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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990**

Made 14th March 1990

Coming into operation 6th April 1990

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 126 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and Article 3 of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1990.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(c).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1978(d) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to an Act of the United Kingdom Parliament.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 7 (lower and upper earnings limits for Class 1 contributions)—

(a) for “6th April 1989” there shall be substituted “6th April 1990”;

(b) for “£43” and “£325” there shall be substituted respectively “£46” and “£350”.

(3) In regulation 115D(1)(b) (special provisions as to residence, rate, annual maximum and method of payment in respect of volunteer development workers) for “10 per cent. of the current lower earnings limit” there shall be

(a) 1975 c. 15

(b) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15); Article 3(1) was amended by paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1209 (N.I. 16)) and Article 3(2) was amended by Article 75(4) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18)). Definitions in Schedule 17 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 apply, by virtue of Article 2(3) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, to the exercise of certain powers conferred under that Order

(c) S.R. 1979 No. 186; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1980 No. 463, S.R. 1986 No. 71 and S.R. 1989 Nos. 70 and 384

(d) 1978 c. 30

substituted "7 per cent. of the lower earnings limit of the year in which falls the week in respect of which the contribution is paid".

Revocations

3. Regulation 2(2) of the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(a) and regulation 3(9)(a) of the Social Security (Contributions) (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(b) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 14th March 1990.

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A. N. Burns

Assistant Secretary

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- (a) S.R. 1989 No. 70
(b) S.R. 1989 No. 384

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 ("the principal regulations"). They correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Regulation 2 amends regulations 7 and 115D of the principal regulations.

In regulation 7 of the principal regulations the weekly lower and upper earnings limits for Class 1 contributions for the tax year beginning on 6th April 1990 are increased from £43 to £46 and £325 to £350 respectively (regulation 2(2)).

In regulation 115D of the principal regulations the weekly rate of any Class 2 contributions payable by volunteer development workers is decreased from 10 per cent. to 7 per cent. of the lower earnings limit. For the tax year beginning on 6th April 1990 the weekly rate of Class 2 contributions in respect of volunteer development workers will be £3·22 instead of £4·30 (regulation 2(3)).

Regulation 3 contains revocations.