceased.

*Absence from Northern Ireland*

6. A person shall not be disqualified for receiving a death grant by reason of being absent from Northern Ireland, but, except where the person is in some other part of His Majesty's dominions, payment of the grant shall be suspended until that person returns to Northern Ireland or any other part of His Majesty's dominions, unless he has nominated a person in Northern Ireland or any other part of His Majesty's dominions (who is approved by the Ministry) to receive the grant on his behalf.

*Penal servitude, imprisonment and detention in legal custody*

7. A person shall not be disqualified for receiving a death grant by reason of undergoing a period of penal servitude, imprisonment or detention in legal custody, but the payment of the grant shall be suspended during any such period :

Provided that the grant may nevertheless be paid during any such period to any person appointed by the Ministry to receive and deal with any sum payable on behalf of the beneficiary on account of the grant, and the receipt of any person so appointed shall be a good discharge to the Ministry and the National Insurance Fund for any sum so paid.

*Right to death grant not to be extinguished in certain cases of suspension of death grant*

8. Where, by virtue of either of the last two foregoing regulations, payment of a death grant is suspended for any period, the first twelve months, or such longer part of the period of suspension as the Ministry may decide in the circumstances of any particular case, shall not be taken into account in calculating any period under the provisions of regulation 12 of the Claims and Payments Regulations (which relates to the extinguishment of the right to sums payable by way of benefit not obtained within the prescribed time).

*Priority of two or more claimants satisfying the conditions for death grant, and provision for suspension of proceedings*

9.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and these regulations, where two or more claimants satisfy the conditions for receipt of a death grant in respect of the same death, that claimant shall be entitled to the grant who has incurred the expense of the actual burial or cremation, and who—

- (a) in the case of the death of the relevant person (being married), is the widow or widower of that person; or

- (b) in the case of the death of the relevant person (being unmarried), is a parent of that person ; or
- (c) in the case of the death of the husband or wife of the relevant person, is the relevant person ; or
- (d) in the case of the death of a child of the family of the relevant person, is the relevant person.

(2) Where in the case of two or more such claimants entitlement to death grant cannot be determined under the foregoing paragraph of this regulation, the Ministry shall decide which one of them shall be entitled to the grant, and for that purpose shall pay regard to the written nomination (if any), made by the claimants or a majority of them, of one of their number to be the recipient of the grant, and to all the other circumstances of the case.

(3) The Ministry may in its discretion suspend any proceedings on a claim for a death grant, other than a claim by any such claimant as is specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation, for a period not exceeding one month from the date on which the claim was made, where it has reason to suppose that another claim may be or may have been made in respect of the same death by a person having a prior right by virtue of this regulation.

*Partial satisfaction of contribution conditions, and reduced amount of death grant*

10.—(1) Where a person would be entitled to a death grant but for the fact that the relevant contribution conditions are not satisfied as respects the yearly average of contributions paid or credited, that person shall nevertheless be entitled to the grant in accordance with the next succeeding paragraph, if the yearly average of contributions paid or credited is not less than thirteen.

(2) Where the full amount of the death grant under Part II of the Second Schedule to the Act, as modified by subsection (2) of section 69 of the Act (which subsection provides for the reduction in certain cases of the amount of the death grant specified in that schedule) is one of the amounts first set out in columns (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of the First Schedule to these regulations, then the grant shall be reduced to the amount specified in the appropriate column of the First Schedule which corresponds with the yearly average of contributions paid or credited as shown in column (1) of that schedule.

*Amount of cost of burial or cremation payable to councils, associations or other authorities under section 21 (5), and special provision relating to adjustment of death grant*

11.—(1) The amount of the cost of the burial or cremation of any person by or under the direction of a council, association or other authority to whom the provisions of subsection (5) of section 21 of the Act (which subsection enables the Ministry to make payments to certain councils, associations and other authorities out of the

National Insurance Fund in respect of the cost of burial or cremation of certain persons) are applicable which may be paid under that subsection shall be the sum which is payable by the council, association or other authority for such burial or cremation, subject to the qualification that the amount shall not exceed three-fifths of the death grant which is payable in respect of the death of that person.

(2) Where the cost of the burial or cremation of any person is payable out of public funds by the Minister of Pensions or the Ministry of Home Affairs any death grant which, apart from this paragraph, would be payable in respect of the death of any such person shall be reduced by three-fifths.

*Application of Claims and Payments Regulations to death grant*

12. The provisions of the Claims and Payments Regulations shall apply to claims for death grant and to the payment of death grant subject to the amendments thereof contained in the Second Schedule to these regulations.

*Application of Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations to death grant*

13. The provisions of the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations shall apply to claims and questions relating to death grant subject to the amendments thereof contained in the Third Schedule to these regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Insurance Joint Authority this 2nd day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine:

(L.S.)

*S. S. Menneer,*  
Secretary,  
National Insurance Joint Authority.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.)

*William Allen,*  
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry  
of Labour and National Insurance  
for Northern Ireland.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.)

*John I. Cook,*  
Second Secretary to the Ministry of  
Finance for Northern Ireland.



## FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 10 (2).

Showing reduced amount of death grant payable if the contribution conditions are not fully satisfied

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Yearly average of contributions paid or credited.	and the age of deceased at death was				
	over 18				
	and, if a man, was under 55 on the 4th July, 1948, or, if a woman, was under 50 at that date.	and, if a man, was over 55 and under 65 on the 4th July, 1948, or, if a woman, was over 50 and under 60 at that date.	between 6 and 18.	between 3 and 6.	under 3.
	Full amount of death grant payable under Part II of the Second Schedule to the Act as modified by section 69 (2) thereof :—				
	£20	£10	£15	£10	£6
	Reduced amount of death grant payable :—				
30-44 ..	£15	£7 10s.	£11 5s.	£7 10s.	£4 10s.
13-29 ..	£10	£5	£7 10s.	£5	£3

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 12.

## AMENDMENTS OF CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS REGULATIONS

1. The words " other than death grant " contained in the definition of " benefit " specified in paragraph (2) of regulation 1 shall be omitted, and the following definition added :—

" the relevant person ' means the person by whom the contribution conditions for death grant are to be satisfied ; "

2. The following paragraph shall be added at the end of regulation 5 (which relates to the information to be given when making a claim for benefit) :—

" (5) Every person who makes a claim for a death grant shall, in particular, furnish the following information :—

- if required by the Ministry, a death certificate relating to the deceased ; and, where the claim is in respect of the death of a child, such certificate relating to the birth of the child, and such other information, as the Ministry may reasonably require, in support of any contention that immediately before the death of the child or relevant person, as the case may be, the child was a child of the family of the relevant person ;
- if required by the Ministry, the estimate or account of the undertaker ;
- in the case of any council, association or other authority to whom the provisions of subsection (5) of section 21 of the Act (which subsection enables the Ministry to make payments to certain councils, associations and other authorities out of the National Insurance Fund in respect of the cost of burial or cremation of certain persons) are applicable, such particulars relating to the relevant person as may be required by the Ministry."

3. In regulation 9 (which relates to the time and manner of payment of unemployment, sickness and maternity benefit) for the words " and maternity benefit " in each place where those words occur there shall be substituted the words " maternity benefit and death grant ".

4.—(1) In sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of regulation 11 (which sub-paragraph relates to disqualification where benefit is not claimed within the prescribed time), the words " or death grant " shall be added after the words " maternity grant ".

(2) In sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph (2) of regulation 11, the word " or " shall be added after the word " thereto " and the following sub-paragraph shall be added after the said sub-paragraph (f) :—

" (g) in the case of death grant, the period of one month from the date of the death of the deceased, except in the case of a payment under subsection (5) of section 21 of the Act, in which case the period shall be twenty-one days from the date of the death, or such longer period as the Ministry may determine in the circumstances of any particular case : "

(3) The following paragraph shall be added at the end of regulation 11 :—

" (4) The provisions of the last preceding paragraph of this regulation shall apply to death grant as they apply to maternity grant with the substitution of death for confinement, and subject to the qualification that there shall be substituted for the period of six months specified in that paragraph in relation to maternity grant such longer period as the Ministry may in the circumstances of any particular case decide, where the failure to make a claim within the said period either is due to the fact that the claimant did not, and in all the circumstances could not reasonably be expected to, know of the death, or, in the case of a death occurring outside Northern Ireland, is due to the claimant's absence from Northern Ireland during the said period or to unavoidable delay in obtaining any information necessary for making a claim."

#### Regulation 13.

#### THIRD SCHEDULE

##### AMENDMENTS OF DETERMINATION OF CLAIMS AND QUESTIONS REGULATIONS

1. Paragraph (7) of regulation 1 (which paragraph provides that the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations shall not apply to claims and questions relating to death grant) shall be omitted.

2. The following sub-paragraphs shall be added at the end of paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (which paragraph relates to the questions to be determined by the Ministry) :—

" (d) as to the priority of two or more claimants satisfying the conditions for receipt of a death grant in respect of the same death ;

(e) whether any, and if so what, amount shall be paid to a council, association or other authority to whom the provisions of subsection (5) of section 21 of the Act (which subsection enables the Ministry to make payments to certain councils, associations and other authorities out of the National Insurance Fund in respect of the cost of burial or cremation of certain persons) are applicable in respect of the cost of the burial or cremation of any person by or under the direction of any such council, association or other authority, but excluding any question arising under paragraph (a) of that subsection other than a question to which sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph applies."

### General Benefit Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST OCTOBER, 1949, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1949. No. 195

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 74 (5) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—