

National Insurance Contributions Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 7

Application of general anti-abuse rule to national insurance contributions

10 GAAR to apply to national insurance contributions

(1) In Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 (general anti-abuse rule)—

- (a) references to tax, other than in references to particular taxes, include national insurance contributions, and
- (b) references to a charge to tax include a liability to pay national insurance contributions.
- (2) Section 206(3) of that Act (list of taxes to which the general anti-abuse rule applies) has effect as if it included a reference to national insurance contributions.
- (3) Section 207 of that Act (meaning of "tax arrangements" and "abusive") has effect as if, in subsection (4)(a), after "income," there were inserted "earnings (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or Part 1 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992),".
- (4) Adjustments to be made in respect of national insurance contributions under section 209 of the Finance Act 2013 (counteracting the tax advantages) may be made by a notice given under paragraph 12 of Schedule 43 to that Act (notice of final decision) [^{F1}, paragraph 8 or 9 of Schedule 43A to that Act (pooling of tax arrangements: notice of final decision) or paragraph 8 of Schedule 43B to that Act (generic referral of arrangements: notice of final decision)].
- (5) For the purposes of section 210 of that Act (consequential relieving adjustments)—
 - (a) if a claim under that section relates to Class 4 national insurance contributions, Schedule 1A to the Taxes Management Act 1970 (as that Schedule applies in relation to such contributions) applies to it, and
 - (b) if a claim under that section relates to any other class of national insurance contributions, it must be made in such form and manner, and contain such information, as HMRC may require.
- (6) Adjustments to be made in respect of national insurance contributions under that section may be made by a notice given under subsection (7) of that section.

- [^{F2}(6A) Where, by virtue of this section, a case falls within paragraph 4A of Schedule 43 to the Finance Act 2013 (referrals of single schemes: relevant corrective action) or paragraph 4 of Schedule 43A to that Act (pooled schemes: relevant corrective action)—
 - (a) the person ("P") mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph takes the "relevant corrective action" for the purposes of that paragraph if (and only if)—
 - (i) in a case in which the tax advantage in question can be counteracted by making a payment to HMRC, P makes that payment and notifies HMRC that P has done so, or
 - (ii) in any case, P takes all necessary action to enter into an agreement in writing with HMRC for the purpose of relinquishing the tax advantage, and
 - (b) accordingly, sub-paragraphs (2) to (8) of that paragraph do not apply.]
 - (7) This section has effect in relation to tax arrangements (within the meaning of Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 as modified by this section) entered into on or after the day on which this Act is passed.
 - (8) Subsections (9) and (10) apply where the tax arrangements—
 - (a) would not have been tax arrangements but for the modifications made by this section, and
 - (b) form part of other arrangements entered into before the day on which this Act is passed.
 - (9) The other arrangements are to be ignored for the purposes of section 207(3) of the Finance Act 2013, subject to subsection (10).
 - (10) Account is to be taken of the other arrangements for the purposes of that section if, as a result, the tax arrangements would not be abusive.
 - (11) In this section—

"abusive", "arrangements" [F3 , "HMRC" and "tax advantage"] have the same meaning as in Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013 [F4 (as modified by this section)];

"national insurance contributions" means contributions under either Part 1 of SSCBA 1992 or Part 1 of SSCB(NI)A 1992.

[^{F5}(12) See section 10A for further modifications of Part 5 of the Finance Act 2013.]

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in s. 10(4) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 157(30) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2016 (c. 24), s. 157(13)
- F2 S. 10(6A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 157(30) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2016 (c. 24), s. 157(14)
- **F3** Words in s. 10(11) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 157(30) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2016 (c. 24), s. 157(15)(a)
- F4 Words in s. 10(11) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 157(30) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2016 (c. 24), s. 157(15)(b)
- F5 S. 10(12) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 157(30) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2016 (c. 24), s. 157(16)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014, Section 10.