



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

## 1992 CHAPTER 7

### PART II

#### CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

##### *Preliminary*

#### **21 Contribution conditions.**

- (1) Entitlement to any benefit specified in section 20(1) above, [<sup>F1</sup>other than long-term incapacity benefit under section 30A below or short-term or long-term incapacity benefit under section 40 or 41 below], depends on contribution conditions being satisfied (either by the claimant or by some other person, according to the particular benefit).
- (2) The class or classes of contribution which, for the purposes of subsection (1) above, are relevant in relation to each of those benefits are as follows—

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##### ***Short-term benefit***

Unemployment benefit	Class 1
[ <sup>F2</sup> Short-term incapacity benefit under section 30A below]	Class 1 or 2
Maternity allowance	Class 1 or 2
<b><i>Other benefits</i></b>	
Widow's payment	Class 1, 2 or 3
Widowed mother's allowance	Class 1, 2 or 3
Widow's pension	Class 1, 2 or 3

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Category A retirement pension	Class 1, 2 or 3
Category B retirement pension	Class 1, 2 or 3
Child's special allowance	Class 1, 2 or 3

- (3) The relevant contribution conditions in relation to the benefits specified in subsection (2) above are those specified in Part I of Schedule 3 to this Act.
- (4) Part II of Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect as to the satisfaction of contribution conditions for benefit, other than maternity allowance, in certain cases where a claim for short-term benefit or a widow's payment is, or has on a previous occasion been, made in the first or second year after that in which the contributor concerned first became liable for primary Class 1 or Class 2 contributions.
- (5) In subsection (4) above and Schedule 3 to this Act—
- (a) “the contributor concerned”, for the purposes of any contribution condition, means the person by whom the condition is to be satisfied;
  - (b) “a relevant class”, in relation to any benefit, means a class of contributions specified in relation to that benefit in subsection (2) above;
  - (c) “the earnings factor”—
    - (i) where the year in question is 1987-88 or any subsequent tax year, means, in relation to a person, the aggregate of his earnings factors derived from all his earnings upon which primary Class 1 contributions have been paid or treated as paid and from his Class 2 and Class 3 contributions; and
    - (ii) where the year in question is any earlier tax year, means, in relation to a person's contributions of any class or classes, the aggregate of his earnings factors derived from all those contributions;
  - (d) except in the expression “benefit year”, “year” means a tax year.
- (6) In this Part of this Act “benefit year” means a period—
- (a) beginning with the first Sunday in January in any calendar year, and
  - (b) ending with the Saturday immediately preceding the first Sunday in January in the following calendar year;
- but for any prescribed purposes of this Part of this Act “benefit year” may by regulations be made to mean such other period (whether or not a period of 12 months) as may be specified in the regulations.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 21(1) substituted (13.4.1995) by S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12), art. 13(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 3(2)**; S.R. 1994/450, art. 2(d), **Sch. Pt. IV**
- F2** Words in s. 21(2) substituted (13.4.1995) by S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12), art. 13(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 3(3)**; S.R. 1994/450, art. 2(d), **Sch. Pt. IV**

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