

1990 No. 71

SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1990**

Made 27th February 1990

Coming into operation 6th April 1990

Whereas the Secretary of State for Social Security has made an order(a) under sections 120(5) and (6), 121(2) and 123A(2) of the Social Security Act 1975(b):

Now, therefore, the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(c) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1990.

(2) In this order “the Act” means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

Weekly earnings figures for secondary earnings brackets

2. In section 4(6E) of the Act(d) (secondary earnings brackets)—

- (a) for the figure £74·99 specified in respect of Bracket 1 there shall be substituted the figure £79·99;
- (b) for the figures £75·00 and £114·99 specified in respect of Bracket 2 there shall be substituted respectively the figures £80·00 and £124·99;
- (c) for the figures £115·00 and £164·99 specified in respect of Bracket 3 there shall be substituted respectively the figures £125·00 and £174·99;
- (d) for the figure £165·00 specified in respect of Bracket 4 there shall be substituted the figure £175·00.

(a) S.I. 1990/321

(b) 1975 c. 14

(c) 1975 c. 15; section 120 was amended by the Schedule to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)), paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/396 (N.I. 5)), Article 9(5) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1209 (N.I. 16)) and Schedule 10 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18))

(d) Section 4(6E) was substituted by Article 9(2) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 and amended by Article 2(3) of S.R. 1989 No. 9

Rate of, and small earnings exception from, Class 2 contributions)

3. In section 7 of the Act (Class 2 contributions)—

- (a) in subsection (1) (weekly rate) for “£4·25”(a) there shall be substituted “£4·55”;
- (b) in subsection (5) (small earnings exception) for “£2,350”(b) there shall be substituted “£2,600”.

Amount of Class 3 contributions

4. In section 8(1) of the Act (amount of Class 3 contributions) for “£4·15”(c) there shall be substituted “£4·45”.

Lower and upper limits for Class 4 contributions

5. In sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the Act (Class 4 contributions recoverable under Tax Acts and regulations)—

- (a) for “£5,050”(d) (lower limit) wherever it appears there shall be substituted in each of those sections “£5,450”;
- (b) for “£16,900(e) (upper limit) there shall be substituted in each of those sections “£18,200”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 27th February 1990.

(L.S.)

A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

(a) See Article 3(a) of S.R. 1989 No. 9
(b) See Article 3(b) of S.R. 1989 No. 9
(c) See Article 4 of S.R. 1989 No. 9
(d) See Article 5(a) of S.R. 1989 No. 9
(e) See Article 5(b) of S.R. 1989 No. 9

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This order, which corresponds to an order (S.I. 1990/321) made by the Secretary of State for Social Security under sections 120(5) and (6), 121(2), 123A(2) of the Social Security Act 1975, provides for matters in respect of which the Social Security (Contributions and Allocation of Contributions) (Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989 (S.R. 1989 No. 9) contained provisions.

The order increases the amounts of weekly earnings specified in the secondary earnings brackets in section 4(6E) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 ("the Act"), which determine the appropriate percentage rate at which secondary Class 1 contributions are payable under the Act (Article 2). The increases in respect of Bracket 1 are from £74.99 to £79.99, in respect of Bracket 2 from £75.00 and £114.99 to £80.00 and £124.99 respectively, in respect of Bracket 3 from £115.00 and £164.99 to £125.00 and £174.99 respectively and in respect of Bracket 4 from £165.00 to £175.00.

The order also increases the rates of Class 2 and Class 3 contributions payable under the Act from £4.25 to £4.55 and from £4.15 to £4.45 respectively (Articles 3(a) and 4). It increases from £2,350 to £2,600 the amount of earnings below which an earner may be excepted from liability for Class 2 contributions (Article 3(b)). It also increases, from £5,050 to £5,450 and from £16,900 to £18,200 respectively, the lower and upper limits of profits or gains between which Class 4 contributions are payable (Article 5).