

amount of graduated contributions equal to one such contribution paid in each week of the period of his service in respect of a weekly payment of remuneration of £15; and for this purpose "service" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph (2) of regulation 3 of these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Ronald Green,
Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations modify the Health Services Superannuation Scheme:—

- (i) by limiting the right to surrender, commute or assign a pension in certain cases;
- (ii) by limiting certain provisions for the reduction, termination or suspension of a pension; and
- (iii) by entitling certain officers, who had elected to keep their former pension rights on transfer to the Health Service; to receive a pension after ten years' service at the age of 65 in the case of a man and 60 in the case of a woman.

These amendments are required in order to ensure that pensions under the Health Services Superannuation Scheme shall in all cases be at least equivalent to those provided under the National Insurance Graduated Pension Scheme. This will enable Health Service officers to be contracted out of that scheme.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1959.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance has determined under sub-section (4) of section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(a), that the Ministry of Health and Local Government is the appropriate department of the Government of Northern Ireland to make regulations under that sub-section modifying the scheme for the provision of pensions and other benefits established by regulations made under section 2 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950;

(a) 1946. c. 23.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Health and Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said sub-section (4) as extended by section 14 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Modification of Local Government Superannuation Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 3rd day of April, 1961.

Interpretation

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

“the Act” means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959;

“the principal regulations” means the Local Government (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950(b);

“non-participating employment” has the meaning assigned to it by sub-section (2) of section 6 of the Act; and

“officer” has the same meaning as in the principal regulations.

Limitation of surrender, commutation, etc., of pension

3.—(1) No provision in the principal regulations—

(a) for the surrender or commutation of a pension, or

(b) for the reduction, termination or suspension of a pension where the provision is invoked for any cause other than one prescribed by regulations made under paragraph (c) of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Act,

so far as it affects any officer who is, or was immediately before he ceased to be employed, in non-participating employment, shall operate so as to reduce a pension payable to an officer who attains the age of sixty-five years in the case of a man, or sixty years in the case of a woman, below such an amount as would be equal when expressed as a weekly rate to the graduated retirement pension which would be payable to the officer under the Act in return for an amount of graduated contributions equal to one such contribution paid in each week of the period of his service in respect of a weekly payment of remuneration of £15.

(2) For the purposes of the last foregoing paragraph, “service” means service in a non-participating employment which is reckonable by an officer for the purpose of calculating the amount of any benefit payable to him under the principal regulations except any earlier period of service in respect of which—

(a) a payment in lieu of contributions has been made under the Act, or

(b) equivalent pension benefits satisfying the requirements of Part II of the Act have already been assured to the officer.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one in the presence of

(L.S.)

Ronald Green,
Secretary.