



# Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

## 1992 CHAPTER 7

### PART I

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

##### *[<sup>F1</sup>Class 3A contributions*

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 14A-14C and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2014 for specified purposes, 12.10.2015 in so far as not already in force) by Pensions Act 2014 (c. 19), s. 56(1), Sch. 15 para. 17; S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(d)(iii); S.I. 2015/1670, art. 2(b)

#### **14A Class 3A contributions in return for units of additional pension**

[<sup>F2</sup>(1) An eligible person is entitled to pay a Class 3A contribution before the cut-off date, in return for a unit of additional pension.]

[ The cut-off date is—

- <sup>F2</sup>(1A) (a) 5th April 2017, or
- (b) if later the end of the 30-day period beginning with the day on which the person is sent information about Class 3A contributions by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in response to a request made before 6th April 2017.]
- (2) A person is eligible to pay a Class 3A contribution if the person—
- (a) is entitled to a Category A, Category B or Category D retirement pension or graduated retirement benefit, or
- (b) has deferred entitlement to a Category A or Category B retirement pension or graduated retirement benefit.

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- (3) The amount of a Class 3A contribution needed to obtain a unit of additional pension is to be determined in accordance with regulations made by the Treasury.
- (4) Before making those regulations the Treasury must consult the Government Actuary or the Deputy Government Actuary.
- (5) A person—
  - (a) may pay Class 3A contributions on more than one occasion, but
  - (b) may not obtain more than the maximum number of units of additional pension.
- (6) The maximum number of units of additional pension that a person may obtain is to be specified by the Treasury in regulations.
- (7) In this section “deferred”, in relation to graduated retirement benefit, has the meaning given by section 35(4A) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.
- (8) For the meaning of “deferred” in relation to a Category A or Category B retirement pension, see section 55(3) of this Act.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 14A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 14A(1) (12.10.2015 for E.W.S. and coming into force for N.I in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Social Security Class 3A Contributions \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/2746\)](#), regs. 1(2)(3), **3**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 14A(2) modified (12.10.2015) by [Pensions Act 2014 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 56(1), [Sch. 15 para. 18](#); [S.I. 2015/1670](#), art. 2(b)

### 14B Class 3A contributions: repayment

- (1) The Treasury may by regulations provide for a Class 3A contribution to be repaid in specified circumstances.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision about applications for repayments and other procedural matters.
- (3) A person is to be treated as never having had a unit of additional pension if the Class 3A contribution paid in respect of it is repaid.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) may provide for benefits paid to a person because of the unit of additional pension to be recovered by deducting them from the repayment.

### 14C Class 3A contributions: power to change eligibility or remove the option to pay

- (1) The Treasury may by regulations change who is eligible to pay Class 3A contributions.
- (2) The Treasury may by regulations remove the option for people to pay Class 3A contributions.
- (3) Regulations under this section may, in particular, amend an Act.]

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