

FAMILY ALLOWANCES, NATIONAL INSURANCE AND INDUSTRIAL INJURIES

Decimalisation of the Currency

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD JULY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE & C. (NO. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 8 of the National Insurance & C. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Family Allowances, National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and Miscellaneous Provisions (Decimalisation of the Currency) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970, shall be read as one with the Family Allowances, National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and Miscellaneous Provisions (Decimalisation of the Currency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 6th July 1970.

Additions to the principal regulations

2.—(1) After regulation 5 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:

"Amendment to the National Insurance (Classification) Regulations

5A. In paragraph 22 of column (A) of Part III of Schedule 1 to the National Insurance (Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(c), as amended(d), for the reference to 'forty shillings' there shall, from and including the appointed day, be substituted a reference to '£2.00'."

(2) In the Arrangement of Regulations, after the entry relating to regulation 5, there shall be inserted the following entry:

"5A. Amendment to Schedule 1 to the National Insurance (Classification) Regulations."

Amendment to regulation 13 of the principal regulations

3.—(1) In regulation 13 of the principal regulations (amendments to the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

(a) 1969. c. 19 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 15.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 222.

(d) The relevant amending regulations are S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 270.

“(1) In regulation 2(2)(b) of the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(e), as amended(f) (insurance of mariners who are neither domiciled nor have a place of residence in the United Kingdom), the words ‘subject to the qualification’ to ‘is a halfpenny or more’ shall be omitted.”

(2) In proviso (b) to the said regulation 2(2)(b) the word “and” shall be omitted and after proviso (c) there shall be added the following proviso:

“and

(d) where the amount of any contribution payable under this paragraph, or, in a case where any contribution payable under this paragraph is payable with an employer’s contribution under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(g), the Health Service Contributions Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(h) or the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(i), the total amount payable by way of any such contributions, would, apart from this provision, include a fraction of a new penny, that fraction shall be disregarded if it is less than a new halfpenny and shall be treated as a new penny if it is a new halfpenny or more.”

Amendments to Schedules 1 and 25 to the principal regulations

4.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the principal regulations, for the provisions therein substituted for Parts I and II of Schedule 1 to the National Insurance Act, there shall be substituted the provisions set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) In Schedule 25 to the principal regulations, the provisions therein substituted for the Schedule to the Health Service Contributions Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall be amended by substituting for the figures “0.033” (weekly rate of contribution by employers) the figures “0.083”(j).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of July 1970.

(L.S.)

D. W. Lowry,
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of July 1970.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 108.

(f) The relevant amending regulations are S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 273 and 1969, No. 254.

(g) 1966. c. 9 (N.I.).

(h) 1966. c. 7 (N.I.).

(i) 1965. c. 19 (N.I.).

(j) See section 1 of the Health Service Contributions Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (1970. c. 17 (N.I.)).

SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(1)

Provisions substituted for Parts I and II of Schedule 1
to the National Insurance Act

RATES OF FLAT-RATE CONTRIBUTIONS

PART I

Employed persons except for periods during which employment outside Northern Ireland is treated as employed contributor's employment by virtue of the provisions of regulation 3A of the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(k), as amended(l).

| Description of employed person 1 | Weekly Rate of Contribution | |
|---|---|---|
| | Unless by virtue of a non-participating employment 2 | If by virtue of a non-participating employment 3 |
| Men between the ages of 18 and 70 (other than men over the age of 65 who have retired from regular employment)— | £ | £ |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 | 0.676 | 0.796 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less | 0.406 | 0.466 |
| Women between the ages of 18 and 65 (other than women over the age of 60 who have retired from regular employment)— | | |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 | 0.592 | 0.672 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less | 0.342 | 0.392 |
| Boys under the age of 18 | 0.470 | — |
| Girls under the age of 18 | 0.389 | — |

(k) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 210.

(l) See Schedule to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 109 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 143.

Employed persons for periods during which employment outside Northern Ireland is treated as employed contributor's employment by virtue of the provisions of regulation 3A of the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948, as amended.

| Description of employed person 1 | Weekly Rate of Contribution | |
|---|---|---|
| | Unless by virtue of a non-participating employment 2 | If by virtue of a non-participating employment 3 |
| Men between the ages of 18 and 70 (other than men over the age of 65 who have retired from regular employment)— | £ | £ |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 | 0.682 | 0.802 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less | 0.412 | 0.472 |
| Women between the ages of 18 and 65 (other than women over the age of 60 who have retired from regular employment)— | | |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 | 0.595 | 0.665 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less | 0.355 | 0.385 |
| Boys under the age of 18 | 0.471 | — |
| Girls under the age of 18 | 0.391 | — |

For the purposes of this Part and Part II of this Schedule a person shall be deemed to be earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less if, but only if, his remuneration does not include the provision of board and lodging by the employer and the rate of the remuneration neither exceeds, nor is deemed in accordance with regulations made under section 106(5) to exceed, £6 a week, and to be earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 in any other case.

PART II

Employers except for periods during which employment outside Northern Ireland is treated as employed contributor's employment by virtue of the provisions of regulation 3A of the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948, as amended.

| Description of employed person 1 | Weekly Rate of Contribution | |
|--|---|---|
| | Unless by virtue of a non-participating employment 2 | If by virtue of a non-participating employment 3 |
| Men over the age of 18— | £ | £ |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 or not being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 0.754 | 0.874 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less and being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 1.024 | 1.204 |
| Women over the age of 18— | | |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 or not being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 0.650 | 0.730 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less and being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 0.900 | 1.010 |
| Boys under the age of 18 | 0.516 | — |
| Girls under the age of 18 | 0.430 | — |

Employers for periods during which employment outside Northern Ireland is treated as employed contributor's employment by virtue of the provisions of regulation 3A of the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948, as amended.

| Description of employed person 1 | Weekly Rate of Contribution | |
|--|---|---|
| | Unless by virtue of a non-participating employment 2 | If by virtue of a non-participating employment 3 |
| Men over the age of 18— | £ | £ |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 or not being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 0.754 | 0.874 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less and being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 1.024 | 1.204 |
| Women over the age of 18— | | |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate exceeding £6 or not being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 0.658 | 0.728 |
| Earning remuneration at a weekly rate of £6 or less and being liable to pay a contribution as an employed person | 0.898 | 1.008 |
| Boys under the age of 18 | 0.517 | — |
| Girls under the age of 18 | 0.427 | — |

For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule a person over pensionable age, not being an insured person, shall be treated as an employed person if he would be an insured person were he under pensionable age and would be an employed person were he an insured person.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Family Allowances, National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and Miscellaneous Provisions (Decimalisation of the Currency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 (hereafter called "the principal regulations").

Regulation 2 converts into decimal currency terms a reference to "forty shillings" in Schedule 1 to the National Insurance (Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948; regulation 3 amends regulation 13 of the principal regulations so as to secure that in all cases a contribution, or the total of any contributions, payable in respect of certain mariners who are neither domiciled nor have a place of residence in the United Kingdom which would not be of a whole new penny amount will be rounded to a whole new penny amount; regulation 4(1) and the Schedule amend Schedule 1 to the principal regulations to secure that contributions payable in respect of certain persons whose employment outside Northern Ireland is treated as an employed contributor's employment will be of a whole new penny amount; the rate of national insurance contribution payable by employers in respect of girls under the age of 18 who are employed in Northern Ireland has been amended from £0.420 to £0.430 to secure equivalency between the rate in the new currency and the rate in the old currency; and regulation 4(2) amends Schedule 25 to the principal regulations to reflect the increase in the rate of health service contributions payable by employers by virtue of the Health Service Contributions Act (Northern Ireland) 1970.