

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.**Deposit Contributors Amendment Regulations.**

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE,
AND BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND,
ACTING JOINTLY, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1924 AND 1926.

1926. No. 110.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, and in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1924 and 1926, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1926, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Regulations”) and these Regulations and the principal Regulations may be cited together as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 and 1926.

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided these Regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 31st day of March, 1926.

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“The Pensions Act” means the Widows’, Orphans’ and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925. (15 & 16 Geo. 5. Ch. 23).

“Contribution Year” has the same meaning as in the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924. (S. R. & O. 1924, No. 1545).

(2) Notwithstanding that certain provisions of these Regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation as from dates prior to the date of these Regulations nothing herein contained shall warrant any claim for the repayment by any person of any sum paid to that person in respect of benefit if such payment were made in accordance with the Regulations in force at the time.

3. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 4 of the principal Regulations:—

4. The provisions of Section 3 of the Act (other than proviso (a) to subsection (1) thereof) shall apply to a

deposit contributor as they apply to a member of any Society subject to the following adaptations and modifications:—

- (1) Subject as hereinafter provided, a deposit contributor, who being an employed contributor ceases to be employed shall for all purposes be treated as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever first occurs, next after the expiration of a period of eighteen months from the end of the contribution week in which he ceased to be employed, and a deposit contributor, who being a voluntary contributor ceases to pay contributions, shall be treated for all purposes as if he were a voluntary contributor insured under the Act until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever first occurs next after the expiration of a period of eighteen months from the end of the contribution week in respect of which the last contribution paid by him as a voluntary contributor was paid; and the provisions of subsection (4) of Section 12 of the Act as modified in its application to Northern Ireland by subsection (9) of Section 120 of the Act with respect to sanatorium benefit continuing for a period after a person ceases to be insured shall not apply to a deposit contributor:

Provided that—

- (i) a deposit contributor, who being an employed contributor, or treated as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act is receiving such training as is referred to in proviso (b) to subsection (1) of Section 3 aforesaid shall remain an insured person until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever first occurs, next after the expiration of six months from the date on which he ceased to receive such training or until the date on which he would have ceased to be an insured person had he not undergone such training, whichever date is the later; and
- (ii) a voluntary contributor who, under sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the Pensions Act ceases to be entitled to pay contributions shall be treated as remaining an insured person for a period of twelve months beyond the date before specified.
- (2) In calculating, for the purposes of Section 3 aforesaid as applied to deposit contributors, the first period of twelve months included in the period during which a deposit contributor is, under the foregoing provisions, treated as insured on ceasing to be employed or to

pay contributions as a voluntary contributor, no account shall be taken of any period during which the deposit contributor is proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry to have been rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement or of any period after he has attained the age of 70, or in the case of a woman who is an insured person of the period of four weeks after her confinement, and the period of twelve months aforesaid, calculated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph is hereinafter referred to as "the free period of full insurance."

- (3) A deposit contributor shall cease to be entitled to sickness benefit, disablement benefit and maternity benefit as from the expiration of the free period of full insurance :

Provided that if a deposit contributor becomes employed within the meaning of the Act, after the expiration of that period and before he ceases to be insured, he shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, as from the date he becomes so employed again become entitled to sickness benefit, disablement benefit and maternity benefit as if his right to these benefits had not ceased.

- (4) In the case of an employed contributor ceasing to be a deposit contributor on becoming a member of a Society or of an employed contributor having been a member of a Society and becoming a deposit contributor, and no contributions having been paid in respect of him for the contribution half-year in which he was admitted to membership of the Society or became a deposit contributor, as the case may be, the week preceding the first week of the contribution half-year in which he was admitted to membership or in which he became a deposit contributor, as the case may be, shall for the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 3 aforesaid be treated as the week in which he was last employed.
- (5) The provisions of Section 3 as applied as aforesaid shall, notwithstanding anything in Section 56 of the Act, apply to every woman being an insured person and a deposit contributor who ceases to be employed or to be a voluntary contributor whether on marriage or at any other time, so however that, in the case of a woman who was an insured person at the date of her marriage, she shall be entitled to a maternity benefit in respect of her first confinement within two years of the date of her marriage whether or not she is then an insured person.

4: Article 5 of the principal Regulations (which sets out subsection (4) of Section 7 of the Act as applied, with adaptations and modifications, to deposit contributors) shall have effect as if for the words "the expiration of the contribution half-year next but one succeeding that" there were substituted the words "the 30th day of November next succeeding the contribution year."

5. Nothing contained in Article 12 of the principal Regulations shall entitle a person to sanatorium benefit after the date on which he ceases to be an insured person under these Regulations and the provisions of Articles 12 and 13 of the principal Regulations shall apply with the necessary modifications in the case of a person whose title to sanatorium benefit ceases in the course of a benefit year or benefit half-year.

6. As from and after the 1st day of January, 1927, the following Article shall be substituted for Article 14 of the principal Regulations :—

14. The provisions of Section 2 of the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, shall apply as respects deposit contributors in like manner as they apply as respects members of a Society :

Provided that the sums payable in respect of deposit contributors for the purpose of meeting the cost of medical certification shall be at the rate of two shillings per annum.

7. As from the 1st day of April, 1926, the following Article shall be substituted for Article 15 of the principal Regulations :—

15.—(1) The annual sum which may be charged to the account of each deposit contributor for each benefit year in respect of the expenses of administering benefits shall be at the annual rate of five shillings and sixpence in the case of men and five shillings and twopence in the case of women :

Provided that nothing shall be charged to an account of a person who has attained the age of 70 before the first day of April in any year.

(2) There shall be payable towards the cost of medical certification a sum at the rate of two shillings per annum, and towards the expenses incurred by Committees in the administration of benefits of deposit contributors a sum at the rate of two shillings and threepence per annum ; and after deducting the proper proportion of these sums from the amount chargeable to the Fund under paragraph (1) of this Article the balance shall be paid to the Exchequer towards the expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Ministry in the administration of the benefits of deposit contributors.

(3) For the purpose of determining the amounts payable out of the Fund in any year on account of sanatorium.

benefit and administration, the number of deposit contributors and the number of such contributors entitled to sanatorium benefit in any year shall be determined in such manner as the Ministry thinks fit.

8. Paragraph (1) of Article 13 of the principal Regulations shall be read and have effect subject to the following amendments :—

- (a) the words “ or the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Prolongation of Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S. R. & O. of N.I. 1925, No. 151), ” shall be inserted immediately after the word “ Regulations ” ; and
- (b) the words “ or other period ” shall be inserted immediately after the words “ benefit half-year ” and “ said year or half-year.”

9. As from the 1st day of January, 1926, Article 14 (2) of the principal Regulations shall be deemed to have had effect as if for the words “ seven-ninths ” there were substituted the words “ in the case of a man six-sevenths and in the case of a woman four-fifths.”

10. The time within which, under subsection (4) of Section 38 of the Pensions Act, a Deposit Contributor, being an employed contributor who had, on attaining the age of sixty in the case of a man or fifty-five in the case of a woman, been continuously insured for a period of ten years, or since the 15th day of July, 1912, whichever period is the shorter, may pay contributions in respect of any period of unemployment as if he were a voluntary contributor shall be any time before the 30th day of November following the Contribution Year in which the unemployment occurred, and the conditions subject to which he may pay such contributions shall be :—

“ (i) that the number of contributions so paid, together with the number of weeks of employment in respect of which contributions have been paid and weeks in respect of which he has satisfied the Ministry that he was incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement shall not in any contribution year exceed twenty-six ; and

“ (ii) that in any contribution year for which he may have paid contributions as a voluntary contributor, contributions shall not in his case for the purposes of any Regulations made under paragraph (c) of Section 8 of the Pensions Act be deemed to have been paid in respect of any period of unemployment except unemployment owing to incapacity for work due to some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement.”

11. The provisions of Article 9 of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924, shall apply to a deposit contributor as they apply to a member of a Society.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 2nd day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(L.S.) W. F. Wackerill,
Secretary to the National Health
Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(L.S.) H. Conacher,
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour
for Northern Ireland.

(Teachers) Order.

MADE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ACTING JOINTLY UNDER PARAGRAPH (h) OF PART II. OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1924 (14 AND 15 GEO. V., C. 38).

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland acting jointly in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph (h) of Part II. of the First Schedule to the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, and the National Health Insurance (Joint Committee) Regulations, 1924, hereby make the following Order :—

1. This Order may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Teachers) Order (Northern Ireland), 1926.
2. The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

This Order having lain before both Houses of Parliament for 10 days in accordance with Section 4 (1) of the Rules Publication Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, duly came into force.