



Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 7

PART II

CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

[^{F1}Incapacity benefit]

[^{F1}30C Incapacity benefit: days and periods of incapacity for work.

- (1) For the purposes of any provisions of this Act relating to incapacity benefit, subject to the following provisions and save as otherwise expressly provided—
 - (a) a day of incapacity for work means a day on which a person is incapable of work;
 - (b) a period of incapacity for work means a period of 4 or more consecutive days, each of which is a day of incapacity for work; and
 - (c) any two such periods not separated by a period of more than 8 weeks shall be treated as one period of incapacity for work.
- (2) Any day which falls within the maternity allowance period (as defined in section 35(2) below) shall be treated for the purposes of any provision of this Act relating to incapacity benefit as a day of incapacity for work unless the woman is disqualified for receiving a maternity allowance for that day by virtue of regulations under section 35(3)(a) below.
- (3) Regulations may make provision (subject to the preceding provisions of this section) as to the days which are or are not to be treated as days of incapacity for work for the purposes of any provision of this Act relating to incapacity benefit.
- (4) Regulations may provide—
 - (a) that paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above shall have effect as if the reference there to 4 consecutive days were to such lesser number of days, whether

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consecutive or not, within such period of consecutive days as may be specified in the regulations; and

- (b) that paragraph (c) of that subsection shall have effect as if for the reference to 8 weeks there were substituted a reference to such larger number of weeks as may be specified in the regulations.

[^{F2}(5) Where a person claims the higher rate of short-term incapacity benefit, or long-term incapacity benefit, under section 30A above for a period commencing after he has ceased to be in qualifying remunerative work (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Tax Credits Act 2002) and—

- (a) the day following that on which he so ceased was a day of incapacity for work for him,
- (b) he has been entitled to the higher rate of short-term incapacity benefit, or to long-term incapacity benefit, under section 30A above within the period of two years ending with that day of incapacity for work, and
- (c) he satisfied the relevant tax credit conditions on the day before he so ceased, every day during that period on which he satisfied those conditions is to be treated for the purposes of the claim as a day of incapacity for work for him.

(5A) A person satisfies the relevant tax credit conditions on a day if—

- (a) he is entitled for the day to the disability element of working tax credit (on a claim made by him or by him jointly with another) or would be so entitled but for the fact that the relevant income (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Tax Credits Act 2002) in his or their case is such that he is not so entitled, and
- (b) either working tax credit or any element of child tax credit other than the family element is paid in respect of the day on such a claim.]

(6) Where—

- (a) a person becomes engaged in training for work; and
- (b) he was entitled to the higher rate of short-term incapacity benefit, or to long-term incapacity benefit under section 30A above, for one or more of the 56 days immediately before he became so engaged; and
- (c) the first day after he ceases to be so engaged is for him a day of incapacity for work and falls not later than the end of the period of two years beginning with the last day for which he was entitled to such benefit,

any day since that day in which he was engaged in training for work shall be treated for the purposes of any claim for such benefit for a period commencing after he ceases to be so engaged as having been a day of incapacity for work.

In this subsection “training for work” means training for work in pursuance of arrangements made under section 1(1) of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 or training of such other description as may be prescribed.

(7) For the purposes of this section “week” means any period of 7 days.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 30C-30E inserted (21.11.1994 for the purpose of making regulations and 13.4.1995 otherwise) by S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12), art. 5(1); S.R. 1994/450, art. 2(b), **Sch. Pt. II**

F2 S. 30C(5)(5A) substituted for s. 30C(5) (6.4.2003) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), s. 61, **Sch. 3 para. 37**; S.I. 2003/962, art. 2(3)(d)(iii)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 30C modified (31.3.2003) by [The Tax Credits Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/962\)](#), **art. 5(2)**
- C2** S. 30C modified (1.7.1998) by [S.I. 1998/1506 \(N.I. 10\)](#), **arts. 1(3), 73(8)(b)**

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