Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 7

PART II

CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS

[F1 Incapacity benefit]

[F1 30C Incapacity benefit: days and periods of incapacity for work.

(1) For the purposes of any provisions of this Act relating to incapacity benefit, subject to the following provisions and save as otherwise expressly provided—

(a) a day of incapacity for work means a day on which a person is incapable of work;

(b) a period of incapacity for work means a period of 4 or more consecutive days, each of which is a day of incapacity for work; and

(c) any two such periods not separated by a period of more than 8 weeks shall be treated as one period of incapacity for work.

(2) Any day which falls within the maternity allowance period (as defined in section 35(2) below) shall be treated for the purposes of any provision of this Act relating to incapacity benefit as a day of incapacity for work unless the woman is disqualified for receiving a maternity allowance for that day by virtue of regulations under section 35(3)(a) below.

(3) Regulations may make provision (subject to the preceding provisions of this section) as to the days which are or are not to be treated as days of incapacity for work for the purposes of any provision of this Act relating to incapacity benefit.

(4) Regulations may provide—

(a) that paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above shall have effect as if the reference there to 4 consecutive days were to such lesser number of days, whether

Changes to legislation: *Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, Section 30C is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

consecutive or not, within such period of consecutive days as may be specified in the regulations; and

(b) that paragraph (c) of that subsection shall have effect as if for the reference to 8 weeks there were substituted a reference to such larger number of weeks as may be specified in the regulations.

[[F2](5) Where a person claims the higher rate of short-term incapacity benefit, or long-term incapacity benefit, under section 30A above for a period commencing after he has ceased to be in qualifying remunerative work (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Tax Credits Act 2002) and—

(a) the day following that on which he so ceased was a day of incapacity for work for him,

(b) he has been entitled to the higher rate of short-term incapacity benefit, or to long-term incapacity benefit, under section 30A above within the period of two years ending with that day of incapacity for work, and

(c) he satisfied the relevant tax credit conditions on the day before he so ceased,

every day during that period on which he satisfied those conditions is to be treated for the purposes of the claim as a day of incapacity for work for him.

(5A) A person satisfies the relevant tax credit conditions on a day if—

(a) he is entitled for the day to the disability element of working tax credit (on a claim made by him or by him jointly with another) or would be so entitled but for the fact that the relevant income (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Tax Credits Act 2002) in his or their case is such that he is not so entitled, and

(b) either working tax credit or any element of child tax credit other than the family element is paid in respect of the day on such a claim.**]**

(6) Where—

(a) a person becomes engaged in training for work; and

(b) he was entitled to the higher rate of short-term incapacity benefit, or to long-term incapacity benefit under section 30A above, for one or more of the 56 days immediately before he became so engaged; and

(c) the first day after he ceases to be so engaged is for him a day of incapacity for work and falls not later than the end of the period of two years beginning with the last day for which he was entitled to such benefit,

any day since that day in which he was engaged in training for work shall be treated for the purposes of any claim for such benefit for a period commencing after he ceases to be so engaged as having been a day of incapacity for work.

In this subsection "training for work" means training for work in pursuance of arrangements made under section 1(1) of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 or training of such other description as may be prescribed.

(7) For the purposes of this section "week" means any period of 7 days.**]**

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 30C-30E inserted (21.11.1994 for the purpose of making regulations and 13.4.1995 otherwise) by S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12), **art. 5(1)**; S.R. 1994/450, art. 2(b), **Sch. Pt. II**

F2 S. 30C(5)(5A) substituted for s. 30C(5) (6.4.2003) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), s. 61, **Sch. 3 para. 37**; S.I. 2003/962, art. 2(3)(d)(iii)

Changes to legislation: *Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, Section 30C is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 30C modified (31.3.2003) by The Tax Credits Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/962), **art. 5(2)**

C2 S. 30C modified (1.7.1998) by S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10), **arts. 1(3)**, 73(8)(b)

Changes to legislation:
Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, Section 30C is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 30A-30E repealed by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 3(5)Sch. 8

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act modified by S.R. 2019/211 art. 2(2)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Affecting Order revoked (19.12.2020) without ever being in force by S.R. 2020/347, arts. 1(1), 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 167ZZ10(5) inserted by 2022 c. 5 (N.I.) s. 4 Sch. Pt. 2 para. 38
- s. 4C(5)(i)(j) repealed by 2008 c. 1 (N.I.) Sch. 4 para. 41(3)(c)Sch. 6 Pt. 7
- s. 5A para. 2 sum modified by S.R. 2022/231 art. 4(4)
- s. 11A(1)(eb) inserted by 2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 14 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The existing section 11A of Act repealed by paragraph 4(2) of the Schedule to the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Act 2023 (c. 57))
- s. 30B(3)(b) word substituted by S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I.) Sch. 2 Pt. 3 para. 14(b)
- s. 30B(4)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 9 para. 3
- s. 30B(4)(aa) word repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 8
- s. 35(1)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(2)(a)
- s. 35(3)(za) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(2)(b)
- s. 45(2A)(a) words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 1(3)(b)
- s. 45(2A)(b) substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 1(3)(c)
- s. 46(5)(6) added by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(3)
- s. 46(5)(a) words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 2
- s. 47(4A) inserted by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 81(6)
- s. 83A substituted for ss. 83, 84 by S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I.) Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. 2
- s. 83A(1) words substituted by 2004 c. 33 Sch. 24 para. 90(a)
- s. 83A(2) words inserted by 2004 c. 33 Sch. 24 para. 90(b)
- s. 83A(3) words inserted by 2004 c. 33 Sch. 24 para. 90(b)
- s. 123(1)(ea) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 65(2)(a)
- s. 123(1)(ga) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 5(1)(a)
- s. 123(1C) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 65(2)(b)
- s. 123(6A)(6B) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 5(1)(b)
- s. 123A inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 65(3)
- s. 123A transfer of functions by S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 4 Pt. 1
- s. 123A(2) words omitted by S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 6 para. 38
- s. 123A(4)(b) words omitted by S.R. 2016/76 Sch. 6 para. 38
- s. 129B-129F inserted (temp. until 31.12.2010) by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 31(1)
- s. 134(2A) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 15(2)
- s. 136(4)(ca) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 15(6)
- s. 136(4A) inserted by 2010 c. 13 (N.I.) s. 15(7)
- s. 146(2A) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 3(c)
- s. 160(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(3)(a)
- s. 160(9)(da) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(3)(b)
- s. 167ZA(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(4)(a)
- s. 167ZA(3A) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(4)(b)
- s. 167ZB(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(5)(a)

- s. 167ZB(3A) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(5)(b)
- s. 167ZE(2A) inserted by 2015 c. 1 (N.I.) s. 12(3)(b)
- s. 167ZE(2B) inserted by 2015 c. 1 (N.I.) s. 12(3)(c)
- s. 167ZL(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(6)(a)
- s. 167ZL(8)(za) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(6)(c)
- s. 167ZU(2)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(2)
- s. 167ZU(4)(da) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(3)
- s. 167ZW(2)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(4)
- s. 167ZW(4)(da) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 69(5)
- s. 167ZY(5) words repealed by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 5
- s. 167ZZ9(2)(ba) inserted by 2022 c. 5 (N.I.) s. 4 Sch. Pt. 2 para. 37
- s. 169A inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(7)
- s. 172(4B) inserted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(4)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2 repealed by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8
- Sch. 4 Pt. 1 para. 2A repealed by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8
- Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 1A repealed by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8
- Sch. 4 Pt. 4 para. 2 repealed by 2007 c. 2 (N.I.) Sch. 8
- Sch. 4C inserted by 2008 c. 13 (N.I.) Sch. 2
- Sch. 4C para. 7(2)(c) inserted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(7)(b)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(3) inserted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(8)
- Sch. 4C para. 3 omitted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(3)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(2)(b) word inserted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(7)(a)
- Sch. 4C para. 1 words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(2)
- Sch. 4C para. 2 words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(2)
- Sch. 4C para. 5(b) words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(4)
- Sch. 4C para. 6 words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(5)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(4)
- Sch. 4C para. 7(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 6(6)
- Sch. 5 para. 000A1(4) omitted by 2012 c. 3 (N.I.) Sch. 2 para. 3(2)
- Sch. 11 para. 2(i) inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(8)(a)
- Sch. 11 para. 9 inserted by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) art. 68(8)(b)