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NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS (COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1938, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ACTING JOINTLY, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1936, AND THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 AND 1937.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 and 1937, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—

PART I.

General.

Short title
and com-
mencement.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938.

(2) These regulations other than regulation 20 and Part II of the Second Schedule shall be deemed to have had effect as from the third day of January, 1938.

(3) Regulation 20 of and Part II of the Second Schedule to these regulations shall have effect as from the second day of January, 1939.

Interpreta-
tion.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

“ the Insurance Act ” means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936(a), as amended by any subsequent enactment ;

“ the Act of 1937 ” means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937(b) ;

“ the Pensions Act ” means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936 (c), as amended by the Act of 1937 ;

“ the Arrears Regulations ” means the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1937(d), or any regulations amending or made in substitution for those regulations for the time being in force ;

“ arrears ” in relation to payment thereof means the contributions or sums payable to avoid reduction or suspension of benefit in respect of arrears to be made under the Arrears Regulations ;

“ the Joint Committee ” means the National Health Insurance Joint Committee ;

“ the Ministry ” means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland ;

“ society ” means any society approved for the purposes of the Insurance Act, and includes a branch of a society ;

“ employment ” means employment within the meaning of the Insurance Act, and “ employed,” “ employing,” “ unemployed ” and “ unemployment ” have the corresponding meanings ;

(a) 26 Geo. 5 and 1 Edw. 8, c. 32. (b) 1 Edw. 8 and 1 Geo. 6, c. 23.
(c) 26 Geo. 5 and 1 Edw. 8, c. 32 (N.I.). (d) S. R. & O. 1937, No. 1023.

"card" means a card (other than a record card) issued under these regulations or other regulations in force at the time of the issue of the card, or, where the circumstances so require, under the corresponding regulations for England and Wales or Scotland; and "proper card" in relation to any insured or exempt person means such a card as is appropriate to the circumstances of the case of that person;

"stamp" means a stamp issued under section 22 of the Insurance Act for the purposes of that Act or the Pensions Act;

"week" means a contribution week;

"period of currency" means the period during which any card is current;

"employment exchange" means any office appointed by the Ministry as a local office for the purposes of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936.

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, separate periods of employment in the service of one employer with intervening periods of employment in the service of another employer shall be deemed to be separate employments.

(3) For the purposes of the payment and collection of contributions which are payable under the Pensions Act as well as under the Insurance Act, or under the Pensions Act alone, the provisions of these regulations shall, subject as herein provided and to such conditions as may be otherwise prescribed with respect to special classes of insured persons, apply as if, in either case, the contributions were contributions under the Insurance Act.

(4) In these regulations (other than the provisions hereof with respect to arrears, record cards and benefit records) references to the Insurance Act or to provisions of the Insurance Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as including references to the Pensions Act or to the corresponding provisions of the Pensions Act.

(5) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (a) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—These regulations shall not, unless otherwise expressed, apply—

(a) to persons employed in the naval or military service of the Crown, or in the Air Force, who are required to be insured in respect of such service; or

(b) to masters, seamen, or apprentices to the sea service or to the sea-fishing service who are required to be insured in respect of such employment; or

(c) as respects payment of contributions under any regulations made with regard to war occupations:

Saving as to persons in the service of the Crown, &c.

(a) 12 Geo. 5, c. 4.

Revocation
of previous
Regulations.

4.—The regulations set out in the First Schedule to these regulations are hereby revoked, but without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered, or to any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder :

Provided that

(i) paragraph (2) of regulation 11 of the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932(a), as amended by the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933(b), and the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1934(c), shall continue to have effect in so far as may be necessary for the purposes of subsection (2) and subsection (4) of section 17 of the Act of 1937 ;

(ii) regulation 20 of and Part II of the Third Schedule to the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932, as amended by the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933, shall continue to have effect until the first day of January, 1939.

PART II.

Employed Contributors.

Issue
of cards.

5.—(1) Every person who becomes an employed contributor shall, upon becoming an employed contributor, apply to the society of which he is a member, or, if he is not a member of a society, to an employment exchange, for the issue to him of a proper card, and the society or employment exchange to which such application is made shall issue a card to him accordingly.

(2) Every society shall on or before the expiration of the period of currency of a card issue to each member being an employed contributor the proper card for the next period of currency.

(3) If an employed contributor being a member of a society has not received a proper card from his society at the beginning of a period of currency he shall make application to his society for a card, and if he does not receive a card before the time when it is required for presentation to his employer as hereinafter provided, he shall make application to an employment exchange for the issue to him of a card, and the employment exchange shall issue a card to him accordingly.

(4) If an employed contributor who is not a member of a society has not received a proper card from the Ministry at the beginning of a period of currency, he shall apply to an employment exchange for the issue to him of a proper card, and the employment exchange shall issue a card to him accordingly.

(a) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1932, No. 105.
(c) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1934, No. 129.

(b) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1933, No. 68.

(5) An employed contributor shall, where he is transferred from one society to another, or otherwise ceases to be a member of a society, or being a deposit contributor becomes a member of a society, or where the card is lost or destroyed, or so damaged as to become useless for the purpose for which it is issued, and may where he changes his employment during a period of currency, make application to the society of which he is or becomes a member, or to an employment exchange, as the case may require, for the issue to him of a new card, and upon the receipt of that application the society or employment exchange shall issue to him a new card accordingly.

(6) Where a voluntary contributor becomes employed he shall surrender the card issued to him as a voluntary contributor and apply for the issue of a card to him as an employed contributor, except that a voluntary contributor by whom contributions under the Insurance Act and the Pensions Act are paid as one contribution may, as he thinks fit, retain the card issued to him as a voluntary contributor and treat it as having been duly issued to him under this regulation.

(7) A society or employment exchange issuing any card shall inscribe upon it the name and address of the employed contributor to whom it is issued, and a society may, if it thinks fit, further inscribe upon the card the number of the contributor as it appears in the books of the society, and also any number or mark which may from time to time be registered for the purposes of this regulation by the society in the books of the Ministry, and a branch of a society may add the number of the branch in the books of the society.

6.—(1) Every employed contributor shall, unless prevented by some reasonable cause, produce to his employer the proper card for the period of currency at the times following:—

Production
and delivery
of card to
employer.

(a) At the time of entering the employment.

(b) At the beginning of each subsequent period of currency or within six days thereafter.

(2) The employer, on obtaining the card, shall become responsible for the custody of the card so long as the employment continues, or till the card is returned to the employed contributor or delivered to an employment exchange, or to an officer appointed under the Insurance Act in accordance with these regulations.

(3) If any employed contributor desires to inspect his card while it is in the custody of the employer, the employer shall, as hereinafter mentioned, give him a reasonable opportunity of so doing either within or immediately before or after working hours, provided that no employed contributor shall be entitled by virtue of this provision to inspect his card more than once in any one month or except at such times as may be fixed by the employer for the purpose.

Return of
card by
employer.

7.—(1) Every employer shall, whenever any officer appointed under the Insurance Act so requests him, either in person or by notice in writing, produce or cause to be produced to the officer the card then current of any employed contributor employed by him, and any card then in his possession, and, if so required by the officer, shall deliver up any such card to the officer, who may, if he thinks fit, retain the card.

(2) The employer shall return to the contributor any card relating to the contributor in his possession or under his control at each of the times following, that is to say :—

(a) on the termination of the employment for any cause other than the death of the employed contributor ;

(b) on the expiration of the period of currency of the card or within six days thereafter ;

(c) on contributions ceasing for any cause other than the death of the employed contributor to be payable in respect of him under the general provisions of the Insurance Act and the Pensions Act ;

(d) within forty-eight hours after receiving a request in that behalf from the contributor, whether such request is made before or after the termination of the employment.

(3) Where, for any reason other than the loss or destruction of the card, the card cannot be returned to the contributor the employer shall forthwith send it to the nearest employment exchange.

(4) In any case where a card is returned by an employer to the contributor, the contributor shall furnish to the employer, if the employer so requires, a receipt for the card.

(5) An employer shall comply with any directions which may be given by an officer appointed under the Insurance Act as to the return to an employed contributor of his card at any time other than the termination of his employment.

Method of
payment of
contributions.

8.—(1) Every contribution payable under the Insurance Act shall, except as otherwise provided in these regulations, be paid by affixing a stamp to the card of the contributor in the space indicated for that purpose upon the card.

(2) An employer who is liable to pay contributions in respect of any contributor employed by him shall pay those contributions at the following times, and in accordance with the following provisions, that is to say :—

(i) Where he pays to the contributor wages or other pecuniary remuneration in respect of the employment, he shall, before paying to the contributor the wages or remuneration in respect of any part of the period for which contributions are payable, affix to the card of the contributor a stamp or stamps in payment of the contributions due in respect of that period :

Provided, nevertheless, that it shall be the duty of the employer in any case—

- (a) before the termination of the employment;
- (b) within six days after the expiration of the period of currency of the card;
- (c) within 48 hours after receiving a request in that behalf from the contributor;

to affix to the card of the contributor a stamp or stamps in payment of all the weekly contributions payable in respect of the period ending at the date of such termination, expiration, or request;

- (ii) Where he does not pay to the contributor wages or other pecuniary remuneration in respect of the employment, he shall, on the first day of employment in each week, affix to the card of the contributor a stamp in payment of the contribution in respect of that week;
- (iii) In the case of a man of the Naval Reserves, or the Army Reserve, or the Air Force Reserve, or the Territorial Army, or the Auxiliary Air Force, or of an officer of the reserve forces, who is for the time being, by reason of section 186 of the Insurance Act deemed to be in the sole employment of the Crown, the time for affixing stamps to the card of the contributor shall, where the period of currency of the card expires during any period of training, be any time before the expiration of the period of currency, and where the period of currency does not so expire, be any time before the termination of the training;
- (iv) Where an employed contributor fails to deliver up to his employer a card to be stamped, the employer shall pay any contribution payable in respect of him by affixing a stamp to a card to be obtained for the purpose from an employment exchange and shall deliver the card to the contributor duly stamped.

(3) The Ministry may, if it thinks fit, and subject to such terms and conditions as it may impose, approve any arrangement whereby stamps are affixed at times, or contributions paid in a manner, other than those prescribed, so, however, that no such arrangement shall authorise the payment of any contribution at a date later than that upon which the wages or other pecuniary remuneration for any part of the period in respect of which the contribution is payable are paid, unless such deposit of money by way of security is made as the Ministry shall approve.

9.—(1) Save as otherwise expressly provided in these regulations an employer shall immediately after affixing any stamp to a card cancel the stamp by writing in ink or stamping with a metallic die

Cancellation
of stamps.
&c.

with black indelible ink or composition across the face of the stamp the date upon which it is affixed.

(2) An employer may, if he thinks fit, inscribe upon the card of any employed contributor employed by him, but only in such manner as to be easily erased or removed, the number of that contributor upon the pay-list or in the books of the employer.

(3) Save as otherwise expressly provided in these regulations and in the regulations made under section 22 of the Insurance Act, or as specially authorised by the Ministry, no writing or other mark shall be made at any time upon the card or stamp until after the surrender of the card to the society or the Ministry.

Production and surrender of cards to Society or Ministry.

10.—(1) Upon making any claim for benefit an employed contributor shall, if so required, produce his card to the society of which he is a member, or, in the case of a deposit contributor, to the Ministry.

(2) Every employed contributor who is a member of a society shall surrender his card to his society, or, if he is not a member of a society, shall forward it to the Ministry, at the times following, that is to say:—

(i) if he is a member of a society,

(a) upon being transferred from one society to another, in which case he shall surrender his card to the society to which he is transferred, and that society shall transmit the card to the society from which he is transferred; and

(b) upon otherwise ceasing to be a member of a society;

(ii) whether he is or is not a member of a society,

(a) upon the card becoming defaced so as to be useless for the purpose for which it was intended;

(b) within fourteen days after the expiration of the period of currency of the card; and

(c) upon becoming a voluntary contributor.

(3) Every employed contributor shall, if required so to do by his society or by the Ministry, on or before surrendering a card in pursuance of these regulations sign the card in the place indicated for the purpose on the card.

Special provisions as to payment of contributions by employed contributors.

11.—(1) The time within which, under subsection (1) of section 19 of the Insurance Act, an employed contributor, being a member of a society, shall be entitled to pay contributions in respect of a period during which he was either incapable of work or unable to obtain employment, shall be the time expiring at the end of the period of grace next after the contribution year in which the incapacity or unemployment occurred.

(2) In this regulation "period of grace" has the meaning assigned to it in the Arrears Regulations.

(3) Subject to the provisions of the immediately succeeding regulation, an insured person, not being a voluntary contributor, shall not affix any stamp to his card in respect of any period of unemployment except in accordance with subsection (1) of section 19 of the Insurance Act, or for the purposes of proviso (i) to regulation 4 of these regulations.

12.—(1) Any insured person, being a member of a society, who desires to pay any arrears in accordance with the provisions of the Arrears Regulations, and who has not received an arrears card from his society, may apply to the society for an arrears card, and the society shall inscribe thereon such particulars as may from time to time be required by the Ministry, and shall issue to him a card so inscribed.

Provisions as to arrears cards and payment of arrears, &c.

(2) The insured person may affix to the arrears card so issued stamps in payment of any arrears which he is entitled to pay.

(3) Arrears shall be deemed to have been paid at the time of the surrender of the arrears card bearing the appropriate stamps to the society of which the contributor paying arrears is a member, and the society shall, upon the surrender of an arrears card, forthwith inscribe upon it the date of its receipt.

13.—(1) Every insured person himself affixing a stamp to a card shall immediately cancel it by writing the date in ink across the face of the stamp :

Cancellation of stamps affixed by contributors. &c.

Provided that where the person so affixing a stamp is unable legibly to write the date across the face of the stamp he may instead of himself cancelling the stamp deliver his card to an employment exchange for the purpose of the stamp being cancelled by the employment exchange with the official date stamp.

(2) No person shall affix to a card a stamp which has been cancelled or defaced, or which has been previously affixed to another space on the same card or to another card or other document to which stamps are required or authorised to be affixed for the purposes of the Insurance Act or the Pensions Act.

14.—This part of these regulations shall apply to an exempt person as it applies to an insured person who is not a member of a society, subject to the following modifications :—

Exempt persons.

(a) the proper card for an exempt person shall in all cases be issued by, and returned to, the Ministry ;

(b) a person on ceasing to be an exempt person shall surrender his card to the Ministry ;

- (c) the Ministry shall issue to every exempt person a certificate of exemption in the form from time to time approved by the Ministry, and the exempt person shall upon receipt of such certificate produce it to his employer, and shall also produce it to his employer at the time of entering any new employment, and at such other times as the employer may reasonably require ;
- (d) upon the expiration or avoidance of a certificate, or at any time when he desires that the certificate shall be cancelled, an exempt person shall return the certificate of exemption to the Ministry with a statement, in such form as the Ministry may direct, of the circumstances in which the certificate is surrendered.

PART III.

Voluntary Contributors.

contributors
Voluntary

15.—(1) The provisions of Part II of these regulations shall apply to voluntary contributors, subject to the following modifications :—

- (a) Any person entitled and desiring to become a voluntary contributor under the Insurance Act shall, if he is a member of a society, apply to the society, or, if he is not a member of a society, to the Ministry, and the society or Ministry, as the case may require, shall forthwith issue to him a proper card ;
- (b) any person entitled and desiring to be a voluntary contributor under the Pensions Act shall apply to the Ministry, which shall forthwith issue to him a proper card ;
- (c) a card issued by any society or by the Ministry in accordance with these regulations shall have inscribed upon it the name and address of the voluntary contributor to whom it is issued and, as respects a card issued by a society, such further particulars as the Ministry may from time to time require ;
- (d) the duties imposed upon the employer of an employed contributor with respect to the stamping of cards shall be performed by the voluntary contributor ;
- (e) in the case of a voluntary contributor under the Insurance Act who is not a member of a society, or a voluntary contributor under the Pensions Act, application shall be made to the Ministry for the issue of a card, and no card shall be issued in respect of any voluntary contributor by an employment exchange ;

(f) a voluntary contributor under the Insurance Act shall produce his proper card whenever required to do so by the society of which he is a member, or, if he is not a member of a society, by the Ministry.

(2) Every voluntary contributor under the Insurance Act who is a member of a society shall surrender his proper card to his society, or, if he is not a member of a society, shall forward it to the Ministry, at the times following, that is to say :—

(i) if he is a member of a society,

(a) upon being transferred from one society to another, in which case he shall surrender his card to the society to which he is transferred and that society shall transmit the card to the society from which he is transferred; and

(b) upon otherwise ceasing to be a member of a society;

(ii) whether he is or is not a member of a society,

(a) upon the card becoming defaced so as to be useless for the purpose for which it was intended;

(b) within seven days after the expiration of the period of currency of the card; and

(c) in the case of a woman who marries, upon her marriage.

Provided that where a deposit contributor becomes a member of a society, he shall, upon joining that society, surrender his card to the society and the society shall, if so required by the Ministry, transmit the card to the Ministry.

(3) Every voluntary contributor under the Pensions Act shall surrender his proper card to the Ministry within seven days after the expiration of the period of currency of the card or upon the card becoming defaced so as to be useless for the purposes for which it is intended.

PART IV.

Outworkers.

16.—In this part of these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby assigned to them :—

Interpretation.

“ year ” means a period comprising two successive periods of currency and beginning in June or July, as the case may be.

“ a unit of work ” means such amount of work as may be fixed under this part of these regulations for any class or classes of work in which an outworker is employed.

“ a class of outworkers ” means all outworkers employed by an employer in doing any particular class or classes of work.

Notices of
entry and
withdrawal

17.—(1) Any person who is the employer of an outworker may give a notice (in this part of these regulations called a "notice of entry") to the Ministry in the form set out in Part I of the Second Schedule to these regulations, or in such form to the like effect as may from time to time be approved by the Ministry, either in respect of all outworkers employed by him, or in respect of any class of outworkers employed by him, and where any such notice of entry is given, this part of these regulations shall, as from the day on which the notice takes effect, apply to all outworkers in respect of whom the notice is given, and subsection (1) of section 24 of the Insurance Act shall cease to apply to such outworkers during the currency of the notice.

(2) A notice of entry shall not without the consent of the Ministry take effect save from the first day of the period of currency next following, or be given less than fourteen days before it takes effect.

(3) An employer who has given a notice of entry may give a notice in writing (in this part of these regulations called a "notice of withdrawal") to the Ministry, that he desires that this part of these regulations shall no longer apply to the outworkers employed by him, or to any class of those outworkers; and where any such notice of withdrawal is given, this part of these regulations shall, as from the day on which the notice takes effect, cease to apply to all outworkers in respect of whom the notice is given.

(4) A notice of withdrawal shall be given not less than three months before the date specified therein as the date on which the notice is to take effect, but unless the Ministry by reason of any special circumstances otherwise directs, no such notice of withdrawal shall take effect except on the termination of a period of currency.

Payment of
contributions by
reference to work
done.

18.—(1) Where an employer has given a notice of entry in respect of an outworker, and the notice is still in force, that employer shall pay one contribution for each unit of work or part of a unit of work exceeding one-half done by the outworker during any period of currency, and such payments shall be irrespective of contributions paid by other employers in respect of the same outworker, whether under this part of these regulations or otherwise:

Provided that if in any year a number of contributions equal to the number of weeks in that year has been paid whether under this part of these regulations or otherwise no further contribution is required to be paid in that year.

(2) The contribution payable under this part of these regulations for each unit of work in respect of an outworker and the employer's and contributor's contributions, respectively, shall be the same as would be payable for each week, if this part of these regulations were not applicable to that outworker.

(3) Every contribution payable in respect of an outworker under this part of these regulations shall be paid by affixing to a proper card a stamp or stamps in the space indicated for that purpose.

19.—(1) Every employer who has given notice of entry shall as soon as he has ascertained the outworkers in respect of whom contributions are payable under this part of these regulations make application to the Ministry for the proper cards and inscribe thereon the name and address of the outworker to whom the card is issued and of the employer by whom the card is issued, and also the date of the first and last payment made by the employer during the period of currency.

Application
by employer
for proper
Card.

(2) No card issued by an employer under this part of these regulations shall be used for the payment of contributions otherwise than under this part of these regulations, or by an employer other than the employer by whom the card is issued.

20.—(1) The unit of work shall for the classes of work set out in the first column of Part II. of the Second Schedule to these regulations be an amount of work in respect of which the payment made to the outworker, after deduction of any expenses incurred by the outworker which are necessarily incidental to the work, is the sum set out in the second column of that part of that schedule :

Units of
Work.

Provided that if any outworker or any employer of an outworker gives notice to the Ministry in the form set out in Part III of the Second Schedule to these regulations, desiring it as respects any class of work, or any class of work done in a locality, specified in the notice, to vary the unit of work for the time being applicable to that class of work or to fix a unit for a class of work not included in the schedule, the Ministry may fix such a unit of work as it thinks fit for that class of work, and the unit of work so fixed shall be substituted for the unit of work specified in Part II of the Second Schedule to these regulations :

Provided also that on sufficient cause being shown the Ministry may vary any unit of work with respect to any class of work, or any class of work done in a locality, notwithstanding that such notice has not been given, and the units of work so fixed by the Ministry shall have effect as if fixed in pursuance of a notice under this regulation.

(2) In fixing units of work for any class of work, the Ministry shall have regard to the average amount of work done in a week by outworkers employed in full-time employment in that class of work : provided that where the work is of a seasonal nature, and subject to periodical fluctuation, the Ministry may have regard to the average amount of work done by a regularly employed outworker in a week in that class of work.

Number of contributions payable in a year.

21.—If in any year a number of contributions in excess of the number of weeks in that year has been paid whether under this part of these regulations or otherwise in respect of an outworker, the excess contributions shall, if the Ministry so directs, be carried forward to the credit of the outworker in the succeeding year.

Calculation of number of contributions.

22.—For the purpose of calculating the number of contributions paid by or in respect of any outworker to whom this part of these regulations applies and for the purposes of the Arrears Regulations and for the purposes of subsection (1) of section 144 of the Insurance Act, any contribution payable in respect of a unit of work shall be reckoned as if it were a contribution payable in respect of an employed contributor other than such an outworker and the outworker shall be deemed to have been unemployed for the number of weeks for which contributions are not payable in respect of him.

List of units of work to be posted up.

23.—(1) Every employer of outworkers who has given a notice of entry under this part of these regulations shall keep conspicuously posted in the place where he gives out articles or materials to outworkers, in such manner as to be seen by those outworkers, a notice in a form approved by the Ministry, containing a statement of the unit of work applicable to each class of work there given out, and a table of the rates of contributions payable.

(2) Every such employer shall keep a record in plain words and figures of the name and address of each outworker, of the class or classes of work given out to him, and of the amounts paid for each parcel of work given out in each class, together with the date of such payment.

Saving as to certain outworkers.

24.—Nothing in this part of these regulations shall apply to any outworker who does not himself in the ordinary course of his employment as an outworker do the greater part of the work given out to him.

25.—The provisions of this part of these regulations relating to the payment and collection of contributions shall not apply to any outworker not being an employed contributor.

Application of Parts II. and V. of regulations.

26.—Part II. and Part V. of these regulations, except in so far as they are inconsistent with this part, shall apply to the employment of an outworker by an employer who has given a notice of entry applicable to that outworker, as if a contribution payable under this part of these regulations were a weekly contribution.

PART V.

Employment by more than one Employer.

Employment by two or more employers.

27.—(1) Where any persons are ordinarily employed by two or more employers in a week, the employers, or any class or group of

the employers, of those persons may, if they think fit, submit to the Ministry a scheme for the payment of contributions under the Insurance Act in respect of those persons.

(2) Where the Ministry is satisfied that any scheme so submitted to it is such as to secure the due payment of the contributions payable under the Insurance Act in respect of every employed contributor to whom the scheme applies for every week during any part of which he is employed by any employer who is a party to the scheme, it may, if it thinks fit, approve the scheme.

(3) Any such scheme may make such modifications in these regulations as may be necessary to give effect to the arrangements made under the scheme.

(4) Where a scheme has been approved by the Ministry, the parties to the scheme who have employed any person to whom the scheme applies in the course of a week shall in respect of that week be deemed jointly to be the employer of that person for the purposes of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions.

28.—In the case of a person employed as an agent by two or more employers and paid by commission or fees or a share in the profits, or partly in one and partly in another of those ways, the employer in the employment on which the person employed as an agent is mainly dependent for his livelihood shall be deemed to be the employer of that person for the purposes of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions.

Employment
as agent by
two or more
employers.

29.—If an outworker during any week works on any articles or materials given out to him by an employer who has not given notice of entry in respect of him under Part IV of these regulations, that employer shall for the purpose of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions be deemed to be the employer of the outworker for that week, if at the time of the return of the work to the employer a contribution has not already been paid in respect of the outworker for that week by another employer who has not given notice of entry in respect of him under Part IV of these regulations.

Employment
as outworker
by two or
more
employers.

30.—Where any person is employed by two or more employers in any week and no one of those employers is the first person employing him in that week, then, unless the case is one for which other provision is expressly made by these regulations, that one of the employers who first makes a money payment to the person employed in respect of his employment in that week shall be deemed to be the employer of that person for the purpose of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions.

First
employer
during week.

Agreement
by grouped
employers.

31.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in this part of these regulations, where any one person is ordinarily employed by more than one employer in the week, the employers of that person may enter into an agreement for the payment of contributions in respect of that person in such form as the Ministry may approve, and where any such agreement is entered into between any such employers the following provisions shall have effect :—

- (a) Where in any week the person in respect of whom the agreement is made is, before any contribution has been paid in respect of him for that week, employed by an employer who is not a party to the agreement, that employer shall, for the purposes of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions, be deemed to be the employer of that person for that week ;
- (b) If in any week a contribution is payable by the employers who are parties to the agreement or by any of them, that contribution shall in the first such week be paid by that one of the parties to the agreement employing the contributor during that week whose signature to the agreement appears first in order, and in any subsequent week by that one of the parties to the agreement employing the contributor during that week whose signature to the agreement is next in succession to that of the person who paid the last weekly contribution payable by the parties to the agreement, and for this purpose the signatures of the parties shall be read in rotation, the first signature being deemed to be next in succession to the last and the signature of any person who does not employ the contributor during that week being disregarded ;
- (c) The employer whose duty it is to pay the contribution for any week shall be deemed to be the employer of the contributor for the purpose of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions ;
- (d) Any one of the parties to the agreement may, immediately after paying a contribution, but not at any other time, strike out his signature to the agreement and write his initials with the date opposite his signature, and upon so doing he shall cease to be a party to the agreement, and the contributor may, upon ceasing to be employed by any person who is a party to the agreement, strike out from the agreement the signature of that person, and on so doing shall write his own initials with the date opposite the signature so struck out ;
- (e) If at any time any other person employing or about to employ the contributor desires to become a party to the

agreement, he may, subject as hereinafter provided, affix his signature, with the date, at the end of the signatures appended to the agreement, and this part of these regulations shall thenceforth apply to him in like manner as if he had been an original party to the agreement :

Provided that where a contribution would be payable in any week in respect of the contributor by any such other person if that person did not become a party to the agreement, that person shall not be entitled to affix his signature as aforesaid unless and until he pays the contribution so payable.

(2) Employers desiring to enter into an agreement for the purposes of this part of these regulations shall enter their names and addresses in a book to be issued for the purpose by the Ministry and every such book shall be signed in each week by the employer paying the contribution in respect of that week.

(3) Upon the termination of the period specified in any such book, the agreement shall cease to be binding upon the employers, and any person having possession of the book shall forthwith return it to the Ministry.

32.—For the purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of section 24 of the Insurance Act in relation to contributions both under the Insurance Act and under the Pensions Act, no account shall be taken of a weekly contribution paid under the Pensions Act in respect of employment in an excepted employment to which paragraph (d) or (e) of subsection (1) of section 12 of the Pensions Act applies or of employment by an employer in such an excepted employment.

Contributions under S. 12 (1) (d) and (e) of Pensions Act.

PART VI.

Intermediate Employers.

33.—(1) Where a contributor engaged in any of the employments specified in the first column of the Third Schedule to these regulations works under the general control and management of the person specified in the corresponding entry in the second column of that Schedule, that person (in this part of these regulations called the principal employer) shall, notwithstanding that he is not the immediate employer of the contributor, be deemed to be the employer for the purposes of the provisions of the Insurance Act relating to the payment of contributions, and those provisions and Part II of these regulations shall be construed and have effect as if that person were the immediate employer of the contributor.

Intermediate employers.

(2) The principal employer shall be entitled to deduct the amount of any contribution paid by him on behalf of any contributor whose employer he is deemed to be by virtue of this part of these

regulations from any sums payable by him to the immediate employer in respect of the period or any part of the period for which the contribution has been paid, and upon any such contribution being so paid by the principal employer the immediate employer shall be entitled to recover from the contributor the like sum and in the like manner as if he had paid the contribution.

PART VII.

Contribution Cards, Record Cards and Benefit Records, and Miscellaneous Provisions.

Provisions as to issue, &c., of record cards.

34.—(1) The Ministry shall supply record cards for issue to insured persons for the purpose of recording particulars of contributions and arrears and such other matters as the Ministry may from time to time think fit, and the record cards for deposit contributors may, if the Ministry so determines, include a statement of the cost of benefits provided.

(2) Every society upon issuing a contribution card to any member not previously a contributor, or upon accepting any contributor as a member, shall thereupon enter on a record card such particulars as may from time to time be required by the Ministry, and shall issue that record card to that member :

Provided that if the Ministry is satisfied on the application of any society that for any reason it is desirable that record cards should not be issued by that society to its members or any class of its members, the Ministry may exempt that society from its obligation to issue record cards to its members, and where any society is so exempted these provisions shall not apply to the members of the society so exempted.

(3) Every society shall, at such times as the Ministry may require, enter on every record card coming into its possession such particulars as the Ministry may from time to time require.

(4) The Ministry shall issue a record card to every deposit contributor as soon as may be after the time when he becomes a deposit contributor.

(5) A contributor who loses his record card may make application to the society or the Ministry, as the case may require, and upon the receipt of that application the society or the Ministry shall, if satisfied that the record card has been lost, and upon payment by the contributor, if so required, of a sum not exceeding threepence, issue to him a new record card.

Surrender and deposit of record cards.

35.—(1) Every contributor shall deposit his record card with the society of which he is a member, or, if he is not a member of a society, with the Ministry—

- (i) upon surrendering his contribution card, and
- (ii) at all reasonable times when required so to do.

(2) The society or the Ministry, as the case may be, shall return the record card to the contributor as soon as may be after the deposit.

(3) Every contributor shall deposit his record card with the society of which he is a member or with the Ministry, as the case may be, upon the expiration of the period of currency thereof, and may so deposit his record card whenever it is so defaced as to be rendered useless for the purpose for which it is issued, and the society or the Ministry, as the case may be, shall issue to him a new record card, and shall, where the record card is deposited on the expiration of its period of currency, return the record card as soon as may be after the deposit :

Provided that in the case of a record card being defaced, the society or the Ministry may, before issuing a new record card, require the contributor to pay a sum not exceeding threepence.

(4) Where a contributor being a member of a society is transferred from one society to another society, he shall surrender his record card to the society to which he is transferred, and that society shall enter in a new record card such particulars as the Ministry may from time to time require, and shall issue to him that record card, and shall transmit to the society from which he is transferred the record card so surrendered.

(5) Where during the currency of a record card a deposit contributor becomes a member of a society he shall surrender his record card to the society and the society shall forward the record card to the Ministry.

36.—The two immediately preceding regulations (which relate to record cards) other than paragraph (5) of regulation 35, shall apply, so far as pensions insurance is concerned, to voluntary contributors under the Pensions Act in the same manner as they apply to deposit contributors.

Voluntary contributors under Pensions Act. Record Cards.

37.—(1) Upon the death of any insured person, any person having possession or thereafter obtaining possession of his card or record card, shall, as soon as may be, deliver the same to the society of which the deceased person was a member at the date of his death, or, if it is a card issued for the purposes of pensions insurance alone, or if it cannot be delivered to the society, or if he was not a member of a society, to the Ministry.

Miscellaneous provisions as to contribution cards and record cards.

(2) Any insured person, and any person having in his possession the card or record card of an insured person, shall produce it at any

reasonable time when required so to do by any officer appointed under the Insurance Act or duly authorised to act in the execution of that Act or the Pensions Act, and if so required shall deliver to such officer any such card or record card.

(3) This regulation shall, as far as may be, apply as respects an exempt person in like manner as it applies as respects an insured person.

Provisions
as to benefit
records.

38.—An insured person, being a member of a society, shall be entitled on making application therefor, to be furnished by his society with a statement of his benefit record (hereinafter referred to as a "benefit record"), and the society shall issue the benefit record accordingly :

Provided that an insured person shall not be so entitled if in the benefit year then current he has already been furnished with such a benefit record, unless he has in the meantime been in receipt of sickness or disablement benefit.

In the interpretation of this regulation the expression "benefit year" has the meaning assigned to it in the Arrears Regulations.

Contribu-
tion cards,
&c., not to
be assigned.

39.—(1) No person shall assign or charge or agree to assign or charge any card or record card or benefit record, and any sale, transfer, or assignment of, or any charge on, any card or record card or benefit record shall be void and of no effect, and no person shall deface or destroy a card or record card or alter or amend any of the figures or particulars (other than the address of the contributor) therein contained.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation a person who removes from a card a stamp which has been affixed thereto shall be deemed to have defaced that card.

Provisions
as to form
and supply of
cards, &c.

40.—All cards for the purposes of the Insurance Act, the Pensions Act or these regulations shall be in such form as may from time to time be approved by the Ministry, and all cards and record cards shall be supplied by the Ministry, and, save as otherwise expressly provided, shall be issued to insured persons without charge and no cards or record cards, other than those supplied by the Ministry, shall be issued to insured persons or used by any person for the purposes of the Insurance Act, or the Pensions Act, or of these regulations :

Provided that where a society desires to obtain for issue to members a supply of cards or record cards in excess of what the Ministry considers to represent the requirements of the society on the basis of the requirements of societies in general, the Ministry may, if it thinks fit, supply such excess and make such charge therefor as seems proper to it in the circumstances, and such charge may be debited to the society in the books of the Ministry.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS REVOKED:

The National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932 (S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1932, No. 105).

The National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933 (S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1933, No. 68).

The National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1934 (S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1934, No. 129).

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE.

FORM OF NOTICE BY EMPLOYER WHO PROPOSES TO ADOPT THE METHOD OF PAYING CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF OUTWORKERS EMPLOYED IN NORTHERN IRELAND BY REFERENCE TO THE AMOUNT OF WORK DONE, *i.e.*, THE "UNIT" METHOD.

TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

I hereby give notice that I desire to adopt the method of paying contributions, by reference to work done, *i.e.*, the "Unit" Method, in respect of all outworkers to whom the method is applicable, who are employed by me in Northern Ireland in the following class or classes of work.....

Number of Outworkers affected by this Notice:—

Male

Female

Signature

Address

Date

PART II.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE.

CLASSES OF WORK AND UNITS OF WORK APPLICABLE THERETO.

CLASSES OF WORK	UNIT OF EARNINGS. Work in respect of which is paid:—	
	£	s. d.
Aprons, Pinafores, and Overalls (Children's)	0	15 0
Buttonholing	1	0 0
Button Making (Linen)	0	12 0
Clipping	0	12 0

CLASSES OF WORK	UNIT OF EARNINGS. Work in respect of which is paid:—		
	£	s.	d.
Dicing	0	10	0
Fancy Drawn Thread Work	0	8	0
Hand Attaching Lace	0	12	0
Hand Embroidery	0	8	0
Hand Loom Damask Weaving	1	2	0
Hand Loom Cambric Weaving	0	14	0
Hand Loom Lawn and Cotton Weaving	0	18	0
Hand Loom Cotton and Wool and Cotton Weaving—			
Male Workers	1	0	0
Female Workers	0	12	0
Hemming and Hemstitching (Hand)	0	10	0
do. (Machine)	0	12	0
Lace Clipping	0	12	0
Nickelling	0	12	0
Paring	0	12	0
Pillow Case Making	0	18	6
Shirtmaking	0	19	6
Spoking or Sparring	0	12	0
Tailoring (Men)	1	17	0
do. (Women)	1	0	0
Thread Cutting	0	10	0
Thread Drawing	0	12	0
Topsewing and Overseaming	0	12	0
Turning Collars (Hand)	0	19	6
do. (Patent)	0	19	6
Underclothing (Ladies)	1	0	0
Vicifolding	0	18	6
Viennese Novelties	1	4	0
Other classes of work (Men)	0	15	0
do. (Women)	0	10	0

PART III.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE.

APPLICATION FOR AN AMENDED UNIT OF WORK FOR OUTWORKERS.

TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND,

I hereby claim that under the Regulations as to outworkers in Northern Ireland the units of work set out below should be fixed for ^{male} ~~female~~ outworkers employed in the classes of work stated.

Unit Claimed.

Class of Work.

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Signature

Address

Date

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Employment.

1. Employment in a coal mine within the meaning of the Coal Mines Act, 1911.

2. Employment in a metalliferous mine within the meaning of the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875.

3. Employment in a quarry under the Quarries Act (Northern Ireland), 1927.

4. Employment in a factory or workshop within the meaning of the Factory and Workshop Acts (Northern Ireland), 1901 to 1936, or any Act consolidating or amending those Acts (not being a tenement factory or workshop):

5. Employment in the trade of building or of the construction of works where the immediate employer of the contributor himself works wholly or mainly by way of manual labour in or for the business of the principal employer and where the principal employer has a right to the exclusive services of the immediate employer of the contributor.

6. Employment in a tenement factory or workshop within the meaning of the Factory and Workshop Acts (Northern Ireland), 1901 to 1936, or any Act consolidating or amending those Acts, where the owner of the factory or workshop has a right to the exclusive services of the immediate employer of the contributor.

Principal Employer.

1. The owner of the mine within the meaning of the said Act.

2. The owner of the mine within the meaning of the said Acts.

3. The occupier of the quarry for the purposes of the said Act, or if the owner of the quarry for the purposes of the said Act is in actual use or occupation of the whole or any part thereof for the purpose of getting minerals therefrom, the said owner.

4. The occupier of the factory or workshop.

5. The person in whose business or for the purposes of whose business the contributor is employed.

6. The owner of the factory or workshop.

For the purposes of paragraph 5 of this Schedule "building" means the construction, alteration, repair, decoration, or demolition of buildings, including the manufacture of any fittings of wood of a kind commonly made in builders' workshops or yards, and "construction of works" means the construction, reconstruction, or alteration of railroads, docks, harbours, canals, embankments, bridges, piers or other works of construction.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 24th day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

(L.S.)

KENNETH CURTIS,

Deputy-Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 24th day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

(L.S.)

H. CONACHER,
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Dental Benefit.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (DENTAL BENEFIT) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938, DATED AUGUST 29, 1938, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1936.

1938. No. 114.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, acting jointly with the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938.

2.—On and after the first day of September, 1938, the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933(a), shall be read and have effect as if in the Second Schedule thereto, as amended by the National Health Insurance (Dental Benefit) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936(b), a fee of 7s. 6d. were substituted for the fee of 5s. 0d. for scaling and treatment of the gums.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this twenty-ninth day of August, Nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

(L.S.)

E. C. MOFFREY,
Secretary, National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this twenty-ninth day of August, Nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

(L.S.)

W. A. B. ILIFF,
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

(a) S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1933. No. 132.

(b) S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1936. No. 17.