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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966 TO 1973.

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 44 and 49(1)(a) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), and the Ministry of Health and Social Services on behalf of the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 48 and 54(1) of, and paragraphs 17 and 18 of Schedule 9 to, that Act, paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(b) and section 1 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(c), in each case in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Secretary of State 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 being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 101(3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

(2) In these regulations—

“the principal Act” means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966;

“the Act of 1969” means the National Insurance &c. (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;

“the Order of 1971” means the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(d);

“the Act of 1973” means the National Insurance and Supplementary Benefit Act 1973(e).

Higher rates and amounts of benefit payable under regulations

2. Subject to the provisions of regulations 5 and 7, as from the dates specified in column (1) of Schedule A there shall be substituted for each of the Schedules and for the Table mentioned in column (2) thereof the Schedule set opposite thereto in column (3).

Miscellaneous amendments relating to benefit and to contributions

3.—(1) As from the dates specified in column (1) of Schedule J, there shall in the regulations mentioned in column (2) thereof be made the amendments specified against those regulations mentioned in columns (3) and (4) thereof.

(a) 1966. c. 6 (N.I.).

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

(c) 1970. c. 28 (N.I.).

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 224.

(e) 1973. c. 42.

(2) As from 1st October 1973, Schedule 2 to the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(f) (amounts payable, by way of refund of contributions, to persons entering insurance too late to be able to satisfy contribution conditions for widow's benefit or retirement pension) shall be amended by the addition thereto, at the end, of the provisions set out in Schedule K.

Conditions relating to payment of additional benefit under awards made before the appointed or prescribed day

4. Where an award of any benefit under the principal Act has been made before the day appointed or prescribed for the payment of benefit of the description to which the award relates at a higher weekly rate by virtue of the Act of 1973 or of these regulations, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 6 to the Act of 1969 (effect of any such award) shall, if the period to which the award relates has not ended before that day, have effect subject to the condition that if the award has not been made in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) of the said paragraph 3 (which sub-paragraph authorises the making of such an award providing for the payment of the benefit at the higher weekly rate as from that day) and a question arises as to—

- (a) the weekly rate at which the benefit is payable by virtue of the Act of 1973 or of these regulations, or
- (b) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the higher weekly rate are satisfied,

the benefit shall be or continue to be payable at the weekly rate specified in the award until the said question shall have been determined in accordance with the provisions of the principal Act.

Persons not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland

5.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of these or any other regulations, but subject to the provisions of this regulation, a person who is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland immediately before 1st October 1973 (in this regulation referred to as "the said date") shall, unless and until that person becomes ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, be disqualified for receiving—

- (a) in the case of a woman who immediately before the said date is a married woman and had not retired from regular employment, any additional retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, if the husband before the said date had retired from regular employment and was not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland;
- (b) in the case of a woman who immediately before the said date is a widow, any additional retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, if her husband had died before the said date;
- (c) in any other case, any additional retirement pension (not being additional retirement pension to which either sub-paragraph (a) or (b) applies) if that person had retired from regular employment before the said date;
- (d) any additional widow's benefit if her husband had died or retired before the said date;
- (e) any additional child's special allowance if her former husband had died before the said date.

(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 221 as last amended by reg. 3(2) of and Sch. K to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(2) Notwithstanding as aforesaid, if immediately before the said date a person is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland but that person has, or would, but for the absence of any child from Northern Ireland, have in his family immediately before the said date a child in relation to whom the conditions for guardian's allowance specified in section 28 of the principal Act are satisfied, that person and any other person who would otherwise be entitled to any additional guardian's allowance in respect of that child shall be disqualified from receiving any additional guardian's allowance in respect of that child unless and until the child becomes (or is) included in the family of a person who is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

(3) The disqualifications for the receipt of additional benefit contained in this regulation shall not apply to a person for any period during which he is in Northern Ireland.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation references to additional benefit of any description are to be construed as referring to additional benefit of that description by virtue (either directly or indirectly) of any provision of the Act of 1973 or of these regulations.

(5) A widow who—

(a) is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland immediately before the said date, and was entitled to widow's benefit immediately before attaining pensionable age, or who would, but for any provision of the principal Act disqualifying her for the receipt of such benefit, have been so entitled; and

(b) is or becomes entitled to a retirement pension by virtue of her own insurance the right to which is calculated by taking into account under section 32 of the principal Act her husband's contributions;

shall be disqualified for receiving any additional retirement pension the right to which is so calculated unless and until she becomes ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland if either—

(i) her husband died before the said date; or

(ii) before the said date he had retired from regular employment and was not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

(6) The provisions of paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 6 to the Act of 1969 shall apply where, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this regulation, benefit of an amount higher than the amount awarded to a person has in fact been paid to him.

(7) The disqualification for the receipt of additional retirement pension contained in paragraph (1)(c) shall not apply to a woman in relation to a retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, if that husband had not retired from regular employment before the said date and either—

(i) he was her husband immediately before that date; or

(ii) she married him on or after that date.

Amendment of the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations

6. For regulation 7 (contribution to maintenance of adult dependant) of the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(g) there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"Contribution to maintenance of adult dependant

7.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation for the purposes of section 42(1) or 42A(1) of the Act (increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, invalidity pension or retirement pension in respect of a wife) or of regulation 5(1)(c) or 5A(1)(b)(ii) (increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, invalidity pension or retirement pension in respect of a female person having the care of a child or children of the beneficiary's family)—

- (a) a beneficiary shall not be deemed to satisfy the requirement contained in the said section 42(1) or 42A(1) or the said regulation 5(1)(c) or 5A(1)(b)(ii) that he is contributing to the maintenance of the wife or female person, as the case may be, at a weekly rate of not less than the appropriate amount set out in column (5) of Part II of Schedule 3 to the Act, unless when in employment, or not incapable of work, or not retired from regular employment, as the case may be (except in a case where the dependency did not arise until after that time) he contributed to her maintenance at a weekly rate of not less than that amount; and
- (b) in a case where an increase of benefit is, apart from the said requirement, payable at a weekly rate less than that specified in the said column (5), a beneficiary shall, subject to paragraph (a), be deemed to satisfy the said requirement, if he is contributing to the maintenance of the wife or female person, as the case may be, at a weekly rate of not less than that of the increase.

(2) Where a person within 1 month of having been or of being deemed to have been entitled to an increase of unemployment benefit or sickness benefit under section 42(1) of the Act or regulation 5(1)(c) at the lower of the two weekly rates of increase of those benefits referred to in column (5) of Part II of Schedule 3 to the Act would, if he satisfied the condition imposed by paragraph (1)(a) of this regulation and the relevant contribution conditions, be entitled to an increase of benefit under the said section 42(1) or regulation 5(1)(c) or under section 42A(1) of the Act or regulation 5A(1)(b)(ii) at the highest weekly rate referred to in the said column (5), he shall be deemed to satisfy that condition in relation to the said highest weekly rate if he satisfies it in relation to the said lower of the two weekly rates.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), a person shall be deemed to have been entitled to an increase of unemployment benefit or sickness benefit under section 42(1) of the Act or regulation 5(1)(c) at the lower of the two weekly rates of increase of those benefits referred to in column (5) of Part II of Schedule 3 to the Act if (assuming satisfaction of the relevant contribution conditions) he would have been so entitled but for the provisions of section 42(1)(b) of the Act or, as the case may be, regulation 5(2)(b)."

Transitory provision

7. As respects the period beginning on 1st October 1973 and ending on 3rd October 1973, the rate of a person's unemployment or sickness benefit for any day in the said period payable by virtue of section 18(3) of the principal Act or invalidity pension payable by virtue of Article 3(4) of the Order of 1971 (unemployment benefit, sickness benefit and invalidity pension for persons over pensionable age) shall be determined as if the day from which higher rates of retirement pension are payable by virtue of the foregoing provisions of these regulations were 4th October 1973.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Insurance Joint Authority
this 28th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

D. S. Beaumont,

Secretary.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social
Services for Northern Ireland this 28th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes,

Assistant Secretary.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern
Ireland this 28th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE A

Regulation 2

Substituted Schedules providing for Higher Rates of Benefit, etc.

Date of operation (1)	Existing Schedule or Table (2)	Substituted Schedule (3)
4th October 1973	The National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(h) Schedule 2(i)	Schedule B
1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(j) Table contained in regulation 13(k)	Schedule C
1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972(l) Schedule 1(m)	Schedule D
1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(n) Schedule 1(o) Schedule 2(p) Schedule 3(q)	Schedule E Schedule F Schedule G
1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(r) Schedule 2(s) Schedule 5 Part III(t)	Schedule H Schedule I

(h) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 222.

(i) See Sch. B to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(j) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 123.

(k) See Sch. C to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(l) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 182.

(m) See Sch. D to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(n) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 39.

(o) See Sch. E to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(p) See Sch. F to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(q) See Sch. G to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(r) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 129.

(s) See Sch. H to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(t) See Sch. I to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

SCHEDULE B

Regulation 2

Schedule* substituted for Schedule 2 to the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 14(2)

Showing Reduced Rates of Unemployment and Sickness Benefit and of Increase of Benefit in respect of Adult Dependants

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Number of contributions paid or credited in the relevant contribution year	Full weekly rate of benefit applicable under Schedule 3 to the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966			
	£ 7.35	£ 5.15	£ 4.55	£ 4.05
	Reduced rate at which benefit is payable			
	£	£	£	£
48-49	<i>7.05</i>	<i>5.07</i>	<i>4.38</i>	<i>3.90</i>
46-47	<i>6.76</i>	<i>4.92</i>	<i>4.22</i>	<i>3.75</i>
43-45	<i>6.46</i>	<i>4.62</i>	<i>4.02</i>	<i>3.61</i>
40-42	<i>5.93</i>	<i>4.32</i>	<i>3.73</i>	<i>3.36</i>
37-39	<i>5.37</i>	<i>3.89</i>	<i>3.45</i>	<i>3.08</i>
34-36	<i>4.82</i>	<i>3.48</i>	<i>3.08</i>	<i>2.83</i>
30-33	<i>4.25</i>	<i>3.09</i>	<i>2.69</i>	<i>2.49</i>
26-29	<i>3.68</i>	<i>2.58</i>	<i>2.28</i>	<i>2.03</i>

*The higher rates of benefit payable by virtue of these regulations are shown in italics.

SCHEDULE C

Regulation 2

Table* substituted for the Table in regulation 13 of the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953

Numbers including the number of contributions paid or credited in respect of the relevant period	Weekly rate	
	Of maternity allowance without increase	Of increase in respect of adult dependant
	£	£
48-49	<i>7.05</i>	<i>4.38</i>
46-47	<i>6.76</i>	<i>4.22</i>
43-45	<i>6.46</i>	<i>4.02</i>
40-42	<i>5.93</i>	<i>3.73</i>
37-39	<i>5.37</i>	<i>3.45</i>
34-36	<i>4.82</i>	<i>3.08</i>
30-33	<i>4.25</i>	<i>2.69</i>
26-29	<i>3.68</i>	<i>2.28</i>

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SCHEDULE D

Regulation 2

Schedule* substituted for Schedule 1 to the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 7(2)

Showing Reduced Rates of Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pension and of Increase of Retirement Pension in respect of an Adult Dependant

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	Full weekly rate of benefit applicable under Schedule 3 to the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966		
	£	£	£
	10.85	7.75	4.75
	Reduced rate at which benefit payable		
	£	£	£
48-49	<i>10.40</i>	<i>7.44</i>	<i>4.58</i>
46-47	<i>9.95</i>	<i>7.13</i>	<i>4.41</i>
43-45	<i>9.43</i>	<i>6.82</i>	<i>4.20</i>
40-42	<i>8.76</i>	<i>6.26</i>	<i>3.90</i>
37-39	<i>7.98</i>	<i>5.67</i>	<i>3.61</i>
34-36	<i>7.13</i>	<i>5.09</i>	<i>3.22</i>
30-33	<i>6.28</i>	<i>4.49</i>	<i>2.82</i>
26-29	<i>5.43</i>	<i>3.88</i>	<i>2.38</i>
22-25	<i>4.59</i>	<i>3.31</i>	<i>1.99</i>
18-21	<i>3.78</i>	<i>2.71</i>	<i>1.64</i>
13-17	<i>2.89</i>	<i>2.17</i>	<i>1.37</i>

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SCHEDULE E

Regulation 2

Schedule* substituted for Schedule 1 to the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 8 and 9

Table showing increased rates of widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of husband's insurance and increased rates of widow's basic pension and contributory old age pension by virtue of husband's insurance in cases where benefit is payable at less than the full rate.

Rate of widow's basic pension or contributory old age pension by virtue of husband's insurance and rate (apart from additional allowance or increase) of widow's pension immediately before the appointed day	Corresponding rate of widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension or retirement pension for a widow by virtue of husband's insurance	Corresponding increased rate of widow's basic pension or of contributory old age pension by virtue of husband's insurance
(1)	(2)	(3)
s d	£	£
9 0	<i>6.98</i>	<i>2.14</i>
8 0	<i>6.19</i>	<i>1.88</i>
7 0	<i>5.43</i>	<i>1.62</i>
6 0	<i>4.65</i>	<i>1.34</i>
5 0	<i>3.88</i>	<i>1.16</i>
4 0	—	<i>0.99</i>
3 0	—	<i>0.72</i>
2 0	—	<i>0.52</i>

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SCHEDULE F

Regulation 2

Schedule* substituted for Schedule 2 to the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 10(1)

Table showing:

- (1) in column (1) the rates of retirement pension payable to existing old age pensioners other than those to whom the provisions of section 14(3) of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 applied; and
- (2) in column (2) the corresponding rates of an increase of retirement pension in respect of an adult dependant of such a pensioner, or of a retirement pension payable to a wife of such a pensioner by virtue of her husband's insurance if she had not attained pensionable age at the appointed day.

Rate of retirement pension	Corresponding rate of increase in respect of an adult dependant or of retirement pension for a wife
(1)	(2)
£	£
<i>6.98</i>	4.28
<i>6.41</i>	3.90
<i>6.19</i>	3.82
<i>5.67</i>	3.41
<i>5.43</i>	3.34
<i>5.09</i>	3.15
<i>4.65</i>	2.82
<i>4.49</i>	2.75
<i>4.24</i>	2.68
<i>3.88</i>	2.38
<i>3.49</i>	2.27
<i>3.31</i>	2.04
<i>3.10</i>	1.99
<i>2.92</i>	1.89
<i>2.71</i>	1.73
<i>2.61</i>	1.50
<i>2.33</i>	1.45
<i>2.17</i>	1.37
<i>1.94</i>	1.22
<i>1.84</i>	1.08
<i>1.55</i>	0.93
<i>1.40</i>	0.93
<i>1.16</i>	0.81
<i>1.06</i>	0.57
<i>0.85</i>	0.57
<i>0.70</i>	0.54
<i>0.68</i>	0.46

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SCHEDULE G

Regulation 2

Schedule* substituted for Schedule 3 to the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 9(3)

Table showing rates of retirement pension payable under regulation 9(3) and corresponding increased rates under paragraph (b) of the proviso thereto

Rate at which an old age or widow's pension would, apart from the Increase of Pensions Regulations and but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable	Rate of retirement pension (except in a case where column (4) applies) being the rate at which an old age or widow's pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable	Corresponding increased rate of retirement pension	Rate of retirement pension for wife by virtue of husband's insurance, where he is alive, being the rate at which an old age pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable	Corresponding increased rate of retirement pension
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
s d	£ s d	£	s d	£
9 0	1 3 0	6.98	14 0	4.28
8 3	1 1 0	6.41	12 6	3.90
8 0	1 0 0	6.19	12 0	3.82
7 3	18 6	5.67	11 0	3.41
7 0	18 0	5.43	11 0	3.34
6 6	16 6	5.09	10 0	3.15
6 0	15 0	4.65	9 0	2.82
5 9	14 6	4.49	9 0	2.75
5 6	14 0	4.24	8 6	2.68
5 0	13 0	3.88	8 0	2.38
4 6	11 6	3.49	7 0	2.27
4 3	11 0	3.31	6 6	2.04
4 0	10 0	3.10	6 0	1.99
3 9	9 6	2.92	6 0	1.89
3 6	9 0	2.71	5 6	1.73
3 3	8 6	2.61	5 0	1.50
3 0	8 0	2.33	5 0	1.45
2 9	7 0	2.17	4 6	1.37
2 6	6 6	1.94	4 0	1.22
2 3	6 0	1.84	3 6	1.08
2 0	5 0	1.55	3 0	0.93
1 9	4 6	1.40	3 0	0.93
1 6	4 0	1.16	2 6	0.81
1 3	3 6	1.06	2 0	0.57
1 0	3 0	0.85	2 0	0.57
9	2 0	0.70	1 6	0.54
6	1 6	0.68	1 0	0.46

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SCHEDULE H

Regulation 2

Schedule* substituted for Schedule 2 to the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 6(3)

Showing Reduced Rates of Widow's Basic Pension and
Contributory Old Age Pension

Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	Reduced rate at which pension is payable
(1)	(2)
	£
48-49	<i>2.23</i>
46-47	<i>2.14</i>
43-45	<i>2.04</i>
40-42	<i>1.88</i>
37-39	<i>1.70</i>
34-36	<i>1.53</i>
30-33	<i>1.34</i>
26-29	<i>1.16</i>
22-25	<i>0.99</i>
18-21	<i>0.81</i>
13-17	<i>0.65</i>

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SCHEDULE I

Regulation 2

**Provisions* substituted for Part III of Schedule 5 to the National Insurance
(Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1948**

PART III

Table 1 showing:

- (1) in column (1) the rates at which old age pensions would (subject to the satisfaction of the contribution conditions) have been payable under the Contributory Pensions Acts and the Increase of Pensions Regulations but for the repeal of those Acts and apart from the application of the provisions of regulation 6(3)(a)(ii) (alternative rates of old age pensions for persons to whom certain dependants war pensions are payable) and regulation 15(1) of those regulations (exclusion of pensions for women special voluntary contributors from increase);
- (2) in the remaining columns the corresponding rates of retirement pensions where pensionable age is attained at a date within the periods specified in the headings to those columns.

TABLE 1

Rate at which an old age pension would, but for the repeal of the Contributory Pensions Acts, have been payable (1)	Corresponding rate of retirement pension where pensionable age attained during period:				
	From 5th July 1948 to 4th July 1949 (2)	From 5th July 1949 to 4th July 1950 (3)	From 5th July 1950 to 4th July 1951 (4)	From 5th July 1951 to 4th July 1952 (5)	From 5th July 1952 to 4th July 1953 (6)
£ s d	£	£	£	£	£
1 3 0	<i>7.13</i>	<i>7.13</i>	<i>7.44</i>	<i>7.44</i>	<i>7.44</i>
1 0 0	<i>6.41</i>	<i>6.64</i>	<i>6.98</i>	<i>7.13</i>	<i>7.44</i>
18 0	<i>5.74</i>	<i>6.19</i>	<i>6.64</i>	<i>7.13</i>	<i>7.44</i>
15 0	<i>4.81</i>	<i>5.43</i>	<i>6.41</i>	<i>6.98</i>	<i>7.44</i>
13 0	<i>4.24</i>	<i>5.17</i>	<i>6.19</i>	<i>6.64</i>	<i>7.44</i>
10 0	<i>3.78</i>	<i>4.65</i>	<i>5.43</i>	<i>6.41</i>	<i>7.13</i>
8 0	<i>3.10</i>	<i>3.88</i>	<i>5.17</i>	<i>6.41</i>	<i>7.13</i>
5 0	<i>2.17</i>	<i>3.31</i>	<i>4.81</i>	<i>6.19</i>	<i>7.13</i>
3 0	<i>1.55</i>	<i>3.10</i>	<i>4.65</i>	<i>5.74</i>	<i>7.13</i>
- -	<i>0.85</i>	<i>2.33</i>	<i>3.88</i>	<i>5.43</i>	<i>6.98</i>

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TABLE 2

Table 2 showing:

- (1) in column (1) the yearly average of contributions paid by or credited to persons mentioned in Part I; and
- (2) in the remaining columns the corresponding rates of retirement pensions for such persons on attaining pensionable age within 5 years from the appointed day.

Rates at which retirement pensions would have been payable in accordance with Table 1 if the yearly average had been 50:

Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	0.85	1.55	2.17	2.33	3.10	3.31	3.78	3.88	4.24	4.65	4.81	5.17	5.43	5.74	6.19	6.41	6.64	6.98	7.13	7.44

Corresponding rates of retirement pensions:

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
48-49	0.83	1.40	1.94	2.23	2.92	3.16	3.49	3.80	4.16	4.49	4.71	5.09	5.35	5.67	5.81	6.19	6.41	6.64	6.98	7.13
46-47	0.83	1.40	1.94	2.23	2.71	3.10	3.31	3.78	3.88	4.24	4.65	4.81	5.17	5.43	5.74	5.81	6.19	6.41	6.64	6.98
43-45	0.83	1.40	1.84	2.17	2.61	2.92	3.16	3.49	3.80	4.16	4.24	4.65	4.81	5.17	5.43	5.67	5.81	6.19	6.41	6.64
40-42	0.83	1.16	1.61	1.94	2.33	2.71	3.10	3.16	3.49	3.80	3.88	4.16	4.49	4.71	5.09	5.17	5.43	5.67	5.74	6.19
37-39	0.70	1.06	1.55	1.84	2.23	2.33	2.71	2.92	3.16	3.49	3.78	3.80	3.88	4.24	4.65	4.71	5.09	5.17	5.35	5.67
34-36	0.70	1.06	1.40	1.55	1.94	2.17	2.33	2.61	2.92	3.16	3.31	3.49	3.78	3.80	4.16	4.24	4.49	4.65	4.71	5.09
30-33	0.68	0.85	1.16	1.40	1.84	1.94	2.17	2.23	2.33	2.71	2.92	3.10	3.16	3.31	3.78	3.80	3.88	4.16	4.24	4.49
26-29	0.68	0.83	1.06	1.16	1.55	1.61	1.84	1.94	2.17	2.23	2.33	2.61	2.71	2.92	3.10	3.16	3.31	3.49	3.78	3.80
22-25	0.68	0.70	0.85	1.06	1.16	1.40	1.55	1.61	1.84	1.84	1.94	2.17	2.23	2.33	2.61	2.71	2.92	2.92	3.10	3.16
18-21	0.47	0.68	0.83	0.85	1.06	1.16	1.16	1.40	1.55	1.55	1.61	1.84	1.84	1.94	2.17	2.23	2.33	2.33	2.61	2.61
13-17	0.47	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.83	0.85	0.85	1.06	1.16	1.16	1.40	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.61	1.61	1.84	1.84	1.94	1.94

TABLE 3

Table 3 showing:

- (1) in columns (1) and (3) the rates of retirement pension, apart from any increase, payable to existing pensions contributors by virtue of regulation 14; and
- (2) in columns (2) and (4) the corresponding rates of an increase of retirement pension in respect of an adult dependant, or of a retirement pension payable to a wife by virtue of her husband's insurance.

Rate of retirement pension	Corresponding rate of increase in respect of an adult dependant or of retirement pension for a wife	Rate of retirement pension	Corresponding rate of increase in respect of an adult dependant or of retirement pension for a wife
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
£	£	£	£
7.44	4.58	3.49	2.27
7.13	4.35	3.31	2.04
6.98	4.28	3.16	2.04
6.64	4.13	3.10	1.99
6.41	3.90	2.92	1.89
6.19	3.82	2.71	1.73
5.81	3.61	2.61	1.50
5.74	3.53	2.33	1.45
5.67	3.41	2.23	1.37
5.43	3.34	2.17	1.37
5.35	3.22	1.94	1.22
5.17	3.15	1.84	1.08
5.09	3.15	1.61	1.08
4.81	2.87	1.55	0.93
4.71	2.87	1.40	0.93
4.65	2.82	1.16	0.81
4.49	2.75	1.06	0.57
4.24	2.68	0.85	0.57
4.16	2.45	0.83	0.54
3.88	2.38	0.70	0.54
3.80	2.31	0.68	0.46
3.78	2.31	0.47	0.39

SCHEDULE J

Regulation 3(1)

Miscellaneous Amendments

Date of operation (1)	Regulations amended (2)	Amendments	
		(3)	(4)
1. 1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 regulations 9(3) and 10 (Rates of converted retirement pension for existing beneficiaries, of increase of retirement pension in respect of adult dependants, and of retirement pension for wives of certain existing beneficiaries) Regulation 9(3) proviso(u) Regulation 10(1)(v) Regulation 10(2) proviso (a)(v)		There shall be substituted for the expressions specified in column (3) (wherever they occur) the expressions specified in column (4)
		2nd October 1972	1st October 1973
		£6.75 £4.15	£7.75 £4.75
		£6.75	£7.75
2. 1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 (Rates of benefit for certain widows over the age of 50 on the appointed day who are existing contributors) Regulation 11(4)(a)(w)	2nd October 1972	1st October 1973
		£6.75	£7.75

(u) See Part I of Sch. A to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 3 and Sch. J to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(v) See Part II of Sch. A to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 3 and Sch. J to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(w) See Part III of Sch. A to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 3 and Sch. J to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(1) Date of operation	(2) Regulations amended	Amendments	
		(3) There shall be substituted for the expressions specified in column (3) (wherever they occur) the expressions specified in column (4)	(4)
3. The date in relation to any benefit under the principal Act as from which the weekly rate of that benefit is increased by virtue of the Act of 1973 or of these regulations	The National Insurance (Hospital In-patients) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(x) regulations 3, 4, 5 and 7 (Reduction in certain circumstances of weekly rates of benefit in the case of hospital in-patients)		
	Regulation 3(3)	£1·60 £1·35	£1·80 £1·55
	Regulation 4	£1·35 £2·70	£1·55 £3·10
	Regulation 5(1)	£1·60 £1·35	£1·80 £1·55
	Regulation 5(2)	£2·95 £2·70 £1·35	£3·35 £3·10 £1·55
	Regulation 5(3)(a)	£2·70	£3·10
	Regulation 5(3)(b)	£4·30 £4·05	£4·90 £4·65
	Regulation 5(4)(c)	£1·60 £1·35	£1·80 £1·55
	Regulation 5(4)(d)	£3·95	£4·55
	Regulation 7(3) and (4)	£1·35 £1·60 £2·95 £2·70	£1·55 £1·80 £3·35 £3·10

Date of operation (1)	Regulations amended (2)	Amendments	
		There shall be substituted for the expressions specified in column (3) (wherever they occur) the expressions specified in column (4) (3)	(4)
1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 (Benefit payable on discharge from a hospital or similar institution) Regulation 8(2)	£10.00	£12.00
4. 1st October 1973	The National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 (Modification of provisions of the Act relating to retirement pensions in the case of certain widows) Regulation 5(2)(a)(y)	£6.75	£7.75
5. 1st October 1973	The National Insurance (Old Persons' Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(z) (Rates of benefit for or in respect of persons over pensionable age on 5th July 1948) Regulation 7(1)	£4.05	£4.65

(y) See Part VII of Sch. A to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 3 and Sch. J to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

(z) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 281 as amended by reg. 6 of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 262 and Sch. J to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 221.

SCHEDULE K

Regulation 3(2)

Provisions to be added to Schedule 2 to the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948

11. Applicable (in substitution for the provisions of paragraph 10 of this Schedule) to contributions in respect of contribution weeks commencing on or after 1st October 1973.

Men				Women			
Age of man at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	Employed	Self-employed	Non-employed	Age of woman at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	Employed	Self-employed	Non-employed
	Portion of contribution to be refunded				Portion of contribution to be refunded		
	pence 45	pence 130	pence 130		pence 39	pence 97	pence 97
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution				Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution		
	65 and over	45	131		131	60 and over	39
64	46	133	133	59	40	99	99
63	47	137	137	58	41	102	102
62	48	140	140	57	42	104	104
61	50	144	144	56	43	107	107
60	51	147	147	55	44	110	110
59	52	151	151	54	45	113	113
58	54	155	155	53	46	115	115

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations which are made in consequence of the National Insurance and Supplementary Benefit Act 1973 increase the rates of benefit payable under certain regulations made under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in order to bring them into conformity with the higher rates of benefit payable under that Act by virtue of the said Act of 1973. Provision is made in relation to the payment of additional benefit in the case of persons not residing in Northern Ireland. The remaining provisions are of a minor or consequential character.