Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 7

PART I

CONTRIBUTIONS

Class 3 contributions

13   Class 3 contributions.

(1) [**F1**The Treasury shall by regulations] provide for earners and others, if over the age of 16, to be entitled if they so wish, but subject to any prescribed conditions, to pay Class 3 contributions; and, subject to the following provisions of this section, the amount of a Class 3 contribution shall be [**F2**£15.40].

(2) Payment of Class 3 contributions shall be allowed only with a view to enabling the contributor to satisfy **F3**... conditions of entitlement to benefit by acquiring the requisite earnings factor for the purposes described in section 22 below.

(3) [**F1**The Department may by regulations] provide for Class 3 contributions, although paid in one tax year, to be appropriated in prescribed circumstances to the earnings factor of another tax year.

(4) The amount of a Class 3 contribution in respect of a tax year earlier than the tax year in which it is paid shall be the same as if it had been paid in the earlier year and in respect of that year, unless it falls to be calculated in accordance with subsection (6) below or regulations under subsection (7) below.

(5) In this section—

"the payment year" means the tax year in which a contribution is paid; and

"the contribution year" means the earlier year mentioned in subsection (4) above.

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(6) Subject to subsection (7) below, in any case where—

    (a) a Class 3 contribution is paid after the end of the next tax year but one following the contribution year; and

    (b) the amount of a Class 3 contribution applicable had the contribution been paid in the contribution year differs from the amount of a Class 3 contribution applicable at the time of payment in the payment year,

the amount of the contribution shall be computed by reference to the highest of those two amounts and of any other amount of a Class 3 contribution in the intervening period.

(7) The [**F1**Treasury] may by regulations provide that the amount of a contribution which apart from the regulations would fall to be computed in accordance with subsection (6) above shall instead be computed by reference to the amount of a Class 3 contribution for a tax year earlier than the payment year but not earlier than the contribution year.

Textual Amendments

  F1 Words in s. 13(1)(3)(7) substituted (1.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/671, art. 4, **Sch. 3 para. 15** (with savings and transitional provisions in Sch. 7); S.R. 1999/149, art. 2(c), **Sch. 2** (subject to arts. 3-6)

  F2 Sum in s. 13(1) substituted (6.4.2021) by The Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/157), regs. 1, **4**

  F3 Word in s. 13(2) omitted (6.4.2016) by virtue of Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 5), s. 53(3), **Sch. 12 para. 4**

Status:
Point in time view as at 06/04/2021. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:
Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, Section 13 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.