
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 84

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

Made - - - - *7th March 2022*
Coming into operation *28th March 2022*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 108(1) and (2), 109(2) and (3)(a) and 171(1) and (3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1) and now vested in it(2).

It is satisfied of the matters referred in section 108(2) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 and shall come into operation on 28th March 2022.

Amendment of the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(3) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In Part 1 of Schedule 1 (list of prescribed diseases and the occupations for which they are prescribed), at entry A15(4) substitute—

“A15.	Dupuytren’s contracture of the hand involving—	Any occupation involving the use of hand-held powered tools whose internal parts vibrate so as to transmit that vibration to the hand (but excluding those tools which are solely powered by hand) where—
	(i) fixed flexion deformity of one or more metacarpophalangeal joints	

(1) 1992 c. 7; section 108(1) was amended by Article 70(1)(c) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.1)), section 109(2) was amended by paragraph 47 of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I.10)) and section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

(2) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(3) S.R. 1986 No. 179; relevant amending Regulation S.R. 2019 No. 204

(4) Prescribed disease A15 was added by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2019 No. 204

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greater than 45 degrees that developed during the period or periods set out in the second column in relation to this paragraph; or

(ii) fixed flexion deformity of one or more interphalangeal joints that developed during the period or periods set out in the second column in relation to this paragraph; or

(iii) fixed flexion deformity of one or more metacarpophalangeal joints greater than 45 degrees that developed after the period or periods in the second column in relation to this paragraph if there is evidence of the onset of metacarpophalangeal joint involvement or palmar changes (nodules or thickening) during that period or periods; or

(iv) fixed flexion deformity of one or more interphalangeal joints that developed after the period or periods set out in the second column in relation to this paragraph if there is evidence of the onset of metacarpophalangeal joint involvement or palmar changes (nodules or thickening) during that period or periods.

(a) the use of those tools amounts to a period or periods in aggregate of at least 10 years; and

(b) within that period or those periods, the use of those tools amounts to at least 2 hours per day for 3 or more days per week.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 7th March 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 (S.R. 1986 No. 179).

Regulation 2 amends Part 1 of Schedule 1, which lists the diseases and the occupations for which they are prescribed, by amending the prescription for Dupuytren's contracture and providing further specification on the circumstances in which Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit is payable. The reason for amending the prescription is to bring the regulations into line with the most up to date guidance from the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 5A to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2A) of that Act for prior reference to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council.