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CHAPTER 36:01

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

An Act to establish a system of National Insurance and Social Security providing Pecuniary Payments by way of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Funeral Benefit, and to substitute for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, a system of insurance against injury or death caused by accident arising out of and in the course of employment or resulting from disease due to the nature of employment; to establish a National Insurance Fund; and to provide for matters connected with or incidental thereto.

15 of 1969

*[All Sections except Section 19 (2) ... 29th September, 1969
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PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security Act, and subject to Section 19 (3), shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*. **Short title.**

2. In this Act-

"The Administration" means the Co-operative Finance Administration, established by Section 3 of the Co-operative Financial Institutions Act.

Interpretation
[14 of 1971
9 of 1981
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"Appointed Day" means the day appointed under Section 1, for the purpose of bringing this Act into operation.

"Benefit" means Benefit which is payable under this Act.

"The Board" means the National Insurance Board, established by Section 3.

"Contribution" means a Contribution payable, pursuant to this Act.

"Insurance Stamp" means the Card issued by the Board, for the purpose of the payment of Contributions by means of Insurance Stamps affixed thereto.

"Contribution Period" means the prescribed period, in respect of which a Contribution is payable.

"Declared Day" means the day declared under Section 19 (3), for the purpose of bringing Subsection (2) of that Section into operation.

"Disease" includes Personal Injury not caused by Accident, and any condition which has resulted from a Disease or Personal Injury.

"Employed Person" means any person who is insured under this Act, by virtue of Section 11 (1).

"The Fund" means the National Insurance Fund, established by Section 33.

"Incapable Of Work" means incapable of work, by reason of some specific Disease or Bodily or Mental Disablement, or deemed in accordance with Regulations to be so incapable.

"Insurable Employment" means, subject to Section 11 (2), any employment specified in the Schedule.

"Insured Person" means a person insured under this Act.

"Insurance Stamp" means any Label, Stamp or Device for denoting the payment of Contributions issued, pursuant to this Act.

"Loss Of Faculty" means the partial or total loss of the normal use of an Organ or part of the Body, or the destruction or impairment of any bodily or mental function (including disfigurement, whether or not accompanied by any actual loss of function).

"Prescribed" means prescribed by Regulations.

"Self-employed Person" means a person gainfully occupied in employment in Guyana, and is not an Employed Person.

"Wages" includes Salary or any other Pecuniary Remuneration as may be prescribed.

PART II

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE BOARD

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| <p>3. (1) There is established, for the purpose of this Act, a Body to be called the National Insurance Board.</p> | <p>Establishment and
Constitution of the
National Insurance
Board</p> |
| <p>(2) The Board shall consist of the following members, namely:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) A Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Minister.</p> | <p>[14 of 1971]
[9 of 1981]</p> |

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- (b) The General Manager of the Board, Ex-officio, who shall be the Deputy Chairman.
- (c) Seven other members appointed by the Minister, from among persons appearing to him to be qualified as having experience of, and shown capacity in, such matters which he considers will be beneficial to the functioning of the Board.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Term of Office and other Conditions of Appointment of the members of the Board, other than the General Manager of the Board, shall be such as may be determined by the Minister.
- (4) The Board shall function, subject to the supervision and control of the Administration.
4. (1) The Board shall be a Body Corporate. **Incorporation**
- (2) Service upon the Board of any Notice, Order or other document of whatsoever kind, shall be executed by delivering the same to, or sending it by Registered Post, addressed to the Chairman, at the Principal Office of the Board.
5. (1) The Seal of the Board shall be kept in the custody of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or such Officer of the Board as the Board may approve, and may be affixed to Instruments pursuant to a Resolution of the Board, and in the presence of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman and one other member. **Affixing of seal and Authentication of Documents.**
- (2) The Seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or Deputy Chairman and such other member, and such Seal shall be officially and judicially noticed.
6. (1) The Board shall meet at such times as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of business, and such meetings shall be held at such places and times, and on such days as the Board may determine. **Meeting of the Board and Procedure. [14 of 1971]**
- (2) The Chairman or, in the event of his being absent from Guyana or for any reason whatsoever unable to act, the Deputy Chairman, may at any time call a special meeting of the Board, and shall call a special meeting within seven days of a Requisition for that purpose, addressed to him in writing by any four members.

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- (3) The Chairman or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (4) The Chairman or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman, and four other members shall form a Quorum.
- (5) The decision of the Board shall be by a majority of votes, and in addition to an Original Vote, in any case in which the voting is equal, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting shall have a Casting Vote.
- (6) Minutes, in the proper form of each meeting, shall be kept by such Officer of the Board as the Board may appoint for the purpose, and shall be confirmed by the Board at the next meeting, and signed by the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman as the case may be.
- (7) The Board may co-opt any one or more persons to attend any particular meeting of the Board, for the purpose of assisting or advising the Board in any matter with which the Board is dealing, but no co-opted person shall have the right to vote.
- (8) The Secretary of the Administration is entitled to receive notices of all meetings of the Board, and to attend thereat without the right to vote, and he is entitled to be furnished with copies of the records of the proceedings at the meetings, showing the matters discussed and the conclusions reached by the Board thereat.
- (9) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board has the power to regulate its own proceedings.
7. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may appoint such Committees of the Board as the Board shall think fit: **Power to appoint Committees.**
- Provided that any Committee so appointed, shall include not less than two members of the Board, and may include persons who are not members of the Board.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Constitution and Functions of a Committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may delegate to any member or Committee or Officer or Employee of the Board, the power to carry out on its behalf, such functions as the Board may determine. **Power to Delegate**

- (2) Every delegation under this Section, shall be revocable by the Board, and no delegation shall prevent the exercise, by the Board, of any function.

9. The Board shall pay-

- (a) To each member, in respect of his Office as such, such Remuneration and Allowances (if any) as the Administration may determine, and to the Chairman and to the Deputy Chairman, in respect of his Office as such, such Remuneration and Allowance (if any), in addition to any Remuneration or Allowances to which he may be entitled, in respect of his Office as a member, as may be so determined.
- (b) To any person co-opted under Section 6 (7), and to any person not being a member of the Board, serving on a Committee appointed under Section 7, such Remuneration and Allowances (if any) as the Board, with the approval of the Administration may, by resolution Declare.

Remuneration of members, co-opted persons and committee members
[14 of 1971]
[9 of 1981]

10. (1) No act done, or Proceedings taken under this Act, shall be questioned on the ground-

- (a) Of the existence of any vacancy in the membership, or any defect in the Constitution of the Board; or
- (b) Of any omission, defect or irregularity not affecting the merits of the case.

Protection of Board and its Members.

- (2) No Action, Suit, Prosecution or other proceedings shall be brought or instituted personally against any member of the Board, in respect of any act done bona fide in pursuance or execution or intended execution of this Act.
- (3) Where any member of the Board is exempt from liability by reason only of the provisions of this Section, the Board shall be liable to the extent that it would be if such member was a Servant or Agent of the Board.

PART III**INSURED PERSONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

11. (1) Subject to this Act, every person who on or after the appointed day is-

Persons to be insured.

(a) Sixteen years of age or over and under sixty years of age; and

[11 of 1977]

(b) Gainfully occupied in Insurable Employment,

shall be insured under this Act, and shall remain so insured for life.

(2) Regulations may provide-

(a) For treating as employment as an Employed Person, any employment outside Guyana, in continuation of any Insurable Employment.

(b) For treating as not being employment as an Employed Person, or for disregarding:

(i) Employment, which in the opinion of the Minister is of a casual or subsidiary nature, or in which the person concerned is engaged only to an inconsiderable extent.

(ii) Employment in the service, or for the purpose of the trade or business, or as a Partner, of a Relative of the person concerned.

(iii) Employment by a Relative in the common home of the person concerned, and the Employer.

(iv) Such employment in the service of, or in the service of a person employed with such International Organizations or Countries other than Guyana, as may be prescribed.

(c) For treating, for the purposes of this Act or of such provisions thereof as may be prescribed, the employment of any person as:

(i) Continuing during periods of holiday, incapacity for work or or such other circumstances as may be prescribed.

(ii) Ceasing in such circumstances as may be prescribed.

- 12.** The Minister may, by Regulations provide for the insurance under this Act of Self-employed Persons, of persons under sixteen years of age, and of persons sixty years or upwards, in respect of any of the several Contingencies, in relation to which Benefits are provided under this Act, and any such Regulations may provide for such modifications of the provisions of this Act, or may make such other provision as may be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to this Section.
- Insurance of self-employed persons, of persons under sixteen years of age and of sixty years or upwards.**
[11 of 1977]
- 13. (1)** For the purposes of this Act, Contributions shall, subject to this Act, be payable by Insured Persons and by Employers.
- Source of funds**
- (2)** Regulations shall provide for fixing, from time to time, the Rates of Contribution to be paid by such different categories of Insured Persons and Employers, as may be prescribed.
- 14.** Regulations may provided for-
- Exceptions from liability for, and crediting of contributions.**
- (a)** Excepting Insured Persons from Liability to pay Contributions, for such periods as may be prescribed, or without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing for periods:
- (i)** Of incapacity for work; or
- (ii)** Of full time Unpaid Apprenticeship.
- (b)** Crediting Contributions to Insured Persons for periods for which such persons are exempted from liability to pay Contributions, under Paragraph (a).
- 15. (1)** Any Insured Person who is not liable to pay Contributions under this Act, shall be entitled, on making Application to the Board within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed, to receive a Certificate of Voluntary Insurance if he satisfies the prescribed conditions.
- Voluntary Contributions.**
- (2)** An Insured Person holding a Certificate of Voluntary Insurance, granted under Subsection (1), may pay, within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed, the Contribution, at the prescribed Rate for any Contribution Period in which he is not liable to pay a Contribution under this Act as an Insured Person, and Regulations may prescribe the circumstances in which such a Certificate may be cancelled, in default of payment of Contributions within the prescribed time.
- 16. (1)** Except where Regulations otherwise provide, an Employer liable to pay a
- Contributions of**

Contribution in respect of a person employed by him shall, in the first instance, be liable to pay also on behalf of and to the exclusion of such person, any Contribution payable by such person for the same Contribution Period, and for the purposes of this Act, Contributions so paid by an Employer on behalf of such person shall be deemed to be Contributions by such person.

**employed persons
and employers.**

- (2) Notwithstanding any Contract to the contrary, an Employer shall not be entitled to deduct from the wages of a person employed by him or otherwise, to recover from such person the Contribution of the Employer in respect of such person.
- (3) An Employer shall be entitled, subject to and in accordance with Regulations, to recover from a person employed by him, the amount of any Contribution paid or to be paid by him on behalf of such person, and notwithstanding anything in any Enactment, such Regulations may authorize such recovery to be made by deductions from the wages of such person.

17. (1) Regulations may provide-

**General provisions
as to the payment
and collection of
contributions, etc.**

- (a) For the payment and collection of Contributions.
 - (b) For treating, for the purposes of any right to benefit, Contributions paid after the due dates as paid on such dates or on such later dates as may be prescribed, or as not having been paid.
 - (c) For treating, for the purposes of any right to benefit, Contributions payable by an Employer on behalf of an Insured Person, but not paid as paid, where the failure to pay is shown not to have been with the consent or connivance of or attributable to any negligence on the part of such person.
 - (d) For treating Contributions of the wrong class or at the wrong rate as paid on account of the Contributions properly payable.
 - (e) For the return of Contributions paid in error.
- (2) Where Regulations permit Contributions to be paid at the option of the person liable to pay by a method other than by means of cash or cheque, and that method involves greater expense in administration to the Fund than would be incurred if the Contributions were paid by means of cash or cheque, such Regulations may provide for the payment to the Fund by any person who adopts such method, and for the recovery, on behalf of the Fund, of the prescribed fees in respect of the

difference in the expense in administration.

18. In relation to persons who-

- (a) Are employed by more than one Employer in any Contribution Period; or
- (b) Work under the general control or management of some person other than their immediate Employer, and in relation to any other cases for which it appears to the Minister that special provision is needed, Regulations may provide that for the purposes of this Act the prescribed person shall be treated as their Employer, and such Regulations may further provide for adjusting the rights between themselves of the person prescribed as the Employer, the immediate Employer and the persons employed.

Persons to be treated as employers.

PART IV

BENEFITS

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| <p>19.</p> | <p>(1)</p> | <p>(a) Subject to Subsections (2) and (3), Benefits shall be of the following kinds only-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Old Age Benefit, that is to say, a payment or periodical payments to an Insured Person who has reached sixty years of age. (ii) Invalidity Benefit, that is to say, a payment or periodical payments to an Insured Person who is rendered permanently incapable of work otherwise than as a result of Employment Injury. (iii) Survivors' Benefit, that is to say, a payment or periodical payments made in respect of an Insured Person who dies and who, immediately before his death, was receiving Old Age Benefit or Invalidity Benefit, or in respect of an Insured Person who dies otherwise than as a result of Employment Injury. (iv) Sickness Benefit, that is to say, in addition to such free Medical Care and attention as may be prescribed, periodical payments to | <p>Description of benefits.
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an Insured Person who is rendered temporarily incapable of work otherwise than as a result of Employment Injury.

- (v) Maternity Benefit, that is to say, a payment and / or periodical payments to an Insured Person, or to the Uninsured Spouse of an Insured Person, in the case of her pregnancy or confinement.
 - (vi) Funeral Benefit, that is to say, a payment on the death of an Insured Person, or of a person in such relationship to an Insured Person, as may be prescribed.
 - (vii) Child Care Benefit, that is to say, in addition to free Medical Care, a payment or periodical payments to a mother who has been absent from work for the sole purpose of caring for her sick child.
 - (viii) Constant Attendance Benefit, that is to say, a payment or periodical payments to an Invalid or disabled person, who is in receipt of a Pension under this Act.
- (a) In this Subsection, the expression "**Employment Injury**" means such injury as before the declared day attracts compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, or on or after such day attracts Industrial Benefit under this Act. Cap. 111
1953 Ed.
- (2) Subject to Subsection (3), there shall be, in addition to the Benefits specified in Subsection (1), Industrial Benefit, which shall comprise-
- (a) Injury Benefit, that is to say, in addition to such free Medical Care and attention, as may be prescribed, periodical payments to an Insured Person who suffers Personal Injury, which is caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of his Insurable Employment, or develops any prescribed disease, being a disease due to the nature of such employment.
 - (b) Disablement Benefit, that is to say, in addition to such free Medical Care and attention, as may be prescribed, a payment or periodical payments to an Insured Person who, as a result of such injury or disease as is referred to in Paragraph (a), suffers loss of faculty.
 - (c) Death Benefit, that is to say, periodical payments in respect of an Insured Person who dies as a result of such injury or disease as is

referred to in Paragraph (a):

Provided that, subject to Section 47, Industrial Benefit shall not be payable in respect of an accident happening, or a prescribed disease developing while the Insured Person is outside Guyana.

- (3) Subsection (2) shall come into operation on such day, not being earlier than two months after the appointed day, as may be declared by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

20. Regulations shall provide for-

Rates of Benefits

- (a) The rates or amounts of Benefit, and the variation of such rates or amounts in different or special circumstances;
- (b) The conditions subject to which, and the periods for which Benefit may be granted; and
- (c) The date as from which Benefit is provided.

21. Regulations may provide-

- (a) For the time and manner of paying Benefit, and as to the information and evidence to be furnished by persons when applying for payment, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, and notwithstanding anything in this Act, for adjusting the commencement and termination of Benefit, so that except in the case of Sickness Benefit or Injury Benefit, payments shall not be made in respect of periods less than a Contribution Period, or at different rates for different parts of a Contribution Period, and for extinguishing the right to any sum payable by way of Benefit, where payment thereof is not obtained within six months, or such shorter period as may be prescribed from the time at which such sum is receivable in accordance with the Regulations;
- (b) For the prevention of the receipt of two Benefits for the same period, and the adjustment of Benefits in the case of any Special Circumstances;
- (c) For the circumstances in which, and the time for which a person shall be disqualified for, or disentitled to receipt of Benefit, or Benefit may be

Regulations with regard to payment of benefits and as respects persons abroad or in prison, persons unable to act and deceased persons.

forfeited or suspended, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing for the suspension of payment of Benefit to, or in respect of any person during any period when he is –

- (i) Absent from Guyana, or
- (ii) Undergoing imprisonment or detention in Legal Custody,

and for the circumstances in which and the manner in which payment of the whole or any part of the Benefit may, instead of being so suspended, be made during any such period to or for the maintenance of such persons as may be specified in the Regulations, being persons nominated by the person entitled to the Benefit, or who in the opinion of the Director are Dependants of that person;

- (d) For enabling a person to be appointed to exercise, on behalf of a Claimant or Beneficiary who is a child, or who may be or become Unable, for the time being to act, any right or power which the Claimant or Beneficiary may be entitled to exercise under this Act, and for authorizing a person so appointed to receive and deal with any sum payable by way of Benefit, on behalf of the Claimant or Beneficiary;
- (e) In connection with the death of any person, for enabling a Claim for Benefit to be made or proceeded with in his name, for authorizing payment or distribution of Benefit to or amongst persons claiming as his Personal Representatives, Legatees, Next of Kin or Creditors (or, in cases of illegitimacy of Deceased Persons, to or amongst others) and for dispensing with strict proof of the title of persons so claiming; and
- (f) For such other matters as may be necessary for the proper Administration of Benefits, including the obligations of persons claiming any Benefit, Beneficiaries and Employers.

22. For the purposes of this Act, an accident-

- (a) Arising out of employment of an Insured Person, shall be presumed, unless the contrary is shown to have occurred in the course of the employment, and where the accident occurred in the course of the employment, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is shown to have arisen out of the employment;
- (b) Shall be deemed to arise out of and in the course of the employment of an Insured Person, notwithstanding that he is at the time of the accident

Presumption and General provisions relating to accidents.

acting in contravention of any Statutory or other Regulations applicable to his employment, or of any orders given by or on behalf of his Employers, or that he is acting without instructions from his Employer, if the act is done for the purpose of and in connection with the Trade or Business of the Employer;

- (c) Happening while an Insured Person is, with the express or implied permission of his Employer, traveling as a passenger by any Vehicle, Ship, Vessel or Aircraft to or from his place of work shall, notwithstanding that he is under no obligation to his Employer to travel by such Vehicle, Ship, Vessel or Aircraft, be deemed to arise out of and in the course of his employment, if-
 - (i) The accident would have been deemed so to have arisen had he been under such an obligation; and
 - (ii) At the time of the accident, the Vehicle, Ship, Vessel or Aircraft is being operated by or on behalf of his Employer, or some other person by whom it is provided in pursuance of arrangements made with his Employer, and is not being operated in the ordinary course of a public transport service;
- (d) Happening to an Insured Person in or about any premises at which he is for the time employed, for the purposes of the trade or business of his Employer, shall be deemed to arise out of and in the course of his employment, if it happens while he is taking steps, or an actual or supposed emergency at those premises, to rescue, succor or protect persons who are, or are thought to be or possibly to be, injured or imperiled, or to avert or minimize serious damage to property.

23. A disease may be prescribed for the purposes of this Act, in relation to any Insured Persons, if the Minister is satisfied that-

Prescription of diseases.

- (a) It ought to be so prescribed having regard to its causes and incidence, and any other relevant considerations as a risk of their occupations, and not as a risk common to all persons; and
- (b) It is such that, in the absence of special circumstances, the attribution of particular cases to the nature of the employment can be established or presumed with reasonable certainty,

and Regulations prescribing any such disease, may provide that a person who developed the disease on or at any time after a date specified in the Regulations, being a date before the Regulations come into force but not before the declared day, shall be

treated for the purposes of this Act, subject to any prescribed modifications, as if the Regulations had been in force when he developed the disease.

24. Regulations may provide for-

**Regulations
relating to Diseases
and Medical
Officers.
and boards.**

- (a) Determining the time at which a person is to be treated, for the purposes of this Act, as having developed any prescribed disease, and the circumstances in which any such disease is, where the person in question has previously suffered there from, to be treated as having recrudesced or having been developed afresh;
- (b) Presuming any prescribed disease-
 - (i) To be due, unless the contrary is proved to the nature of the employment of any person where he was employed in any prescribed occupation at the time when, or within a prescribed length of time (whether continuous or not) before, he developed the disease;
 - (ii) Not to be due to the nature of the employment of any person, unless he was employed in some prescribed occupation at the time when, or within a prescribed length of time (whether continuous or not) before he developed the disease;
- (c) The appointment of Medical Officers and the establishment of Medical Boards, for the purpose of this Act; and
- (d) Such matters as appear to the Minister to be incidental to, or consequential on provisions included in the Regulations, by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this Section.

25. There shall be paid out of the Fund, to a Medical Officer appointed under Regulations made under Section 24 (c), and to a member of a Medical Board established in accordance with such Regulations, such salary or other remuneration as the Board, with the prior approval of the Administration may determine as such expenses incurred in connection with the work of such Medical Officer or member as may be so determined.

**Payment of
Medical Officers
and Medical
Boards.
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26. (1) Where a Claim for Industrial Benefit is made under this Act in respect of any accident or of any prescribed disease, the Minister may direct that for the purposes of this Act, the relevant employment shall, in relation to that accident

**Accident or disease
in course of illegal
employment.**

or disease, be treated as having been Insurable Employment, notwithstanding that by reason of a contravention of or non-compliance with some provision contained in or having effect under any Enactment passed for the protection of persons in employment, or any class of such persons, the contract purporting to govern the employment was void, or the person employed was not lawfully employed therein at the time when, or in the place where the accident happened or the disease developed.

- (2) In this Section, the expression "**Relevant Employment**" means, in relation to an accident, the employment out of and in the course of which the accident arises, and in relation to a prescribed disease, the employment to the nature of which the disease is due.

27. Nothing in this Part shall affect the right of any person to benefit in respect of a disease, which is a personal injury by accident within the meaning of this Act, except that a person shall not be entitled to benefit in respect of a disease as being an injury by accident, arising out of and in the course of any employment, if at the time of the accident the disease is in relation to him a prescribed disease by virtue of the occupation in which he is engaged in that employment. **Benefit where disease is personal injury by accident.**
28. (1) If it is found that any person, by reason of the non-disclosure or misrepresentation by him of a material fact (whether the non-disclosure or misrepresentation was or was not fraudulent) has received any sum by way of Benefit while he was not entitled to that Benefit, he shall be liable to repay the sum so received by him. **Repayment of benefit improperly received.**
- (2) Where any person is liable to repay any sum received by him by way of Benefit, that sum may be recovered without prejudice to any other remedy by means of deductions from any Benefit to which he thereafter becomes entitled.
29. Every assignment of or charge on Benefit, and every agreement to assign or charge Benefit shall be void, and on the bankruptcy of a Beneficiary, the Benefit shall not pass to any Trustee or other person acting on behalf of his Creditors. **Benefits to be inalienable.**

PART V

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- 30. (1) (a)** There shall be a General Manager of the Board, who shall be appointed by the Administration at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions (including the payment of Pension, Gratuity or other like Benefit by reference to his service) as the Administration think fit. **Officers and Employees of the Board.** [14 of 1971] [22 of 1973]
- (b)** With the approval of the Administration, the Board may employ such Officers and Employees, at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions (including the payment of Pensions, Gratuities or other like Benefits by reference to the service of its Officers and Employees) as it thinks fit, for the proper conduct of its business.
- (2)** Where, with the approval of the Public Service Commission, an Officer in the Public Service is seconded or temporarily transferred for duty to an Office with the Board from a Pensionable Office within the meaning of the Pensions Act, Section 5 of that Act shall apply to him as if his service in such Office were service in a civil capacity, under the Government of Guyana. **c.27:02**
- (3)** Where, with the approval of the Public Service Commission, an Officer in the Public Service has been transferred to any Office with the Board, the provisions of Regulation 21 of the Pensions Regulations (as contained in the Schedule of the Pensions Act) shall apply to him as if such service were other Public Service within the meaning of that Act, and the provisions of the Pensions Act shall apply to him as if such service were other Public Service within the meaning of that Act, not being service under any of the Scheduled Governments as defined in Regulation 2 of the Pensions Regulations, and Regulation 21 of those Regulations shall apply accordingly to the person transferred. **c.27:02 Sub. Leg.**
- (4)** Except for the purpose of the performance of his functions, or when lawfully required to do so by any Court, or under the provisions of any Law, no Member, Officer or Employee of the Board shall disclose to any person any information which he has acquired in the performance of his functions under this Act as such Member, Officer, or Employee.
- (5)** Any person who contravenes the provisions of Subsection (4), or who in the purported performance of duties under this Act obtains or seeks to obtain information which he is not authorized to obtain, shall be liable, on Summary Conviction, to a fine of five thousand dollars, and to imprisonment for a term of six months.
- 31. (1)** The Board may designate such Officers in its service as it thinks fit to be Inspectors, for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act. **Designation and Powers of Inspectors.**

- (2) An Inspector shall, for the purposes of the execution of this Act, have power to do all or any of the following things, that is to say- [22 of 1973]
- (a) To enter, at all reasonable times, any premises or place liable to inspection under this Section;
 - (b) To make examination and enquiry, as may be necessary, for ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act are being or have been complied with in any such premises or place;
 - (c) To examine, either alone or in the presence of any other person as he thinks fit, with respect to any matters under this Act on which he may reasonably require information, every person whom he finds in any such premises or place, or whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be or to have been an Insured Person, and to require every such person to be so examined; and
 - (d) To exercise such other powers as may be necessary for carrying this Act into effect.
- (3) The Occupier of any premises or place liable to inspection under this Section, and any person who is or has been employing any person, and the Servants or Agents of any such Occupier or other person, and any Insured Person, shall furnish to an Inspector all such information, and produce for inspection all such Documents as the Inspector may reasonably require for the purpose of ascertaining whether Contributions are or have been payable, or have been duly paid by or in respect of any person, or whether Benefit is or was so payable to or in respect of any person, and the Inspector, if he considers it necessary, may make copies of, or extracts from the documents so produced, and for that purpose, he shall have power to take possession of the documents.
- (4) Every Inspector shall be furnished with a Certificate of his appointment, and on applying for admission to any premises or place for the purposes of this Act shall, if so required produce the said Certificate.
- (5) The premises and places liable to inspection under this Section are any premises or places where an Inspector has reasonable grounds for supposing that any persons are employed, except that they do not include any private dwelling house not used by or by permission of the Occupier for the purposes of a Trade or Business.

- (6) No person shall be required, under this Section, to answer any questions, or to give any evidence tending to incriminate himself.

32. Subject to the provisions of any other Enactment, in any action or other Legal Proceedings brought against any Officer or Employee of the Board in respect of any act done in pursuance or execution or intended execution of this Act, the plaintiff shall not recover unless he alleges in his pleading and proves at the Trial that such act was done either maliciously or without reasonable and probable cause. **Proceedings against Officers and employees of the Board under this Act.**
33. (1) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be established under the control and management of the Board, a Fund called "The National Insurance Fund". **Establishment of Fund.**
- [14 of 1971]
- (2) There shall be paid into the Fund- **[9 of 1981]**
- (a) All Contributions;
 - (b) All Rent, Interest on Investments, or other income derived from the Assets of the Fund;
 - (c) All sums recovered under this Act, as Fines, Fees, Penalties or Costs;
 - (d) All sums properly accruing to the Fund under this Act including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the repayment of Benefit; and
 - (e) Such other sums as may, from time to time, be provided by the National Assembly for any of the purposes of this Act, or as may, from time to time be received and accepted by the Board on behalf of the Fund.
- (3) There shall be paid or met out of the Fund-
- (a) All Claims for Benefits
 - (b) Refunds of Contributions paid in error
 - (c) All Expenses properly incurred in the administration of this Act, including Disbursements by way of remuneration, Allowances and Expenses payable under Sections 9, 25 and 40, and the Remuneration and Allowances (if any) payable to Officers and Employees of the Board.

- (4) Accounts of the Fund shall be prepared in such form, in such manner and at such times as the Administration may direct, and an Auditor nominated by the

Administration shall examine and certify every such account.

- (5) Any moneys forming part of the Fund may, from time to time, be invested by the Board in such securities as may be approved of by the Administration.

34. (1) The initial Expenditure incurred in carrying this Act into effect, shall be defrayed out of such monies as Parliament may provide for the purpose.

**Defrayment of
initial expenditure
and meeting of**

- (2) Any temporary insufficiency in the Assets of the Fund to meet the Liabilities of Fund under this Act, shall be met from such monies as Parliament may advance for the purpose.

**temporary
insufficiency in
Fund.**

[22 of 1973]

- (3) Any sums advanced by Parliament, pursuant to Subsection (1), after the appointment of the Board, or pursuant to Subsection (2), shall be repaid out of the Fund as soon as may be practicable.

35. There shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund, out of the Fund, at such times and in such manner as the Cabinet may direct, such sums as the Cabinet may estimate to be the amount of the expenses of the Post Office in carrying this Act into effect.

**Expenses of Post
Office.**

[13 of 1976]

36. (1) The Board shall-

- (a) In each year, prepare a report on its activities in the last preceding year and be submitted, shall furnish such report to the Minister not later than the thirtieth day of June;

**Report and
account to be
submitted to
Minister.**

[14 of 1971]

- (b) Submit to the Minister every Account certified by the nominated Auditor, pursuant to Section 33 (4), together with the Report of the nominated Auditor therein, within one month of such certification; and

- (c) Submit annually to the Minister, an account of the securities in which moneys forming part of the Fund, are for the time being invested.

- (2) The Minister shall cause a copy of every Report or Account submitted to him,

pursuant to this Section, to be submitted to the Administration, and to be laid before the National Assembly.

- 37. (1)** The Board shall, with the assistance of an Actuary approved by the Minister, **Review of**
- review the operation of this Act, during the period ending the thirty-first day of **operation of Act.**
 December 1973, and thereafter during the period ending with the thirty-first day
 of December in every fifth year, and on each such review make a report to the
 Minister on the Financial Condition of the Fund, and the adequacy, or otherwise,
 of Contributions to support Benefits, having regard to its other liabilities under
 this Act:
- Provided that the Minister may at any time direct that the period to be covered by
 the Review and Report under this Subsection shall be reduced, and that the
 making of that and subsequent Reviews and Reports under this Subsection shall
 be accelerated accordingly.
- (2)** The Minister shall cause a copy of every Report made to him under this Section,
 to be laid before the National Assembly.
- 38. (1)** Regulations may provide for the determination by the Board or by a person **Determination of**
 or Tribunal appointed or constituted in accordance with the Regulations, of any **Claims and**
 question arising under or in connection with this Act, including any Claim to **Questions.**
 Benefit, and subject to the provisions of the Regulations, the decision in **[22 of 1978]**
 accordance therewith of any such question shall be final.
- (2)** Without prejudice to the generality of Subsection (1), Regulations made there-
 under may, in relation to the determination of questions, in accordance with the
 Regulations include provision-
- (a)** As to the Procedure which is to be followed, the form which is to be
 used for any document, the evidence which is to be required and the
 circumstances in which any official Record or Certificate is to be
 sufficient or conclusive evidence;
 - (b)** As to the time to be allowed for making any Claim or Appeal, for
 raising any question with a view to the review of any decision or for
 producing any evidence;
 - (c)** For summoning persons to attend and give evidence or produce
 documents, and for authorizing the administration of Oaths to
 Witnesses;

- (d) As to the representation of one person at any hearing of a case by another person, whether having professional qualifications or not, and except so far as it may be applied by Regulations under this Subsection of the Arbitration Act shall not apply to any proceedings

under this Section.

c.7:03

- (3) Regulations under Subsection (1), may provide for the reference to the High Court for decision of any question of Law, arising in connection with the determination of any question under the Regulations, and for Appeals to the High Court, from the decision of the Board or of a person or Tribunal on any such question, and-
- (a) Provision shall be made by Rules of Court, for regulating References and Appeals to the High Court under this Subsection, and for limiting the time within which Appeals may be brought there under;
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in any Enactment, the decision of the High Court on a Reference or Appeal under this Subsection shall be final save that, on a question of Law or of mixed Law and Fact, an Appeal shall lie there-from to the Court of Appeal except a judgment or order of the High Court given or made before 26th November, 1973, and on any such Reference or Appeal the Court may order the Board to pay the costs of any other person whether or not the decision is in favour of the Board, and whether or not the Board appears on the Reference or Appeal.

39. (1) Regulations may provide as respects matters arising-

**Interim payments
arrears and
repayments.
[14 of 1971]**

- (a) Pending the determination under this Act (whether in the first instance or on Appeal or Reference, and whether originally or on review) of any Claim for Benefit or of any question affecting the right of any person to Benefit or to the receipt thereof or of the liability of any person for Contributions; or
- (b) Out of the revision on Appeal or Review of any decision under this Act on any such Claim or question.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of Subsection (1), Regulations there-under may include provision-
- (a) For the suspension of Benefit where it appears to the General Manager that there is or may be a question whether the conditions for receipt

thereof in accordance with an Award are or were fulfilled, or whether the Award ought to be revised;

- (b) As to the date from which any decision on a review is to have effect or to be deemed to have had effect;
- (c) For treating any Benefit paid to any person under an Award or by virtue of any provision of the Regulations, which it is subsequently decided was not payable, as properly paid or as paid on account of any other Benefit, which it is decided was payable to him or for the repayment of any such Benefit, and the recovery thereof by deduction from other Benefit or otherwise;
- (d) For treating Benefit paid to one person in respect of another as being a child of the family, or the wife or husband, or an adult Dependant of the first mentioned person, as having been properly paid for any period, notwithstanding that under Regulations relating to overlapping Benefits it is not payable for that period by reason of a subsequent decision either-
 - (i) That such other person is himself entitled to benefit for that period; or
 - (ii) That a third person is entitled to benefit for that period in respect of such other person in priority to the first mentioned person, and for reducing or withholding accordingly any arrears payable for that period by virtue of the subsequent decision.

40. There shall be paid, out of the Fund, to a person appointed under Regulations made under Section 38 (1), and to a member of a Tribunal constituted in accordance with such Regulations, such Salary or other Remuneration as the Board, with the prior approval of the Administration, may determine and such expenses incurred in connection with the work of such person or member as may be so determined.

Payment of persons and Tribunals appointed or constituted under Section 38. [14 of 1971]

41. (1) Any Insured Person or Employer who fails to pay at or within the time prescribed for the purpose any Contribution that he is liable to pay, pursuant to this Act, shall for each such failure be liable, on Summary Conviction to a

Offences and penalties. [15 of 1989]

fine of three thousand dollars, and in default of such payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

(2) Any person who-

- (a) Willfully delays or obstructs an Inspector in the exercise of any power under Section 31; or
- (b) Refuses or neglects to answer any question or to furnish any information or to produce any documents when required so to do, under Section 31,

shall be liable, on Summary Conviction, to a fine of three thousand dollars in the case of a first offence, and of five thousand dollars in the case of a second or

subsequent offence.

- (3) Any Employer who deducts or attempts to deduct or otherwise recovers or attempts to recover the whole or any part of the Contribution of the Employer, in respect of any person, from the wages of such person, shall be liable on Summary Conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.
- (4) Any person who -
 - (a) For the purpose of obtaining any Benefit or other payment under this Act, whether for himself or some other person, or for any other purpose connected with this Act-
 - (i) Knowingly makes any false statement or false representation; or
 - (ii) Produces or furnishes, or causes or knowingly allows to be produced or furnished, any document or information which he knows to be false in a material particular, shall be liable on Summary Conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

42. (1) Subject to the provisions of Article 47 of the Constitution, proceedings for an offence under this Act shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Board or by an Inspector or other Officer authorized in that behalf by special or general directions of the Board.

**General
Provisions as to
Prosecutions under
Act.
c.1:01
[0:80:1980]**

- (2) Any such Inspector or other Officer may, although not of Counsel or a Solicitor, prosecute or conduct before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, any Such proceedings as aforesaid.
- (3) Notwithstanding any provision in any Enactment prescribing the period within

which Summary Proceedings may be commenced, proceedings for an offence under this Act, may be commenced at any time within the period of three months from the date on which evidence sufficient, in the opinion of the Board, to justify a prosecution for the offence comes to its knowledge, or within the period of twelve months after the commission of the offence, whichever period last expires' and for the purposes of this Subsection, a Certificate purporting to be signed on behalf of the Board as to the date on which such evidence came to the knowledge of the Board shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

- (4) In any proceedings for an offence under this Act, the wife or husband of the Accused shall be competent to give evidence, whether for or against the Accused:

Provided that the wife or husband shall not be compellable either to give evidence, or in giving evidence to disclose any communication made to her or him during the marriage, by the Accused.

- (5) Where an offence, under this Act, which has been committed by a Body Corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any negligence on the part of any Director, Manager, Secretary or other Officer of the Body Corporate, he as well as the Body Corporate shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

43. (1) In any case where any person has been convicted of the offence under Section 41(1) of failing to pay a Contribution he shall be liable to pay to the Fund a sum equal to the amount, which he failed to pay.

**Recovery of
contributions on
Prosecutions under
Act.
[15 of 1989]**

- (2) Where the person charged with such offence as is mentioned in Subsection (1), or of this Section is convicted of that offence in his absence, under Section 13 (2) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, then if-

- (a) It is proved to the satisfaction of the Court, on Oath or in the prescribed manner, that such a notice as is mentioned in Subsection (2) of this Section has been duly served, specifying the other Contributions in respect of which the Prosecutor intends to give evidence; and
- (b) The Clerk of the Court has received a statement in writing, purporting to be made by the Accused or by Counsel acting on his behalf to the effect that, if the Accused is convicted in his absence of the offence charged, he desires to admit failing to pay the other Contributions so specified or any of them.

(3) Where any person is charged with any such offence as is mentioned in Subsection (1) and a Probation Order is made under the Probation of Offenders Act, the foregoing provisions of this Section shall apply as if the making of the order were a conviction. **c. 11:04**

(4) Any sum ordered to be paid to the Fund under this Section, shall be recoverable as a penalty.

(5) Any sum paid by an Employer under the provisions of this Section, shall be treated as a payment in satisfaction of the unpaid contributions and the portion of the Insured Person of those Contributions shall not be recoverable by the Employer, from the Insured Person.

(6) If an Employer being a Body Corporate fails to pay to the Fund any sum which the Employer has been ordered to pay under this Section, such sum or such part thereof as remains unpaid shall be a debt due to the Fund jointly and severally from any Directors of the Body Corporate who knew or could reasonably be expected to have known of the failure to pay the Contribution or Contributions in question.

(7) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as preventing the Board from recovering any sums due to the Fund by means of Civil Proceedings.

44. (1) All sums due to the Fund by way of Contributions, unless Regulations otherwise provide, shall bear interest at the rate which is one per cent greater than the rate charged by Commercial Banks on Overdrafts or such other rate, and as from such date as may be prescribed and shall be recoverable as debts due to the Fund, and without prejudice to any other remedy, may be recovered on behalf of the Fund summarily in a Magistrate's Court, without limit of amount, as a Civil Debt. **Civil proceedings to recover sums due to Fund.**

(2) Proceedings for Summary Recovery of sums due to the Fund may, notwithstanding anything in any Enactment to the contrary, be brought at any time after the matter complained of arose, whether or not by virtue of this Subsection, prior to its amendment by the Miscellaneous Enactments

(Amendment) Act 1981, or by virtue of the provisions of the Limitation Act, such sums would have been irrecoverable immediately prior thereto. **cap 7:02**

(3) Proceedings for the Summary Recovery as Civil Debts of sums due to the Fund, may be instituted by an Inspector or other Officer authorized in that behalf by special or general directions of the Board, and any such Inspector or Officer

may, although not of Counsel or a Solicitor, conduct such proceedings.

- (4) The Board may, if in its opinion the delay in paying Contributions due to the Fund was caused by an error and was not a deliberate act on the part of the Employer, waives the interest chargeable, or determines the rate at which such interest shall be paid.

45. (1) Where an Employer has failed or neglected-

- (a) To pay any Contributions which, under this Act, he is liable to pay in respect of or on behalf of any Insured Person in his employment; or

**Proceedings
against Employer
for Benefit lost by
Employer's default**

- (b) To comply, in relation to any such person, with the requirements of this Act, relating to the payment and collection of Contributions,

and by reason thereof, that person or any other person to whom Benefit under this Act may have been payable has lost, in whole or in part, the Benefit to which he would have been entitled, that person or that other person as the case may be shall be entitled to recover summarily, in a Magistrate's Court, from the Employer, as a Civil Debt, a sum equal to the amount of the Benefit so lost, irrespective of the amount.

- (2) Proceedings may be taken under this Section, notwithstanding that proceedings have been taken under any other Section of this Act, in respect of the same failure or neglect.

- (3) Proceedings under this Section may, notwithstanding any Enactment to the Contrary, be brought at any time after the date on which the Employed Person, but for the failure or neglect of the Employer, would have been entitled to receive the Benefit lost, whether or not by virtue of this Subsection, prior to its amendment by the Miscellaneous Enactments (Amendment) Act 1981, or by virtue of the provisions of the Limitation Act, the sum equal to the amount of the Benefit lost would have been irrecoverable immediately prior thereto.

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- 45A.** Nothing in the amendments effected to Sections 44 and 45 by the Miscellaneous Enactments (Amendment) Act 1981, shall enable proceedings to be brought in respect of a Claim that was the subject matter of proceedings instituted and determined prior to the coming into operation of those amendments.

**Application of
Amendments to
Sections 44 & 45.
[6 of 1981]**

PART VI**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 46.** This Act shall apply to persons employed by or under the State, in like manner as if the State were a private person with such modifications as may be made therein by Regulations, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of this Act to the case of such persons:

State Servants.

Provided that, Regulations may provide that any employment under the State shall not be Insurable Employment.

- 47. (1)** Without prejudice to the generality of any other power to make Regulations, the Minister may make Regulations, modifying in such manner as he thinks proper, the provisions of this Act in their application in relation to persons who are or have been employed on board any Ship, Vessel or Aircraft.

**Persons employed
on board Ships,
Vessels or Aircrafts**

- (2)** Without prejudice to the generality of Subsection (1), Regulations there-under may in particular provide-

- (a)** For the insurance under this Act, of persons who are or have been employed on or after the appointed day or the declared day, on board Ships, Vessels or Aircraft, notwithstanding that they do not fulfill the conditions of Section 11;
- (b)** For excepting from insurance under this Act, or from liability to pay Contributions as Employed Persons, any persons employed as aforesaid who neither are domiciled nor have a place of residence in Guyana;
- (c)** For the taking of evidence, for the purpose of any Claim to benefit in any place outside Guyana;
- (d)** For enabling persons on board Ships, Vessels or Aircrafts to authorize the payment of the whole or any part of any Benefit to which they are or may become entitled to such of their Dependants as may be prescribed;
- (e)** For the payment of Industrial Benefit to, or in respect of Mariners and Airmen, in respect of accidents happening and prescribed diseases

developed while they are outside Guyana;

- (f) For treating as accidents arising out of and in the course of the employment of a Mariner or Airman, accidents happening while he is proceeding to or from his Ship, Vessel or Aircraft or in any other prescribed circumstances; and
- (g) For withholding any Benefit that may be payable to a Mariner for any period during which the owner of his Ship or Vessel is under a Statutory Obligation to pay him wages.

48. (1) Without prejudice to the generality of any other power to make Regulations, the Minister may, subject to Subsection (2), make Regulations, modifying in such manner as he thinks proper, the provisions of this Act in their application, in relation to persons who are or have been outside Guyana while insured under this Act. **Insured persons outside Guyana.**
- (2) Regulations under this Section shall provide, that where an Insured Person is, throughout any Contribution Period, outside Guyana, and is not in that period an Employed Person, he shall not be liable to pay any Contribution as an Insured Person for such period.
49. (1) For the purpose of giving effect to any agreement with the Government of any other part of the Commonwealth or the Government of any Foreign Country, being an agreement which provides for reciprocity in matters of Social Security, it shall be lawful for the Minister, by order, to make provision for modifying or adapting this Act, in its application to cases affected by the agreement. **Reciprocal agreements with other parts of the Commonwealth or with foreign countries.**
- (2) The modification of this Act, which may be made by virtue of Subsection (1), shall include provision-
- (a) For securing that Acts, omissions and events having any effect for the purposes of the Law of the country in respect of which the agreement is made, shall have a corresponding effect for the purposes of this Act (but not so far as to confer a right to double Benefit);
 - (b) For determining in cases where rights accrue both under this Act and under the Law of the said country, which of these rights shall be available to the person concerned;
 - (c) For making provision as to administration and enforcement contained in this Act, applicable also for the Law of the said country;

- (d) For making any necessary financial adjustments by payments into or out of the Fund.

50. Stamp Duty shall not be chargeable upon any Draft or Order or Receipt given in Respect of Benefit, or upon any Receipt given in respect of any other payment out of the Fund pursuant to Section 33 (3), or upon any Receipt given by an Officer of the Board for or in respect of any sum payable into the Fund. **Exemption for Stamp Duty.**

51. (1) The Minister may make Regulations required by this Act to be made, or for the purpose of modifying or affecting the operation of any provision of this Act, or as the Minister may consider necessary or desirable generally for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act. **Regulations.**

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of Subsection (1), the Minister may by such Regulations-

(a) Prescribe any matter which may be or is required to be prescribed under the provisions of this Act;

(b) Require any Employer-

(i) To submit returns of persons employed by him at such intervals and in such manner as may be prescribed;

(ii) To take reasonable steps to investigate the circumstances of every accident or disease of which notice is given to him;

(iii) To give the Board such notices or returns as may be thereby required of any accident or disease whether fatal or not, which has occurred in his place of employment;

(c) Except such categories of Insured Persons as may be specified therein from Liability to pay Contributions, for such periods as may be prescribed;

(d) Provide for determining the circumstances in which a person is or is not to be deemed, for the purposes of this Act, to be wholly or partially maintaining another person.

(3) Regulations may provide for the recovery, on Summary Conviction, of monetary penalties, in respect of any offence under this Act being a contravention of or

failure to comply with Regulations, so however, that such penalties shall not exceed three thousand dollars for each offence, or where the offence consists of continuing any such contravention or failure after conviction thereof, three thousand dollars, together with a further three thousand dollars for each day on which it is so continued.

- (4) Any power conferred by this Act to make Regulations may be exercised -
- (a) Either in relation to all cases to which the power extends, or in relation to all such cases subject to specified exceptions, or in relation to any specified cases or classes of case; and
 - (b) So as to make as respects the cases in relation to which it is exercised –
 - (i) The full provisions to which the power extends or any less provision (whether by way of exception or otherwise);
 - (ii) The same provision for all cases in relation to which the power is exercised, or different provision for different cases, or classes of case, or different provision as respects the same case, or class of case for different purposes of this Act;
 - (iii) Any such provision, either unconditionally or subject to any specified condition.
- (5) Without prejudice to any specific provision in this Act, any Regulations may contain such incidental or supplementary provisions as appear to the Minister to be expedient for the purposes of the Regulations.

52. All Regulations shall be subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.

Regulations subject to negative resolution.

53. From and after the declared day, an Insured Person who, if he suffers any such personal injury or develops any such disease as entitles him to Industrial Benefit, shall not, in relation to such injury or disease, be regarded as a Workman, for the purposes of the Workman's Compensation Ordinance.

Workmen's Compensation Ordinance not to Apply to persons entitled to Industrial Benefit Cap. 111 1953 Ed.

54. (1) Where, consequent on the provisions of Section 53, in relation to Personal Injury or Death an Insured Person is not regarded as a Workman for the purposes of the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance the following provisions of this Section shall apply as respects such insured person. Measure of damages where Section 53 applies. Cap. 111 1953 Ed.
- (2) In an action for damages for personal injuries (including any such action arising out of a Contract) there shall, in assessing such damages, be taken into account, against any loss of wages or profits which has accrued or probably will accrue to the Insured Person from the injuries, one-half of the value of any rights which have accrued or probably will accrue to him there-from in respect of Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit for the five years, beginning with the time when the cause of action accrued; but this Subsection shall not be taken as requiring both the gross amount of the damages before taking into account such rights, and the net amount after taking them into account to be found separately.
- (3) The reference in Subsection (2) to assessing the damages for Personal Injuries shall, in cases where damages otherwise recoverable are subject to reduction under the Law relating to contributory negligence, or are limited by or under any enactment or by contract, be taken as referring to the total damages which would have been recoverable apart from the reduction or limitation.
- (4) In assessing damages in respect of the death of a person in any action under Part IV of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance or the Carriage by Air Act, 1932, of the United Kingdom as extended to Guyana by the Carriage by Air (Colonies, Protectorates and Trust Territories) Order, 1953, and the Carriage by Air (Non-international Carriage) (Colonies, Protectorates and Trust Territories) Order, 1953, there shall not be taken into account any right to benefit resulting from the death of such person. Cap. 4, 23 Geo. & C. 36
S.I. 1953 No. 1474.
S.I. 1953 No. 1206.
- (5) For the purposes of this Section-
- (a) The expression "**Personal Injury**" includes any disease and any impairment of the physical or mental condition of a person, and the expression "**Injured**" shall be construed accordingly;
- (b) Any payment on account of Disablement Benefit shall be treated as Benefit for the period taken into account by the assessment of the extent of the disablement, in respect of which it is payable.

SCHEDULE**S. 2****INSURABLE EMPLOYMENTS**

1. Employment in Guyana under any Contract of Service or Apprenticeship, written or oral, and whether expressed or implied.
2. Employment as aforesaid, outside Guyana, of a person domiciled or having a place of residence in Guyana-
 - (a) As Master or a Member of the Crew of any Vessel registered in Guyana, or of any Vessel of which the Owner or, if there is more than one Owner the Managing Owner or Manager, resides or has his principal place of business in Guyana, or in any other capacity on board any such Vessel;
 - (b) As Pilot, Commander, Navigator or Member of the Crew or any Aircraft flying the Guyanese Flag, or in any other capacity on board any such Aircraft:

Provided that in either case, the employment in that other capacity is for the purposes of the Vessel or Aircraft or the Crew or of any Passenger or Cargo or Mails carried thereby.
3. Service as a Member of the Guyana Defense Force.
4. Employment outside Guyana of a person domiciled or having a place of residence in Guyana-
 - (a) As a Member of the Diplomatic or Consular Service of Guyana;
 - (b) As a domestic worker employed by a person specified in Subparagraph (a) hereof.

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(CLASSIFICATION) REGULATIONS

Reg. 18/1969

Made under Sections 11, 12, and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the appointed day.* Citation and Commencement.

2. In these Regulations- Interpretation.

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday, and ending at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next following.

"Hospital" means any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness, any maternity home, and any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons during convalescence, or persons requiring medical rehabilitation, and includes Clinics, Dispensaries and Out-patient Departments maintained in connection with any such Institution or home as aforesaid.

3. (1) Subject to Paragraph (2) of this Regulation and Regulations 4 and 5, every Insured Person shall, in respect of any employment specified in Part I of the First Schedule, be treated for the purposes of the Act as an Employed Person in so far as he is gainfully occupied in such employment. Classification of Insured Persons.
First Schedule.

 (2) Subject to Regulations 4 and 5, every Insured Person shall, in respect of any employment specified in any Paragraph of Part II of the First Schedule, be treated, for the purposes of the Act, as a Self-employed Person in so far as he is gainfully occupied in such employment. First Schedule.

 (3) Every person under the age of sixteen years or of the age of sixty years and upwards, in Insurable Employment, shall be insured for Industrial Benefits only.

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| <p>4. Any employment specified in any Paragraph of the Second Schedule shall be treated for the purposes of the Act as not being employment either as an Employed Person or as a Self-employed Person.</p> | <p>Exclusion of certain Employments. Second Schedule.</p> |
| <p>5. (1) If in any Contribution Week an Employed Person is engaged in employment involving part-time service only, and his wages from any one Employer amounts to less than seven dollars and fifty cents then, subject to Paragraph (2) and (6), he shall, with respect to such employment by such Employer in such week, be treated as a Self-employed Person:</p> <p>Provided that, where two or more Employers have an agreement under Regulation 25 (4) of the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, and his total wages exceed seven dollars and fifty cents in any Contribution Week, he shall be treated as an Employed Person.</p> <p>(2) If in any Contribution Week an Employed Person is engaged in employment involving part-time service only, and his wages (or, if he is so employed by different Employers, the aggregate of his wages) in respect thereof amounts to less than five dollars then, subject to Paragraph (5) he shall, with respect to such employment (or each such employment) in such week, be treated as not being employed either as an Employed Person or as a Self-employed Person.</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of this Regulation, if in relation to any Contribution Week –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) A person is employed by any one Employer on any day or days on which that person tenders service in that employment on terms whereby his wages are calculated otherwise than on a task or piecework basis; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Such services are not rendered by that person for that Employer in that week, for more than twenty hours; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) The employment is not in continuation of employment by that Employer in which services are ordinarily rendered by the Employed Person for more than twenty hours in a week, that employment shall for that week be deemed to be employment involving part-time service only.</p> <p>(4) For the purposes of this Regulation, if in relation to any Contribution Week-</p> | <p>Employment involving part-time service only.</p> |

- (a) A person is employed by any one Employer on any day or days on which that person renders service in that employment on terms whereby his wages are calculated either wholly or partly on a task or piecework basis; and
 - (b) The wages of that person from that Employer in respect of such employment amounts to less than seven dollars and fifty cents for that week; and
 - (c) The employment is not in continuation of employment by that Employer, in respect of which the wages of the Employed Person from the Employer ordinarily amounts to seven dollars and fifty cents or more in a week (or the equivalent for periods longer than a week), that employment shall for that week be deemed to be employment involving part-time service only.
- (5) Any person who by virtue of Paragraph (1) is treated as a Self-employed Person, or who by virtue of Paragraph (2) is treated as neither an Employed Person nor a Self-employed Person, shall not be debarred from receiving Industrial Benefits, notwithstanding the fact that Contributions have not been paid in respect of his Insurable Employment.
- (6) In Paragraphs (1) and (2), the expression "**Employment Involving Part-time Service Only**" means any employment deemed to be such by virtue of paragraph (3) or (4).
6. Where an Insured Person is employed as a Self-employed Person and is ordinarily so employed, that employment shall be regarded as continuing, notwithstanding that in any particular week he does not work as a Self-employed Person, unless and until he is no longer ordinarily employed as a Self-employed Person. Employment treated as continuing.
7. (1) Where under the provisions of the Act relating to References and Appeals to the High Court, the High Court decides any question as to the Class of Insured Persons in which a person is to be included, and that decision is inconsistent with some previous determination of a question by the Board, then if the Board is satisfied that Contributions of a prior Class have been paid by or in respect of any person by reason of that determination, or in the reasonable belief that that determination was applicable, the Board may, if it appears to it that it would be in the interest of the person by or in respect of whom such Contributions have been paid, or of any Claimant or Beneficiary by virtue of that person's insurance so to do, direct that that person shall be treated as Special provisions regarding persons declared to be included in a class of insured persons.

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though he had been included in the Class of Insured Persons corresponding to the Contributions paid during any Contribution Week for which Contributions of a prior Class were so paid before the date on which the decision of the High Court was given, and, if such a direction is given, that person shall be deemed to have been included in that class accordingly for any such weeks.

- (2) In any case where the Board, on new facts being brought to its notice, has revised a determination of a question previously given by it, this Regulation shall apply with the necessary modifications in the same manner as it applies where the High Court has given a decision inconsistent with a determination previously given by the Board.
- (3) In this Regulation, the expression "**Contributions To A Prior Class**" means-
- (a) In relation to a person who is not employed either as an Employed Person or as a Self-employed Person, Contributions as an Employed or Self-employed Person and Employer's Contributions; and
 - (b) In relation to a Self-employed Person's Contributions as an Employed Person and Employer's Contributions.

FIRST SCHEDULE**Reg. 3****PART I**

(Employments in respect of which persons are treated as Employed Persons)

1. Employment of a Medical Practitioner or a Dental Practitioner-

- (a) Involving whole-time service in any Hospital; or
- (b) In which he is wholly or mainly engaged and is remunerated by salary.

PART II

(Employment in respect of which persons are treated as Self-employed Persons)

2. Employment of a person in any of the following Offices, namely,

President;
Speaker of the National Assembly;
Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly;
Ministers;
Parliamentary Secretaries;
Leader of the Opposition;
Members of the National Assembly.

3. Employment of a person ordinarily resident in Guyana in any employment by virtue of which he would, but for the provisions of this Paragraph, be an Employed Person if-

(a) His Employer is not ordinarily resident in Guyana; and

(b) His Employer has no place of business in Guyana.

4. Employment as an Agent paid by commission or fees or a share in the profits, or partly in one and partly in another of such ways where the person so employed is mainly dependent for his livelihood on his wages from some occupation other than employment as such an Agent, or where he is ordinarily employed as such an Agent by more than one Employer and his employment under no one of such Employers is that on which he is mainly dependent for his livelihood.

5. Employment under a contract of service by a person's wife.

6. Employment of a married woman (whether or not under contract of service) by, or as partner of, or in any similar association with, her husband.

(Employments in respect of which persons are treated as **NOT** being Employed Persons or Self-employed Persons)

1. Employment of any person who is not a Citizen of Guyana and who by virtue of-
 - (a) The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961,* or
 - (b) The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963, is exempt from the Application of Social Security Provisions in force in Guyana.
 2. Employment of any person by any International Organization of which Guyana or the Government of Guyana is a member, and to whom any Scheme for Social Security Benefits operated by the Organization apply. For the purposes of this Paragraph, "**International Organization**" includes a Regional Organization of which Guyana or the Government of Guyana is a member.
 3. Employment or service of any person who is not a Citizen of Guyana, as a member of the Armed Forces of any Country other than Guyana.
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**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(PERSONS ABROAD AND VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTORS) REGULATIONS**

Reg.20/1969

Made under Sections 11, 15, 48 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Persons Abroad and Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the appointed day*. **Citation and Commencement.**

2. In these Regulations- **Interpretation.**

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing immediately after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday and ending at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next following.

"Insurable Income" means the weekly or monthly income on which Contributions are paid by an Insured Person, and is subject to an upper limit which is determined by the Board on the basis of four times the weekly or monthly minimum wage prevailing in the Public Service.

3. (1) Where a person in Insurable Employment ceases to be so employed in Guyana but is employed (whether by the same or by a different Employer), outside Guyana in continuation of such employment, that employment outside Guyana shall, subject to these Regulations, be treated as Insurable Employment, for the period for which Contributions are payable under Paragraph (2) (a): **Payment of Contribution in respect of periods abroad.**

Provided that the Employer has a place of business in Guyana, and the Insured Person concerned is ordinarily resident in Guyana.

(2) Where under Paragraph (1), employment outside Guyana is treated as Insurable Employment, the following provisions shall apply with respect to the payment of Contributions:

 - (a) Contributions shall be payable at the appropriate rates to be determined by reference to the Insurable Income of that person:

Provided that such Contributions shall be payable in respect of such employment-

 - (i) During the period of twelve months from the commencement thereof; or

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- (ii) Until the employment outside Guyana ceases; or
- (iii) Until either of the conditions set out in the Proviso to Paragraph (1) of this Regulation ceases to be satisfied, whichever event occurs first.

- (b) After the completion of the period for which Contributions are payable under Subparagraph (a), the Insured Person shall for any Contribution Week thereafter, during the whole of which he is outside Guyana, be entitled to contribute as a Voluntary Contributor.

4. Where a person is employed in employment outside Guyana immediately prior to the appointed day which would have been treated as Insurable Employment by virtue of the provisions of Regulation 3, had the employment outside Guyana commenced on or after the appointed day, that employment outside Guyana shall be treated as Insurable Employment and Regulation 3 shall apply:

Special provisions relating to persons outside Guyana on the appointed day.

Provided that where any such person commenced the said employment outside Guyana on a date more than twelve months prior to the appointed day, this Regulation shall not apply to him.

5. Where an Insured Person to whom Regulation 3 applies is throughout any Contribution Week outside Guyana and is not in that week gainfully occupied in Insurable Employment, he shall not be liable to pay any Contribution as an Insured Person for that week:

Contribution as a non-employed person in respect of periods outside Guyana.

Provided that he shall be entitled at his option to contribute as a Voluntary Contributor, if he has satisfied the conditions relating to Voluntary Insurance under these Regulations.

6. (1) A person who-

Voluntary Contributors

- (a) Is sixteen years of age or over, but not sixty years of age; and
- (b) Is ordinarily resident in Guyana; and
- (c) Ceases to be liable for Contributions in respect of employment; and
- (d) Has paid or has had paid in respect of him at least one hundred Contributions,

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shall be entitled to become a Voluntary Contributor:

Provided that the condition of having paid or having had paid in respect of him at least one hundred Contributions shall not apply to a person who, pursuant to Regulation 3 (2) (b) or by that Regulation as applied by Regulation 4, elects to be insured as a Voluntary Contributor.

- (2) A Certificate of Voluntary Insurance shall be given, subject to these Regulations, to a person who makes application to the Board for such a Certificate on a form approved by the Board, before the end of the fifty-second Contribution Week after ceasing at any time to be employed in Insurable Employment.
- (3) A Certificate of Voluntary Insurance shall entitle the person to whom it is issued, to pay Voluntary Contributions valid for Old Age Benefit or survivor's Benefit only, for any week not earlier than fifty-two Contribution Weeks prior to the date of application, in respect of any Contribution Week for which no Contribution is otherwise payable by him or on his behalf for that week.
- (4) The Contributions which a Voluntary Contributor shall pay under Paragraph 1.5.89 three (3) shall be determined by the Board by reference to the Insurable Income on which the Voluntary Contributor has paid the greatest number of Contributions during the two years, immediately preceding the date of last cessation of Insurable Employment or such other period as the Board may, in the particular circumstances of the case, think fit.
- (5) The Board shall notify the Voluntary Contributor of the Contributions due, and such Contributions shall be paid by remittance to the Board not later than the thirty-first day of December of the year in which they are due:

Provided that the Board may in its discretion, and if satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances, allow payment within six weeks after the said date.

- (6) A person holding a Certificate of Voluntary Insurance shall cease to be entitled to pay Voluntary Contributions, until he has re-qualified by the payment or the payment in respect of him, of a further fifty Contributions if he fails to pay, within the period specified in Paragraph (5), Voluntary Contributions for each Contribution Week for which a Contribution is not otherwise payable.
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NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS

Reg.21/1969

Made under sections 14, 17 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Contributions) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the appointed day.* Citation and Commencement.

2. In these Regulations- Interpretation.

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday and ending twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next following.

"Due Date" means, in relation to any Contribution, the date on which that Contribution was due to be paid.

"Employed Person's Contribution" means that part of the Contribution which, by the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, is payable by the Employer, and recoverable from the wages of the Employed Person.

3. (1) An Insured Person and his Employer shall be exempt from liability to pay Contributions for any Contribution Week- Exemption from liability for Contributions in certain circumstances.
 - (a) In which no work is done by the Insured Person, and for which no wages or wages amounting to less than the equivalent of one day's Pay, as determined by the Board in respect of that week, are paid to the Insured Person by the Employer; or
 - (b) For the whole of which the Insured Person received Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit or Injury Benefit:

Provided that the Employer shall still be liable to pay the Contributions to cover the said Employee for Industrial Benefits, under the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations.

- (2) For any Contribution Week during which an Insured Person is engaged in full-time unpaid apprenticeship, he and his Employer shall be exempt from liability to pay Contributions.

* 29th September, 1969.

(3) Nothing in Paragraph (1) shall be deemed to affect the liability of an Insured Person and his Employer, to pay Contributions for any Contribution Week in which the Insured Person is on Leave of Absence from his employment, if Contributions are normally payable with respect to the employment of such person.

4. Where Contributions are paid which are of the wrong class or at the wrong rate, the Board may treat them as paid on account of the Contributions properly payable.

**Disposal of
Contributions
improperly paid.**

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 4 and of this Regulation, any Contributions paid by a person or his Employer under the erroneous belief that the Contributions were payable by, or in respect, or on behalf of that person, shall be returned by the Board to that person or his Employer, as the case may require, if application to that effect is made in writing to the Board within the appropriate time specified in Paragraph (4).

**Return of
Contributions
paid in error.**

(2) In calculating the amount of any repayment to be made under this Regulation to such person or Employer, there shall be deducted-

(a) In the case of Employer's Contributions and Contributions as an Insured Person, the amount of any Contributions paid under erroneous belief as aforesaid which have, under the provisions of Regulation 4, been treated as paid on account of other Contributions; and

(b) In the case of Contributions as an Insured Person, the amount, if any, paid to that person (and to any other person on the basis of the erroneous belief) by way of benefit which would not have been paid had the Contributions (in respect of which an application for their return is duly made in accordance with Paragraph (4)) not been paid in the first instance.

(3) Contributions erroneously paid by an Employer on behalf of any person and not recovered from him, may be repaid to the Employer instead of to that person, but if so recovered, may be repaid to that person or with his consent in writing, to his Employer on his behalf.

(4) A person desiring to apply for the return of any Contribution paid under an erroneous belief as aforesaid, shall make the application within five years from the date the error was made in such form and in such manner as the Board may from time to time determine.

- (5) In this Regulation, the expression "**Due Date**" means the date on which the Contribution, if it had been payable, would have been due to be paid.
- (6) In its application to Contributions payable under Part II of the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, this Regulation shall have effect subject to the following provisions:
- (a) The time within which the application shall be made by a person desiring to apply for the return of any such Contribution paid under an erroneous belief as aforesaid, shall be two years from the end of the year during which the Contribution was paid, or such longer time as the Board may allow if it is satisfied that that person had good cause for not applying within those two years.
- (b) This Paragraph shall apply to any part of a Contribution as they apply to that Contribution.

6. (1) Where a Contribution payable by an Employer in respect or on behalf of an Insured Person is paid after the due date or is not paid, and the delay or failure in making payment thereof is shown to the satisfaction of the Board not to have been with the consent or connivance of, or attributable to any negligence on the part of the Insured Person, the Contribution shall, for the purpose of any right to benefit, be treated as paid on the due date. **Treatment for purpose of any Benefit, of late paid or unpaid Contributions without consent, connivance or negligence of Employed Person.**
- (2) Regulations 8, 9 and 10 shall, in their application to a Contribution payable by an Employer on behalf of an Insured Person, have effect subject to this Regulation.
7. In the case of a Contribution paid after the due date, where-
- (a) The Contribution is paid after the time when it would, under the following provisions of these Regulations, have been treated as paid, for the purposes of the right to a Benefit; and **Treatment for purpose of any Benefit, of Contributions paid late through**
- (b) The failure to pay the Contribution before that time is shown to the satisfaction of the Board to be attributable to ignorance or error on the part of the Insured Person, which was not due to any failure on his part to exercise due care and diligence, the Board may direct that for the purposes of Regulation 9 or 10, the Contributions shall be treated as having been paid on such earlier day as it may consider appropriate in the circumstances and those provisions shall have effect subject to any such direction. **ignorance or error.**

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| <p>8. (1) For the purpose of any right to Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit, a Contribution paid after the due date shall, in determining whether the relevant Contribution Conditions are satisfied as respects the number of Contributions paid in respect of the period between entry into insurance and the day for which Benefit is claimed, be treated for the purpose of the right to any such Benefit in respect of any day before the date on which payment of the Contribution is made, as not paid; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) For the purpose of the right to any such Benefit in respect of any other day, as paid on the date on which payment of the Contribution is made.</p> <p>(2) For the purpose aforesaid, in determining whether the relevant Contribution Conditions are satisfied in whole or in part as respects the number of Contributions paid or credited in respect of the last prescribed Contribution Period before the day for which Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit is claimed, a Contribution paid after the due date shall be treated-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) If after the commencement of incapacity for work and whilst incapacity continues, or during the period for which Maternity Benefit would otherwise be payable, as the case may be, as not paid in respect of any day before the expiry of a period of forty-two days (including Sundays) from and including the date on which payment of that Contribution is made, and as paid at the expiry of that period in relation to the right to such Benefit in respect of any other day;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) If paid after the cessation of incapacity for work or the said period, referred to in Subparagraph (a) as the case may be, as not paid.</p> | <p>Treatment for purpose of Sickness or Maternity Benefit of late paid Contributions.</p> |
| <p>9. For the purpose of any right to Old Age Benefit or Invalidity Benefit, a Contribution paid after the due date shall be treated-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) If paid before the expiration of twelve months next following the end of the year in which it became payable, as paid on the due date;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) If paid at any other time, as not paid.</p> | <p>Treatment for purpose of Old Age or Invalidity Benefits of late paid Contributions.</p> |
| <p>10. For the purpose of any right to Funeral Benefit, a Contribution paid after the due date shall be treated as not paid, if the Contribution is paid after the date of the death of the person in respect of whom the Grant is claimed.</p> | <p>Treatment for purpose of Funeral Benefit of late paid Contributions.</p> |

- 11. (1)** Where an Insured Person attains the age of sixty years on a date not more than a year after he becomes an Insured Person then, for each Contribution paid in respect of any Contribution Week falling within the said year, he shall, after attaining the age of sixty years, be entitled to a refund of the Employed Person's Contributions.
- (2)** An Application for a refund, pursuant to Paragraph (1), shall be in writing addressed to the Office of the Board, and shall be made within two years from the date the Insured Person attained the age of sixty years.
- Refund of Contributions to certain elderly Entrants.**
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 (COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS**

Reg.22/1967
 37/1969
 3/1971
 14 of 1971

Made under Sections 13, 16, 17, 18 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the appointed day.*

**Citation of
 Commencement.**

PRELIMINARY

2. In these Regulations-

Interpretation

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing immediately after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday and ending at twelve o'clock midnight on Sunday next following.

"Employed Person's Contribution" means that part of the Contribution paid by the Employer and recoverable, under these Regulations, from the wages of the Employed Person.

"Inspector" means an Inspector designated under Section 31 of the Act.

*29th September, 1969

"Insurable Income" means weekly or monthly income on which Contributions are

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paid by an Insured Person, and is subject to an upper limit which is determined by the Board, on the basis of four times the weekly or monthly minimum wage prevailing in the Public Service.

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"Local Office" means an office appointed by the Board as a Local Office, for the purpose of the Act.

"Registration Card" means the Social Security Registration Card issued under these Regulations, to a person registered as an Insured Person.

"Termination of Employment" means the day on which the employment actually comes to an end, whether such termination is in accordance with the terms of the Contract or not, and whether or not the employment is to be resumed at a later date.

3. Any Notice, Registration Card or Certificate that is authorized or required to be given, served, issued or delivered under these Regulations, may be sent by post.

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REGISTRATION CARDS

4. (1) Every person who is an Employer shall be registered under these Regulations.
- (2) Every application for registration under this Regulation shall be submitted to the General Manager on the prescribed form.
- (3) Where an Employer is registered under this Regulation, he shall be issued with a Registration Number.

Registration of
Employers.

5. (1) Every person becoming an Employer shall-

Registration of
Employed Persons.

- (a) Give notice thereof to the General Manager.
- (b) Submit to the General Manager, a complete list of every person in his employ.
- (c) Submit to the General Manager, an application for registration as an

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Insured Person, in respect of each person in his employ.

- (2) Where an Employer employs any person who has not previously been registered as an Insured Person under these Regulations, the Employer shall submit to the General Manager, an application for the registration of that person.
 - (3) Every Employed Person shall; supply the personal particulars necessary for the completion of the appropriate form of application, be responsible for the correctness of the personal information, and shall affix his signature to that part of the form provided there-for.
6. (1) If upon the receipt of an application for registration under Regulation 5, the General Manager is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to be insured, he shall cause such registration to be effected, and a Registration Card with a number to be issued to the Employer, for delivery to the Employee. **Issue of Registration Card.**
 - (2) Where a person in respect of whom a Registration Card has already been issued becomes employed in another Establishment, the new Employer shall require the Employed Person to produce his Registration Card.
 7. A Registration Card shall be in such form as the Board may determine, and when issued, shall remain the property of the Board. **Form of Registration Card.**
 8. A Registration Card shall be issued without charge to or in respect of a person applying for it. **No charge for issue of Registration Card.**
 9. If a Registration Card is destroyed or lost or is defaced in any material particular while in the custody of the Insured Person, the Employed Person shall report the matter to the General Manager, and apply for the issue of a Registration Card to replace the card that has been destroyed, lost or defaced. Such replacement shall be made at such charge as determined by the Board, except in cases where the Insured Person is a National Insurance Pensioner. **Destruction or loss of Registration Card.**
 10. Every Employed Person to whom a Registration Card has been issued under these Regulations, shall be responsible for its custody until the Registration Card is returned or delivered to the General Manager, or retained by an Inspector in accordance with these or any other Regulations. **Custody of Registration Card.**
 11. (1) An Insured Person shall produce his Registration Card for inspection at any reasonable time when required to do so by an Inspector, and if so required, **Inspection of Registration Card.**

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shall deliver up the same to the Inspector who may retain it.

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- (2) Where an Inspector retains the Registration Card of an Insured Person under this Regulation, he shall give to the Insured Person a receipt for the card retained by him.

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| <p>12. On the death of an Insured Person, any person having possession or thereafter obtaining possession of the Registration Card of the deceased person, shall immediately surrender the card to the General Manager.</p> | <p>Surrender of
Registration Card
on the death of
Insured Person.</p> |
| <p>13. Every Employer shall, within fifteen days after the end of the months of March, June, September and December of each year, or within any other period of time in each year as the Board thinks fit, submit to the Board, in such form as the Board may determine, a statement in respect of each person in his employ.</p> | <p>Periodical
Statements by
Employer.</p> |
| <p>14. Every Employer shall keep and maintain a Register in which he shall record, in respect of each person in his employ, the following particulars -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) Name, Address and Social Security Number.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) Date of commencement of employment, and date of cessation of employment.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(c) Date and amount of each payment.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(d) Amounts deducted from payment as National Insurance Contributions.</p> | <p>Register to be kept
by Employer.</p> |
| <p>15. (1) Every Employer shall keep and maintain all wages sheets and other records and documents, pertaining to payments and deductions towards National Insurance, in respect of each person in his employ, and shall make available such Wages Sheets and other records and documents to any Inspector or person authorized by the Board for the purpose of examination.</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">(2) All Wages Sheets and other records and documents required to be kept under Paragraph (1), shall be preserved for a period of five years.</p> | <p>Examination of
records.</p> |

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- 16. (1)** For each period for which an Insured Person is paid wages, whether weekly or monthly, the Employer shall pay for each Contribution Week beginning in that period, a Contribution the amount of which shall be a percentage determined by actuarial calculations, and approved by the Board, of the Insured Person's Insurable Income during or immediately after the end of that period:
- Rates of Insurance Contributions.**
[Reg. 37/1969
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Reg. 28/1989.

Provided that-

- (a) If the Insured Person's wages are not fixed on a time basis, the total amount of the wages paid to him in or immediately after the specific period for which Contribution is to be paid, may be taken into account.
 - (b) If the Insured Person's wages are paid on a time basis other than weekly or monthly, the General Manager may decide as to the amount of Contributions that should be paid, in accordance with Paragraph (1).
 - (c) Retrospective Awards of increased wages for periods for which Contributions have already been paid, shall not be taken into account, and no re-assessment of Contributions for those periods shall be made.
 - (d) In respect of Insured Persons under the age of sixteen years and of the age of sixty years and upwards, the Weekly Contribution irrespective of the amount of wages, shall be the amount as may be determined by actuarial calculations approved by the Board, necessary to cover the cost of Industrial Benefits.
- (2)** For the purpose of determining the wages of an Insured Person under Paragraph (1) of this Regulation, there shall be included all Gross Earnings received in cash, by or on behalf of the Insured Person including-
- (a) Overtime payments;
 - (b) Cost of living bonus;
 - (c) Family allowances;
 - (d) Commission or profits on sales;
 - (e) Payments on account of night or shift work; and

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- (f) Holiday pay and amounts set aside out of the Insured Person's remuneration throughout the year or part of the year, to be paid out to the Insured Person periodically:

Provided that-

- (i) In the case of holiday pay and any other amounts set aside out of the Insured Person's wages as in Subparagraph (f), the pay or amounts set aside shall be included in the related, wages for the appropriate period for which Contributions would have been payable, had the wages not been set aside.
 - (ii) In the case of other payments listed in Subparagraphs (a) to (e) inclusive, the amount of payments so received shall, if they are not paid with the wages for the period in which they were due, be included in the wages for the period in which they are paid.
 - (iii) Christmas Bonuses, Annual Production Bonuses, Severance Payments and Terminal Gratuities, shall not be included in the Gross Earnings of an Insured Person.
- (3) If a view to securing that liability for the payment of Contributions is not avoided or reduced by an Employer using any pay practice which is abnormal for the employment, the General Manager, whether or not an application has been made to him, may, if he thinks fit, determine any question in relation to the payment of Contributions where any such practice has been or is being followed, as if the Employer concerned had not followed such abnormal practice, but had followed a practice normal for the employment in question.

17. There shall be liability for a Contribution, pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, for all Benefits-

**Liability for
Contributions on
reaching age
16 or 60.**

- (a) In the case of Employed Persons attaining the age of sixteen years, for the week in which the Employed Person reaches that age.
- (b) In the case of Insured Persons attaining the age of sixty years, for the week in which the Insured Person reaches that age:

Provided that, in a case to which Paragraph (b) refers, there shall be no liability for a Contribution other than for Industrial Benefits, if the Insured Person attains the age of sixty years on the Monday of the week in question.

18. (1) An Employer liable to pay Contributions in respect or on behalf of an Insured

Time of payment

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Person shall, except as hereinafter provided, pay those Contributions before paying to the Insured Person, the wages in respect of the period for which a Contribution is payable.

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- (2) Where wages are paid in advance for any period, the Employer shall pay Contributions in advance for that period before the payment of the wages.
- (3) In addition to his obligation to comply with any other requirement of the Act, the Employer shall pay all Contributions due from him but still outstanding in respect of any Insured Person-
 - (a) Within fourteen days of termination of employment, where the employment is terminated by the Insured Person without any notice or intimation to the Employer, and forthwith on the termination of the employment, where the employment is terminated in any other manner; and
 - (b) Within forty-eight hours after being requested to do so by the Insured Person, and any Contribution remaining due after the expiration of the period specified in Subparagraph (a), thereafter bears interest as provided by Section 44 of the Act.
- (4) (a) The Board may, if it thinks fit and subject to such terms and conditions as it may impose:
 - (i) Approve any arrangement whereby Contributions are paid at times or in a manner other than those prescribed in these Regulations, and any such arrangement may include provision for the payment of such fees as may be determined by the Board, to represent the estimated additional expense in administration to the Board; and
 - (ii) As a condition of authorizing the payment of any Contributions at a date later than that upon which the wages for any part of the period, in respect of which the Contributions payable are paid, require the making of such deposit of money by way of security, as may be approved by the Board.
- (b) These Regulations shall, subject to the provisions of any such

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arrangement, apply to any person affected by the arrangements, and any contravention of, or failure to comply with any requirements of any such arrangement, shall be deemed to be a contravention of or failure to comply with these Regulations.

- 19.** Every Contribution payable in relation to an Insured Person shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be paid in cash or by cheque to the General Manager, on the appropriate form, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, in respect of the previous month. **Manner of payment of Contributions.**
- 20. (1)** Subject to Paragraph (2), an Employer shall be entitled to recover from an Insured Person the amount of any Contribution paid by him on behalf of that person. **Recovery by Employer of Contributions paid on behalf of**
- (2)** The amount of any Contribution paid by the Employer on behalf of the Insured Person, notwithstanding the provisions of any contract to the contrary, shall be recoverable by means of deductions from the wages of such person and not otherwise: **Employed Person.**

Provided that no such deduction may be made from any such wages other than such as are paid wholly or partly in respect of the Contribution Week, or part of the Contribution Week for which the Contribution is payable.

PART III**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 21. (1)** Where an Insured Person is employed by two or more Employers in any Contribution Week, the first Employer employing him in that week shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, be treated as his Employer, for the purposes of the Act. **Employment by two or more Employers.**
- (2)** Where an Insured Person is employed by two or more Employers in any Contribution Week, and neither 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 purposes of the Act.

- (3) Where an Insured Person is 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 Act.
- (4) Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent the Insured Person and two or more of his Employers agreeing amongst themselves, that one of the Employers shall pay a Contribution for the Insured Person at the appropriate amount, based upon the total wages from all his Employers, and that the Employer so paying may recover from the wages paid by him, the Insured Person's Contribution for that amount.
22. (1) Where an Insured Person works under the general control and management of a person who is not his Immediate Employer, that person (referred to hereafter in this Regulation as "**the Principal Employer**") shall be deemed to be the Employer, for the purpose of the Act, and the Immediate Employer shall furnish the Principal Employer with such particulars of the Insured Person's wages, as may be necessary to enable the Principal Employer to comply with the provisions of the Act. **Where Insured Person works under general control of person not his immediate Employer.**
- (2) If the Insured Person's wages are actually paid to him by the Immediate Employer-
- (a) The Immediate Employer shall notify the Principal Employer of the wages to be paid, and the Immediate Employer shall be notified by the Principal Employer of the amount of Contributions which may be deducted when such wages are paid to the Insured Person, and the Immediate Employer may deduct the amount so notified to him; and
- (b) The Principal Employer may make a corresponding deduction, on making to the Immediate Employer the payment out of which the said wages will be paid.
23. If under these Regulations, a person is required to pay any Contribution that, under Section 16 (1) of the Act another person is liable to pay, his payment thereof shall be made as Agent for that other person. **Payment as Agent.**
24. If an Employer dies, anything that he would have been liable to do under these **Death of Employer.**

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Regulations, shall be done by his Legal Personal Representative or, in the case of an Employer who paid wages on behalf of another person, by the person succeeding him, or, if no person succeeds him, the person on whose behalf he paid wages.

- 25.** If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of these Regulations, he shall be liable, on Summary Conviction, to a fine of two thousand dollars, or where the offence consists of continuing any such contravention or failure after conviction thereof, three thousand dollars, together with a further sum of three thousand dollars for each day on which it is so continued.

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Made under Sections 20, 38, 39 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations and shall come into operation on the appointed day.* **Citation and Commencement.**

PART I

2. (1) In these Regulations-

Interpretation.

"**Claimant**" means a person who has claimed Benefit under the Act, and includes, for the purposes of Part II of these Regulations, a person whose right to be excepted from liability to pay or to be credited with a Contribution is in question.

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"The Commissioner" means the National Insurance Commissioner appointed under Regulation 14.

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"Grant" means any payment, not being a periodical payment, made by way of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Disablement Benefit or Death Benefit, and includes Funeral Benefit and Maternity Grant. 1.3.86

"Pension" means periodical payments made by way of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Disablement Benefit or Death Benefit.

"Question" includes, for the purposes of Part III of these Regulations, a Claim under the Act.

"Registered Medical Practitioner" means a person duly registered as a Medical Practitioner under the Laws for the time being in force relating to the registration of Medical Practitioners.

"Reserved Question" means any question set out in Regulation 3.

- (2) Any notice or other document required or authorized to be given or sent to any person under the provisions of these Regulations, shall be deemed to have been given or sent, if it was sent by post, to that person at his ordinary or last known address.
- (3) Any power conferred by these Regulations to extend the period during which anything is required to be done under these Regulations or to dispense with any of the requirements thereof, may be exercised in any case notwithstanding, that the period during which the thing is required to be done has expired.

PART II

DETERMINATION OF QUESTIONS BY BOARD

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the following reserved questions arising under or in connection with the Act, shall be determined by the Board on application made to it in accordance with Regulation 4, and the decision of the Board shall be final-

**Questions for
determination by
the Board.**

- (a) Whether a person is or was an Insured Person;

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- (b) Whether a person is or was an Employed Person or a Self-employed Person;
 - (c) As to the class or category of Insured Persons in which a person is to be included;
 - (d) Whether the Contribution Conditions for any Benefit are satisfied, or any question otherwise relating to a person's Contributions; or
 - (e) Who is or was liable for payment of Contributions as the Employer of any Insured Person.
4. (1) Any person desiring to obtain the decision of the Board on any question mentioned in Regulation 3, shall deliver or send to the Board an application for the purpose in writing, in a form approved by the Board, and shall furnish such particulars as the Board may require for the purpose of the consideration and determination of any such question.
- (2) The Board shall take steps to bring any such application and any such particulars to the notice of any person appearing to it to be interested therein, and to obtain from such person such particulars within such time and in such form as it considers necessary, for the proper determination of the question.
- (3) The Board may, if it thinks fit, before determining any question, appoint a person to hold an Inquiry into the question or any matters arising in connection therewith, and to report to it thereon, and the person so appointed may by Summons require persons to attend at any such Inquiry to give evidence or to produce documents reasonably required for the purpose of the Inquiry, and may take evidence on Oath, and for that purpose administer Oaths.
- (4) Reasonable notice of the date and place of the holding of such an Inquiry shall be given to the Applicant, and any persons notified of the application in accordance with Paragraph (2).
- (5) The Applicant and any person appearing to the Board or to the person appointed to hold the Inquiry to be interested in the application, shall be entitled to attend and be heard at the Inquiry, and to be represented by any other person, and the Procedure Thereat shall, subject to this Regulation, be such as the person appointed to hold the Inquiry shall determine.

**Procedure for
determination of
questions by the
Board.**

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- (6) The Board shall give notice in writing of its decision to the Applicant, and to any persons appearing to it to be interested therein, and may publish its decision in such manner as it thinks fit.

5. (1) Any question of Law arising in connection with the determination by the Board of any such question as is mentioned in Regulation 3 may, if the Board thinks fit, be referred for decision to the High Court. **Reference to High Court by Board of questions of Law; Appeals against decisions of Board on questions of law.**
- (2) In the event of the Board determining in accordance with Paragraph (1) to refer any question of Law to the High Court, it shall send notice in writing, of its intention so to do to the Applicant, and to any other person appearing to it to be interested therein.
- (3) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board on any question of Law such as is mentioned in Paragraph (1), which is not referred in accordance with that Paragraph, may in accordance with rules of Court made pursuant to Section 38 of the Act, appeal from that decision to the High Court, and the Applicant and any other person appearing to the Board to be interested shall on request, be furnished with such a statement of the grounds of the Board's decision as will enable them to determine whether any question of Law has arisen upon which they may wish to appeal.
- (4) Without prejudice to the rights of any other person, the Board shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any such reference or appeal.
6. (1) The Board may, on new facts being brought to its notice, or if it is satisfied that the decision was given in ignorance of or was based on a mistake as to some material fact, review a decision given by it in accordance with this Part: **Review of decision of the Board.**

Provided that any such decision shall not be reviewed while an Appeal is pending against the decision of the Board on a question of Law arising in connection therewith, or before the time for so appealing has expired.

- (2) The provisions of Regulation 5 shall apply in relation to a decision on review as they apply to the original determination or decision.

PART III**DETERMINATION OF CLAIMS AND QUESTIONS****BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, APPEAL TRIBUNAL OR COMMISSIONER**

7. (1) The following questions, that is to say-

(a) Any question as to the right to benefit; and

(b) Any other question arising under or in connection with the Act, not being a reserved question,

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questions to
General Manager.**

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shall be submitted to the General Manager, who shall consider the question, and so far as practicable, dispose of it, in accordance with these Regulations, within fourteen days after the date when it was submitted.

(2) If on consideration of a question the General Manager is of opinion that no reserved question arises, then-

(a) If he is satisfied that the question ought to be determined wholly in favour of the Claimant, he may determine the question accordingly.

(b) In so far as he is not so satisfied, he may either-

(i) Refer the question (so far as is practicable within fourteen days after the date on which it was submitted to him) to an Appeal Tribunal constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations for its decision; or

Schedule.

(ii) Himself determine the question in whole or in part, adversely to the Claimant.

(3) Where the General Manager refers a question to an Appeal Tribunal in accordance with Paragraph (2), notice in writing of such reference shall be given to the Claimant.

(4) The General Manager may delegate to any Officer of the Board, the power to exercise on his behalf, the functions vested in him by this Regulation.

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8. (1) If the General Manager has determined a question in whole or in part, adversely to the Claimant, the Claimant shall, subject to the provisions of this Regulation, have a right of appeal in respect of the decision to the Appeal Tribunal, and shall be notified in writing of the decision, and the reasons there-for and his right of appeal there from:

**Appeals to Appeal
Tribunal.
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Provided that where a reserved question has arisen in connection with the decision of the General Manager, and has been determined by the proper authority, and the General Manager certifies that the decision on that question is the sole ground of his decision, no Appeal shall lie without the leave of the Chairman of the Appeal Tribunal.

- (2) An Appeal against a decision of the General Manager must be brought by giving notice of appeal at the office of the Board, within two months after the date of that decision, or within such further time, not exceeding four months, as the Chairman of the Appeal Tribunal may allow.
- (3) A notice of Appeal shall be in writing, and shall contain a statement of the ground upon which the Appeal is made.

9. (1) Reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing before the Appeal Tribunal, shall be given to the Claimant and to any other person who may appear to the Chairman of the Tribunal to be interested and, except with the consent of the Claimant, the Appeal Tribunal shall not proceed with the hearing of any case unless such notice has been given.

**Time and place of
Hearings before
Appeal Tribunal.**

- (2) If a Claimant or other person to whom notice of hearing has been duly given, in accordance with these Regulations, fails to appear either in person or by Representative at such hearing and has not given a reasonable explanation for his absence, the Tribunal may proceed to determine the case or may give such directions with a view to the determination of the case as it may think proper.

10. (1) Every Hearing by an Appeal Tribunal shall be in Public, except in so far as the Chairman of the Tribunal may otherwise direct if he is of the opinion that intimate, personal or financial circumstances may have to be disclosed, or that considerations of Public Security are involved; and any person appearing to the Tribunal to be interested, shall have the right to be present, notwithstanding that the hearing of the case is not in Public.

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Appeal Tribunal.
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- (2) The General Manager and the Claimant shall be entitled to be heard at the Hearing of any Case by an Appeal Tribunal.

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- (3) Any person who, by virtue of the provisions of this Regulation, has the right to be heard at the hearing of a Case by an Appeal Tribunal, may be represented at the hearing by some other person, whether having professional qualifications or not, and for the purposes of the hearing, any such Representative shall have all the rights to which the person whom he represents is entitled, under these Regulations.
- (4) Any person who exercises the right conferred by this Regulation to be heard at the Hearing, may call Witnesses, and shall be given an opportunity of putting questions directly to any Witnesses called at the Hearing.
- (5) For the purposes of arriving at their decision or discussing any question of Procedure, an Appeal Tribunal may, notwithstanding anything in this Regulation, order all persons not being members of the Tribunal, other than the person acting as Clerk to the Tribunal, to withdraw from the sitting of the Tribunal.

11. (1) An Appeal Tribunal shall-

Decisions of Appeal
Tribunal.

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- (a) Record in writing, in such form as may from time to time be approved by the Board, all its decisions (whether on an Appeal or on a Reference from the General Manager); and
- (b) Include in the record of every decision (which shall be signed by all members of the Tribunal) a statement of the reasons for its decision, including its findings on all questions of fact material thereto.
- (2) Where the Tribunal is unable to reach a unanimous decision on any case, the decision of the majority of the members thereof shall be the decision of the Tribunal.
- (3) As soon as may be practicable, a copy of the record of its decision made in accordance with this Regulation, shall be sent to the Claimant and to the General Manager, and to any other person who appears to the Appeal Tribunal to be interested.

12. (1) Subject as hereinafter provided, an Appeal shall lie to the Commissioner appointed, in accordance with Regulation 14, whose decision shall be final, subject to the provisions of this Part, from any decision of an Appeal Tribunal, at the instance of-

Appeal to the
Commissioner.

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- (a) The General Manager,

(b) The Claimant.

- (2) An Appeal to the Commissioner must be brought within three months after the date of the decision of the Appeal Tribunal, or such further period as the Commissioner may in any case for special reasons allow, and such an Appeal shall be brought by giving notice in writing to the Commissioner in a form approved by the Board, stating the grounds of the Appeal, and a copy of such notice shall be given-

(a) In the case of an Appeal by the General Manager, to the Claimant.

(b) In the case of an Appeal by the Claimant, to the General Manager through the office of the Board.

13. (1) If the Claimant or General Manager makes a request to the Commissioner for an Oral Hearing of the Appeal, the Commissioner shall grant such request, unless after considering the record of the case and the reasons put forward in the request for the Hearing, he is satisfied that the Appeal can properly be determined without a Hearing, in which event he shall so inform the Claimant and the General Manager in writing, and may proceed to determine the case without a Hearing.

**Oral Hearing of
Appeal.
[14 of 1971]**

- (2) If, in accordance with Paragraph (1), a request for an Oral Hearing has been granted, or if, notwithstanding that no request has been made, the Commissioner is otherwise satisfied that an Oral Hearing is desirable, reasonable notice of the time and place of the Hearing shall be given to the Claimant and the General Manager, and, if he thinks fit, to any other person appearing to the Commissioner to be interested.
- (3) In any case in which an Oral Hearing of an Appeal is held, such Hearing shall be in Public, except in so far as the Commissioner may otherwise direct if he is of the opinion that intimate, personal or financial circumstances may have to be disclosed, or that considerations of Public Security are involved.
- (4) Any person to whom notice of the Hearing has been given, shall be entitled to be heard at the Hearing, and to be represented thereat by some other person, whether having professional qualifications or not, and for the purpose of the Hearing, such Representative shall have all the rights to which that person whom he represents is Entitled, under these Regulations.
- (5) Any person who exercises the rights conferred by this Regulation to be heard at the hearing may, with the leave of the Commissioner, call Witness, and shall be given

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 an opportunity of putting questions directly to any witnesses called at the hearing.

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- (6) If any person to whom notice of the Hearing has been duly given should fail to appear, either in person or by representative, at the hearing, and has not given a reasonable explanation for his absence, the Commissioner may proceed to determine the Appeal, or may give such directions with a view to the determination of the Appeal, as he thinks proper.
- (7) If it appears to the Commissioner that any Appeal under this Regulation involves a question of Law or fact of special difficulty, he may direct that in dealing with the Appeal or any part thereof, he shall have the assistance of an Assessor or Assessors.
- (8) The Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, refer any question arising for his decision, to a Registered Medical Practitioner for examination and report.
- (9) The decision of the Commissioner shall be in writing and signed by him, and as soon as practicable, copies thereof shall be sent simultaneously, one to the Claimant and one to the General Manager.

14. There shall be a National Insurance Commissioner who shall be appointed by the President, and shall be an Attorney-at-law of not less than ten years standing.

**Appointment of
Commissioner
[14 of 1971]**

15. (1) Any decision of the General Manager, Appeal Tribunal or Commissioner under this Part of these Regulations, may be reviewed at any time by the General Manager, or on a reference from the General Manager, by an Appeal Tribunal, if-

**Review of decisions
of General
Manager and
Appeal Tribunal.
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- (a) He is or they are satisfied, but not without fresh evidence in the Case of a decision of the Commissioner, that the decision was given in ignorance of, or was based on a mistake as to some material fact;
- (b) There has been any relevant change of circumstances since the decision was given; or
- (c) The decision was based on the decision of any reserved question, and the decision of that question has been revised.

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- (2) A question may be raised with a view to such a review by means of an Application in writing, to the General Manager, stating the grounds of the application.
- (3) On receipt of any such Application, the General Manager shall proceed to deal with or refer any question arising thereon in accordance with the Act and these Regulations.
- (4) Any decision given on a review under this Regulation, and any refusal to review a decision under this Regulation, shall be subject to appeal in like manner as an original decision and the provisions of this Part of these Regulations shall, subject to the necessary modifications, apply in relation to any decision given on a review as they apply to the original decision of a question.

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation and of Regulation 19, Benefit shall be payable in accordance with an Award, notwithstanding that an Appeal against the Award is pending.

Interim Payments.
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- (2) Where it appears to the General Manager that a question has arisen whether-

- (a) The conditions for the receipt of Benefit payable under an Award are or were fulfilled; or
- (b) An award of Benefit ought to be revised in accordance with these Regulations,

he may direct that payment of the Benefit, and the Benefit shall be suspended in whole or in part until that question has been determined.

17. (1) Where on review a decision is revised so as to make Benefit payable, or to increase the rate of Benefit, the decision on review shall have effect as from the date of the application for the review:

Provided that, subject to Paragraph (2), if in any case the Claimant proves that on a date earlier than the date on which the application for the review was made he was (apart from satisfying the condition of making a Claim there-for) entitled to Benefit, he shall not be disqualified, by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this Paragraph, for receiving any Benefit to which he would have been entitled in respect of the period between the earlier date and the date on which the application for the review was made.

Review of decisions involving payment or increase of Benefits other than Grants.
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- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Regulation, the following provisions shall have effect:
- (a) The Proviso to Paragraph (1) shall apply, subject to the conditions that no sum on account of Benefit shall be paid to any person in respect of any part of the period referred to in that Proviso earlier than six months before the date on which the application for the review was made.
 - (b) The decision on review shall not in any event have effect for any period before the date on which the original decision took effect or would have taken effect if an Award had been made.
 - (c) If the said decision on review was based on a material change of circumstances subsequent to the date from which the original decision took effect, it shall not have effect for any period before the date declared by the General Manager, Appeal Tribunal or the Commissioner as the case may be, to be the date on which such material change of circumstances took place.
- (3) For the purpose of this Regulation, where a decision is reviewed at the instance of the General Manager under Regulation 15 (1), the date on which it was first decided by the General Manager that the decision should be reviewed shall be deemed to be the date of the application of the review.
- (4) In this Regulation, "**Benefit**" does not include any Grant.
18. (1) A decision shall not be reviewed so as to make a Grant payable, unless the Claimant proves that the application for review was made not later than four years from the date of the decision.
- (2) The provisions of Paragraph (3) of Regulation 17, shall apply in the application of Paragraph (1) of this Regulation, as they apply in the application of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of that Regulation.
19. (1) Where a Grant is awarded by a decision on review or Appeal in lieu of a Pension previously awarded, such decision shall direct that any payments made on account of such Pension shall, in so far as they do not exceed the amount of the Grant, be treated as being made on account of the Grant.

**Review of decisions
involving payments
of Grants.**

**Adjustment of
Benefit.**

- (2) Where any Benefit other than a Grant is awarded by a decision on review or Appeal in lieu of another kind of Benefit previously awarded, that decision shall, as respects any payments made on account of the Benefit previously awarded-
- (a) Direct that in so far as the amount thereof does not exceed the amount of any arrears payable by way of the Benefit so awarded, such payments shall be treated as having been made on account of such arrears; and
 - (b) To the extent by which the amount thereof exceeds the amount of the said arrears, direct that such payments shall (except in so far as they are required to be repaid under this Regulation) be treated as having been made on account of sums becoming payable after the date of the decision on review or appeal by way of the Benefit awarded thereby.
- (3) Where on review or appeal a decision is revised, or is reversed or varied so as to make Benefit not payable or to reduce Benefit, the decision given on the review or appeal shall require repayment to the Fund of any Benefit paid in pursuance of the original decision to the extent to which it-
- (a) Would not have been payable if the decision on the review or Appeal had been given in the first instance; and
 - (b) Is not directed to be treated as paid on account of the Benefit awarded by the decision on review or Appeal.
- (4) Where-
- (a) On appeal against an Award of Benefit a decision is reversed or varied, so that such Benefit is not payable or is payable at a less rate; and
 - (b) On review, the decision on that Appeal is revised so as to make such Benefit payable or payable at a higher rate from a date before the decision on Appeal,

any Benefit paid in pursuance of the Award before the decision on Appeal shall, to the extent to which it would not have been payable if the decision on appeal had been given in the first instance, be treated as having been paid on account of any Benefit made payable for the same period by the decision on review, except in so far as it has, in pursuance of the decision on appeal, been repaid or treated as paid on account of the Benefit awarded by that decision.

- (5) Where in accordance with a decision given on a review or Appeal, any Benefit is required to be repaid to the Fund, then without prejudice to any other method of recovery, such Benefit shall be recoverable by deduction from any Benefit then or thereafter payable to the person by whom it is to be repaid or from any Benefit payable on his death.

20. (1) If on consideration of a question the General Manager is of the opinion that a Reserved Question arises he shall-

Reference of
reserved questions.
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- (a) Refer the Reserved Question for determination to the Board to determine the same; and
- (b) Deal with any other questions as if the Reserved Question had not arisen:

Provided that the General Manager may-

- (i) Postpone the reference of or dealing with any question until after other questions have been determined.
- (ii) In cases where the determination of any question disposes of a Claim or any part thereof, make an Award, or decide that an Award cannot be made as to the Claim or that part thereof, without referring or dealing with, or before the determination of, any other question.
- (2) The foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall apply to the Appeal Tribunal or the Commissioner as they apply to the General Manager, except that an Appeal Tribunal or the Commissioner instead of themselves referring a question for determination in accordance with Paragraph (1) (a), shall require it to be so referred by the General Manager.

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS

21. (1) Where in any proceedings-

- (a) For an offence under the Act; or
- (b) Involving any question as to the payment of Contributions under the Act; or

Decisions to be
conclusive for
purpose of
proceedings under
Act, etc.
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(c) For the recovery of any sums due to the Fund,

any question arises which under the Act or the Regulations is to be determined by the Board, or by the Court in the event of an Appeal on a point of Law, or the General Manager, Appeal Tribunal or Commissioner, the decision by the appropriate determining authority shall, unless an Appeal under these Regulations is pending or the time for so appealing has not expired, be conclusive for the purpose of those proceedings.

- (2) If any such decision under Paragraph (1) has not been obtained, and the decision of the question is necessary for the determination of the proceedings, the question shall be referred to the appropriate determining authority, as the case may require, in accordance with the Procedure (modified where necessary) prescribed in these Regulations.
- (3) Where any such Appeal as is mentioned in Paragraph (1) is pending, or the time for so appealing has not expired, or where any question has been referred under Paragraph (2), the authority dealing with the case shall adjourn the proceedings until such time as a final decision upon the question has been obtained.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 7

APPEAL TRIBUNAL

[Reg. 7/1971]

1. An Appeal Tribunal shall consist of-

- (a) One person selected in accordance with Paragraph (3) of this Schedule, from a Panel of persons chosen by the Board to represent Employers;
- (b) One person selected in accordance with Paragraph 3 of this Schedule, from a Panel of persons chosen by the Board to represent Insured Persons; and
- (c) A Chairman who, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, shall hold Office for such period not exceeding two years, as the Minister may determine, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

2. (1) The Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal shall be an Attorney-at-law of at least five years standing, and the Minister may appoint one or more persons to perform the functions of Chairman.

- (2) If the Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal is by reason of absence or any other cause unable, temporarily, to perform the functions of his Office, the Minister may, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, appoint another person to act in his place.
- (3) Where several persons are appointed to perform the functions of Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal, they shall, as far as practicable, be invited by the Board, to preside over a Tribunal in turn.
3. As far as practicable, the members of each Panel, shall be summoned by the Board to serve in turn on the Appeal Tribunal for which the Panel is established:
- Provided that-
- (a) No person shall sit on a Tribunal during the consideration of a case-
 - (i) In which he appears as the Representative of the Claimant; or
 - (ii) By which he is or may be directly affected; or
 - (iii) In which he has taken any part as an Employer or as a Witness.
 - (b) Where the Claimant is a woman, at least one of the members of the Tribunal, if practicable, shall be a woman.
4. The Appeal Tribunal may, with the consent of the Claimant but not otherwise, proceed with any Case in the absence of any member other than the Chairman, and in any such Case, the Chairman shall, if the number of the members of the Tribunal is an even number, have a second or casting vote.
5. Members appointed to a Panel pursuant to this Schedule shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, hold Office for such term and on such conditions as may be determined by the Board.
6. The Minister may, if he considers it expedient so to do, at any time revoke the appointment of the Chairman, and the Board may, if it considers it expedient so to do at any time, revoke the appointment of any member of a Panel.

7. No member of the Board shall be eligible for appointment as a Chairman or member of an Appeal Tribunal.
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**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS) REGULATIONS**

Reg. 27/1969
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Made under Sections 21 and 51

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| <p>1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the appointed day.*</p> | <p>Citation and
Commencement.</p> |
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| <p>2. In these Regulations-</p> | <p>Interpretation
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"Determining Authority" means, as the case may require, the Board or the General Manager, or the Appeal Tribunal or the National Insurance Commissioner appointed or constituted in accordance with any Regulations for the time being in force.

"Draft" means a Draft, Voucher, Order or any other instrument whatsoever (except a Serial Order) which is payable through a Post Office, an Office of the Board or a Bank.

"Pension Order" means an Order for the payment through a Post Office or an Office of the Board, of a monthly sum on account of a Pension.

"Serial Order" means one of a series of Orders, including Pension Orders, for the payment through a Post Office or an Office of the Board, of a sum on account of Benefit that is or has been contained in a Book of such Orders.

PART I

CLAIMS

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| <p>3. Every Claim for Benefit shall be made in writing to the General Manager on the Form approved by the Board for the purpose, or in such other manner (being in writing) as the General Manager may accept as sufficient in the circumstances of any particular case or class of cases.</p> | <p>Claims to be made
in writing.
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| <p>4. Forms of Claim shall be supplied without charge by the Board.</p> | <p>Supply of Claim
Forms.</p> |

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5. Where a Claim for Benefit has been made on an approved Form other than the Form appropriate to the Benefit claimed, the Claim may be treated as if it had been made on the appropriate Form:

**Claims not on
appropriate Forms.
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Provided that the General Manager may in any such case require the Claimant to complete the appropriate Form.

6. (1) Every person who makes a Claim for Benefit shall furnish such Certificates, Documents, Information and Evidence, for the purpose of determining the Claim, as may be required by the General Manager, and if so required shall, for that purpose attend at such Office or place as the General Manager may direct.
- (2) Every person who makes a Claim for Benefit in respect of a child shall in particular, furnish such Certificates relating to the birth of the child, and such other information as the General Manager may require.
- (3) Every person who makes a Claim for Funeral Benefit shall in particular, furnish the following information-
- (a) If required, a Death Certificate relating to the Deceased.
 - (b) If required, the Estimate or Account of the Undertaker.
 - (c) In the case of any Council, Association or other authority, such particulars relating to the relevant person, as may be required.
- (4) The General Manager may accept, in support of Claims and in the absence of the Certificates or documents aforementioned,-
- (a) As proof of Kinship or Marriage, other Documentary Evidence or Evidence of a trustworthy third person; or
 - (b) As proof of Age, Extracts from Baptismal Records or School Records, or such other evidence as he considers satisfactory.

**Information to be
given when making
a Claim for Benefit
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7. (1) If, owing to the absence of due signature or of due certification, a Claim is

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defective, at the date of its receipt by the General Manager, the General Manager may refer the Claim to the Claimant, and if the Form is returned duly signed and certified within one month from the date on which it is so referred, or such other period as the General Manager may in any special circumstance specify, the Claim may be treated as if it had been duly made in the first instance.

Claim Forms.
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- (2) Any person who has made a Claim for a Benefit in accordance with these Regulations, may amend his Claim at any time before a decision has been given thereon, by notice in writing delivered or sent to the office of the Board, and any Claim so amended be treated as if it had been duly made in the first instance.

8. Where it appears that a person who has made a Claim for Benefit is not entitled thereto but may be entitled to some other Benefit, any such Claim may be treated, by the General Manager, as a Claim in the alternative for that other Benefit.

**Interchange with
Claims for other
Benefits.**
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PART II**PAYMENTS**

9. Subject to these Regulations, Benefit shall be paid in accordance with an Award thereof as soon as practicable, after such an Award has been made by the Determining Authority, in the following manner:

**Time and manner
of payment of
Benefits other than
Pensions.**
[14 of 1971]

- (a) In the case of Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit or Injury Benefit or Constant Attendance Benefit, by means of Drafts or by other means including cash payment in the home or at an office of the Board, if the circumstances of any particular case appear to the General Manager to render this appropriate.
- (b) Payments under Paragraph (a) shall be made weekly or fortnightly, but where payment is due for a period covering less than a week, there shall be paid after the end of that period, an amount equal to the proportion of the rate of Benefit which the number of days in that period, Sunday being disregarded, bears to six.
- (c) In the case of Funeral Benefit and Maternity Benefit, and in the case of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit and Survivor's Benefit, where such

Benefits consist of a single payment by means of Drafts or by such other means as appear to the General Manager to be appropriate in the

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circumstances of any particular case:

Provided that a person who applies for Benefit or payment shall produce on request satisfactory particulars of his identity.

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| <p>10. (1) Subject to these Regulations, Pensions shall be paid monthly on the basis of two weeks in arrears and two weeks in advance, by means of Pension Orders payable in each case to the Pensioner, at such Post Office or Office of the Board as the General Manager, after enquiry of the Pensioner, may from time to time determine.</p> <p>(2) In every case in which there is an Award by the Determining Authority, under which a Pension is payable, the Board shall cause arrangements to be made whereby, on furnishing such evidence as to identity and such other particulars as may be required, the Pensioner may obtain a Book of Pension Orders, and the Pensioner shall be notified of the appropriate place at which he may obtain such a Book and of the arrangements, so far as they affect him.</p> <p>(3) The Board shall arrange, where appropriate, for the issue to every Pensioner of a fresh Book of Pension Orders on the expiration of the previous Book.</p> <p>(4) Monthly sums on account of Pensions, shall be payable on such day of the month as the Board may, in respect of any Pension, determine.</p> | <p>Time and manner of payment of Pensions.
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| <p>11. (1) A Book of Pension Orders issued to any person shall remain the property of the Board.</p> <p>(2) Any person having a Book of Pension Orders or any unpaid Pension Orders shall, on the termination of the Pension to which such Book or Order relates, or when requested by an Officer of the Board, deliver such Book or Order to the Board or to such person as the Board may direct.</p> | <p>Books of Pension Orders to remain property of the Board.</p> |
| <p>12. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, the Board may arrange-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) In any case where the date as from which a Pension would commence or as from which a change in the Rate of Pension would take effect is a day other than the day determined by the Board under Regulation 10 (4) for the payment of that Pension, that the Pension shall commence only, or the change in the Rate of Pension shall take effect only, as from the next such day.</p> | <p>Board may make other arrangements for payment of Pension in certain cases.</p> |

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- (b) In any case where the date as from which a Pension would cease to be payable is a day other than the day immediately preceding the day determined by the Board under Regulation 10 (4) for the payment of that Pension, that the Pension shall continue to be payable up to but not including the next such day.

13. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, the Board may in any particular case or class of cases, arrange for the payment of a Pension otherwise than monthly, or otherwise than by means of Pension Orders payable to the Pensioner.

**Other times and
method of payment
of Pensions.**

14. (1) The prescribed time for claiming Benefit shall be-

**Late Claims for
Benefit etc.
[Reg. 8/1971]
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- (a) In the case of Sickness Benefit or Injury Benefit or Constant Attendance Benefit, not later than fourteen days from the earliest day in respect of which the Claim is made:

Provided that the General Manager may, in just cases where it could be shown that the reason for not submitting the Claim within the prescribed time was due to difficulty arising from the distant Geographical Location of the Claimant's home or workplace from the nearest National Insurance Office, extend that period to one which is considered reasonable taking into consideration the circumstances of the case, but any such extension shall not be for more than six months from the earliest day in respect of which the Claim was made.

- (b) In the case of Maternity Benefit-

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- (i) In respect of expectation of confinement, within the period of four weeks, beginning with the ninth Contribution week before the Contribution Week in which it is expected that the Claimant will be confined.
- (ii) Where confinement has taken place, within the period of four weeks, beginning with the date of confinement.
- (iii) In respect of Maternity Grant, the period of six months from the week of confinement.

- (c) In the case of Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Disablement Benefit and Death Benefit, within the period of three months from the date on which, apart from satisfying the condition of making a

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Claim, the Claimant becomes entitled thereto.

- (d) In the case of Funeral Benefit, the period of six months from the date of death of the Deceased.
- (2) A person failing to make a Claim for Benefit within the prescribed time shall be disqualified from receiving-
- (a) In the case of Sickness Benefit or Injury Benefit, Benefit in respect of any day more than ten days before the date on which the Claim is made.
 - (b) In the case of Maternity Benefit, where such Benefit consists of an allowance in respect of any period before the beginning of the Contribution Week in which the Claim is made, and where such Benefit consists of a Grant, the Grant.
 - (c) In the case of Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Disablement Benefit and Death Benefit-
 - (i) Where such Benefits consist of a Pension, Benefit in respect of any period more than three months before the date on which the Claim is made.
 - (ii) Where such Benefits consist of a single payment, the single payment.
 - (d) In the case of Funeral Benefit, the Benefit:

Provided that, if in any case the Claimant proves-

- (i) That on a date earlier than the date on which the Claim was made, apart from satisfying the condition of making a Claim, he was entitled to the Benefit; and
- (ii) That throughout the period between the earlier date and the date on which the Claim was made, there was good cause for delay in making such Claim,

he shall not be disqualified under this Paragraph for receiving any Benefit to which he would have been entitled if the Claim had been made on the earlier date, except that in the case of Maternity Benefit, in respect of

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expectation of confinement, the foregoing Proviso shall be applied only if the Claim is made before the date of confinement:

Provided further that no sum shall be paid to any person on account of-

- (i) Sickness Benefit, Injury Benefit or Maternity Benefit or on account of Invalidity Benefit, Disablement Benefit, Death Benefit or Survivor's Benefit where such Benefit consists of a Pension, in respect of any period more than six months before the date on which the Claim there-for is duly made;
- (ii) Benefit other than Funeral Benefit consisting of a single payment, if the Claim there-for is not duly made within six months after the date of entitlement thereto; and
- (iii) Funeral Benefit, if the Claim therefore is not duly made within twelve months after the date of the death of the person in respect of whom the Benefit is payable.

15. (1) The right to any sum payable by way of Benefit except Old Age Benefit, shall be extinguished where payment thereof is not obtained within the period of six months from the date on which that sum is receivable, in accordance with the following provisions of this Regulation:

Provided that in calculating the said period of six months no account shall be taken of-

- (a) Any period during which a Serial Order or Draft containing the sum is in the possession of the Board or any Post Office at which it is payable, other than a period after written notice has been given that the Serial Order or Draft is available for collection;
- (b) Any period during which the Board has under consideration any representation that a Serial Order or Draft containing the sum has not been received or has been lost, mislaid or stolen;
- (c) Any period during which the person concerned is for the time being unable to act by reason of any mental incapacity, subject to the qualification that the total period disregarded on account of such inability to act shall not exceed one year; or
- (d) Any period during which the determination of any question as to such extinguishment is pending.

Extinguishment of right to sums payable by way of Benefit that are not obtained within the prescribed time
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- (2) For the purposes of this Regulation, a sum payable by way of Benefit shall, subject to the provision of Paragraph (3) of this Regulation and of Paragraph (3) of Regulation 18, be receivable-
- (a) In the case of a sum contained in a Serial Order, on the date on which the Order is due to be paid;
 - (b) In the case of a sum contained in a Draft-
 - (i) If the Draft is sent through the Post, on the date on which it would be delivered in the ordinary course of Post; and
 - (ii) In any other case, on the date of issue of the Draft;
 - (c) In the case of a sum not contained in a Serial Order or Draft, where notice is given orally or in writing that the sum is available for collection-
 - (i) If written notice is sent through the Post, on the date on which it would be delivered in the ordinary course of Post; and
 - (ii) In any other case, on the date of the notice; and
 - (d) In any case to which none of the preceding Subparagraphs of this Paragraph applies, six months (or such longer period as the General Manager may determine in the circumstances of any particular case) after the date on which the sum became payable.
- (3) In determining when a sum is receivable under Paragraph (2), the following provisions shall apply-
- (a) If a person proves that through no fault of his own he did not receive any such Serial Order or Draft or written notice until a date later than the appropriate receivable date determined in accordance with Paragraph (2) the sum contained in the Order or Draft or referred to in the notice shall be receivable-
 - (i) On that later date; or
 - (ii) On the date which is six months after the said appropriate receivable date, whichever is the earlier.

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- (b) If a person proves that through no fault of his own he has not received any such Serial Order or Draft or written notice, the sum contained in the original Order or Draft or referred to in the notice shall be receivable-
- (i) On the date determined in accordance with Paragraph (2) on the basis of the issue of any further Order or Draft or notice in respect of that sum; or
 - (ii) On the date which is six months after the receivable date determined in accordance with Paragraph (2) on the basis of the original Order or Draft or notice,

whichever is the earlier.

- (c) Subject to Regulation 18 (3) and Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a sum which in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Regulation was receivable on any date, shall remain receivable on that date, notwithstanding the issue since that date of a Serial Order or Draft or notice in respect of that sum or any part thereof.

- (4) Any sum payable by way of Benefit to a person who is for the time-being unable to act, shall be receivable in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, notwithstanding his inability to give a receipt there-for.

16. Every Beneficiary and every person by whom or on whose behalf sums payable by way of Benefit are receivable, shall furnish in such manner and at such times as the Board may determine, such Certificates and other documents, and such information of facts affecting the right to benefit or to the receipt thereof as the Board may require (either as a condition on which any such sum or sums shall be receivable or otherwise), and in particular shall notify the Board in writing of any change of circumstances that he might reasonably be expected to know might affect the right to benefit, or to the receipt thereof, as soon as practicable after the occurrence thereof.

Information to be given when obtaining payment of Benefit.

PART III**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

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[Subsidiary]

- 17. (1)** In the case of any person to whom Benefit is payable or who is alleged to be entitled to Benefit or by whom or on whose behalf a Claim for Benefit has made, and who is a child or is unable, for the time being, to act, where no person or authority has been duly appointed under the Law to have charge of his Estate, the Board may, upon written application being made to it, appoint a person to exercise, on behalf of the child or person who is unable to act, any right to which that child or person may be entitled under the Act, and to receive and deal with any sums payable on behalf of such child or person:

Persons unable to act.

Provided that-

- (a) Any such appointment by the Board shall terminate on the day immediately prior to the date on which the Board is notified that a person or authority has been so appointed;
 - (b) A person who has not attained the age of eighteen shall not be capable of being appointed to act under this Regulation;
 - (c) The Board may, at any time in its discretion, revoke any appointment made under this Regulation; and
 - (d) Any person appointed under this Regulation may, on giving the Board one month's notice in writing of his intention to do so, resign his Office.
- (2) Anything required by these Regulations to be done by or to any such person as aforesaid, who is a child or who is for the time being unable to act, may be done by or to the person or authority duly appointed under the Law to have charge of such person or of his Estate or by or to the person appointed under this Regulation to act on behalf of such person, and the receipt of any person appointed under this Regulation, shall be a good discharge to the Board and the Fund for any sum paid, notwithstanding that such person has not attained the age of twenty-one.

- 18. (1)** On the death of a person who has made a Claim for Benefit or who is alleged to have been entitled to Benefit, or in respect of whose death Funeral Benefit is alleged to be payable, the Board may appoint such person as it thinks fit to proceed with or to make a Claim for the Benefit, and the provisions of these Regulations shall apply subject to the necessary modifications to any such Claim:

Payment of death

Provided that in the case of Funeral Benefit, a Claim may be made by any person specified in Paragraph (2).

- (2) Subject to Paragraph (7), any sum payable by way of Benefit which is payable

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under an Award on a Claim proceeded with or made under Paragraph (1), may be paid or distributed by the Board to or amongst persons claiming as personal Representatives, Legatees, Next of Kin, or creditors of the Deceased (or, where the Deceased was illegitimate, to or amongst other persons), and Regulation 15 shall apply to any such payment or distribution:

Provided that-

- (a) The receipt of any such person who has attained the age of sixteen, shall be a good discharge to the Board and the Fund for any sum so paid; and
 - (b) Where the Board is satisfied that any such sum or part thereof is needed for the Benefit of any person under the age of sixteen, the Board may obtain a good discharge therefore, by paying the sum or part thereof to a person over that age (who need not be a person specified in this Paragraph of this Regulation) who satisfies the Board that he will apply the sum so paid for the Benefit of the person under the age of sixteen.
- (3) Subject as aforesaid, any sum payable by way of Benefit to the deceased, payment of which he had not obtained at the date of his death, may, unless the right thereto was already extinguished at that date, be paid or distributed to or amongst such persons as are mentioned in Paragraph (2) of this Regulation, and Regulation 15, and the Proviso to the said Paragraph shall apply to any such payment or distribution:

Provided that, for the purpose of Regulation 15 (1), the period of six months shall be calculated from the date on which the sum was receivable by any such person, and not from the date on which it was receivable by the Deceased, and for this purpose, the reference in Regulation 15 (2) (d) to the date on which the sum became payable, shall be construed as a reference to the date of application to the Board, made in accordance with Paragraph (6) of this Regulation.

- (4) In relation to Funeral Benefit, the reference in Paragraph (2) to Creditors, shall include a reference to any person who gives an undertaking in writing, to pay the whole or part of the Deceased's Funeral Expenses, so however, that any payment of Funeral Benefit to a person by virtue of this Paragraph, shall be subject to the condition that, if the person fails to carry out any such undertaking, he shall repay to the Fund any Funeral Benefit so paid to him.
- (5) Where any person has received an amount by way of Funeral Benefit by virtue of the provisions of this Regulation and is entitled to reimbursement of the Deceased's Funeral Expenses out of the Deceased's Estate, his right to such reimbursement shall be reduced by the amount of the Funeral Benefit received by him.

- (6) Paragraphs (2) and (3) shall not apply in any case unless written application for payment of any such sum is made to the Board within six months from the date of the Deceased's death, or within such longer period as the Board may allow in any particular case.
- (7) The Board may dispense with strict proof of the title of any person claiming in accordance with this Regulation.
19. If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of these Regulations, he shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, on Summary Conviction, to a fine of three thousand dollars, or where the offence consists of continuing any such contravention or failure after conviction thereof, three thousand dollars, together with a further three thousand dollars for each day on which it is so continued.
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Made under Section 14, 20, 21, 39 and 51

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- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the appointed day.**

Citation and
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Interpretation.

"Average Wage" means-

- (a) In the case of a person paid monthly, the total amount of wages paid in the month previous to the month in which the first day of interruption of employment occurred.

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- (b) In the case of a person paid weekly or fortnightly, the total amount of wages paid for each complete week or fortnight, in the period of four weeks previous to the week in which the first day of interruption of employment occurred, divided by four.
- (c) In the case of a person who was not employed by the same Employer for the whole of the period of one month or four weeks as prescribed in Subparagraph (a) or (b), the total wages paid or payable in that period by the last Employer, divided by the number of days worked for him in that period and multiplied by six.
- (d) In the case of a person employed continuously or otherwise, not being on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, in the period of one month or four weeks, as the case may be, up to and including the day of interruption of employment, the weekly wages payable to a person employed in the same category at the same work by the same Employer, or if there is no such person so employed by such a person in the same category, employed in the same class of employment and in the same locality.
- (e) In the case of a person who on the first day of the interruption of employment commenced his employment with an Employer not being the Employer or Employers for whom he had been working in the period of four weeks prior to the first day of interruption of employment, the total wages paid or payable by his present Employer for the first day of the interruption of employment, multiplied by six.

"Child" in relation to an Insured Person includes a stepchild and any other child, whether legitimate or not, living with the Insured Person or wholly or partially maintained by him.

"Confinement" means labour resulting in the issue of a living child or labour after twenty-eight weeks of pregnancy resulting in the issue of a child whether alive or dead.

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing immediately after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday and ending at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next following.

"Dependant" means-

- (a) In relation to the Deceased Insured Person such members of his family as were wholly or partially dependant upon the wages or other income of the Insured Person at the time of his death and where the Insured Person, being the parent or grandparent of an illegitimate child, leaves such a child so dependent upon his wages

or other income or, being an illegitimate child, leaves a parent

or grandparent so dependent upon his wages or other income, shall include such an illegitimate child and parent or grandparent respectively.

- (b) In relation to a person entitled to benefit by way of periodical payments his wife and children under the age of eighteen years living with him and such members of his family over that age (including children) as are wholly or partially dependent upon the Beneficiary:

Provided that a person shall not be deemed to have been dependent upon the wages or other income of the Deceased Insured Person or to be dependent upon a person entitled to benefit by way of periodical payments, as the case may be, unless he was or is dependent wholly or partially on that other person for the provision of the ordinary necessities of life.

"Insurable Income" means, the weekly or monthly income on which Contributions are paid by an Insured Person, and is subject to an upper limit which is determined by the Board on the basis of four times the weekly or monthly minimum wage prevailing in the Public Service.

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"Interruption of Employment" means, in the case of a Claimant for Sickness Benefit, the period of incapacity for work, and in the case of a Claimant for Maternity Benefit, the period during which she is entitled to payment of Maternity Benefit.

"Member Of A Family" means wife or husband, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, stepson, stepdaughter, brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister of the Deceased Insured Person, or of the person entitled to benefit by way of periodical payments, as the case may be, and shall include such other person, as, at the time of death of the Insured Person or the entitlement to benefit as the case may be, was or is wholly or partially dependent upon the first mentioned person for the ordinary necessities of life.

"Registered Medical Practitioner" means, a person duly registered as a Medical Practitioner under the Laws for the time being in force, relating to the Registration of Medical Practitioners.

"Registered Midwife" means a person registered as a Midwife under the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance.

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"Relevant Wage" means the total weekly earnings on which Contributions are paid or Credits are awarded, or Contributions are paid and Credits awarded during a specified period, divided by the number of weeks in that period:

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Provided that, for the purpose of computing Old Age Benefits and Invalidity Benefits, **"Relevant Wage"** means the total weekly earnings on which Contributions are paid or Credits are awarded, other than the Special Transitional Credits awarded under Regulation (19) during the three years which give the highest Average Insurable Earnings within the last five years to the person attaining the age of sixty years or ceasing employment whichever occurs first, divided by the number of weeks of Contribution in those three years.

- (2) In these Regulations, the expressions **"the husband"** or **"the wife"**, in relation to a person who had been married more than once, refers only to the last husband or wife respectively.
- (3) For the purposes of these Regulations-
 - (a) A lawfully adopted child shall be treated as if the child is the legitimate issue of the Adopter, or if the child has been adopted by two Spouses jointly, or by one of two Spouses after their marriage, as if the child were legitimate issue of their marriage, and shall not be treated as being issue of any other person.
 - (b) Where it is a condition for title to benefit that-
 - (i) A woman is the Widow of an Insured Man, the General Manager may treat a Single Woman or Widow who was living with a Single Man or Widower as his Wife at the date of his death, as if she were in Law his Widow; or

- (ii) A man is the Widower of an Insured Woman, the General Manager may treat a Single Man or Widower who was living with a single woman or Widow as her husband at the date of her death, as if he were in law her Widower:

Provided that the General Manager shall be satisfied that in all the circumstances he or she should be so treated.

- (c) Where the question of marriage or remarriage or of the date of marriage or remarriage arises, in regard to the title or cessation of title to benefit, the General Manager shall, in the absence of the subsistence of lawful marriage and of any impediment to lawful marriage, decide whether or not the person or persons concerned should be treated as if he, she or they were married or as if he or she has remarried, as the case may be, and if so from what date, and in determining the question, the General Manager shall have regard to the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.
- (d) The determination of the General Manager under Subparagraph (b) or (c) of this Paragraph shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the effect of extending, as regards title or cessation of title to Benefit Payable to a man or woman, the meaning of the word "**marriage**" to include the association between such a Single Woman or Widow as aforesaid, with such a Single Man or Widower as aforesaid, and the association between such a Single Man or Widower as aforesaid, with such a Single Woman or Widow as aforesaid, and for this purpose the words "**wife**", "**husband**", "**widow**", "**widower**" and "**spouse**" shall be construed accordingly.

- (4) The word "**Invalid**" means a person who-

- (a) Is incapable of work otherwise than as a result of Employment Injury;
- (b) Has been so incapable for a continuous period of not less than twenty-six weeks; and
- (c) Is likely to be permanently so incapable,

and cognate expressions such as "**invalidity**" shall be construed accordingly.

BENEFITS**Old Age Benefit**

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| <p>3. Subject to these Regulations, Old Age Pension shall be payable for life to an Insured Person who has attained the age of sixty years and-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) Has paid not less than one hundred and fifty Contributions; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) Has paid or been credited with, or has paid and been credited with, not less than seven hundred and fifty Contributions.</p> | <p>Entitlement to Old Age Pension</p> |
| <p>4. (a) The weekly rate of Old Age Pension payable to an Insured person who ceased to contribute before the week commencing 14th August, 1978, shall be thirty percent of the relevant wage, supplemented by one percent of that wage for each fifty Contributions in excess of the seven hundred and fifty Contributions mentioned in Regulation 3 (b).</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) The weekly rate of Old Age Pension payable to an Insured Person who contributed on or after 14th August, 1978, shall be forty percent of the relevant wage, supplemented by one percent of that wage for each fifty Contributions in excess of seven hundred and fifty Contributions mentioned in Regulation 3(b):</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Provided that in no case shall the weekly rate of Old Age Pension exceed sixty percent of the relevant wage, or be less than forty per cent of the existing minimum wage.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(c) Adjustments to Old Age Pensions payable shall be made from time to time, as determined by the Board.</p> | <p>Rate of Old Age Pension.</p> |
| <p>4A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation (3), on attainment of the age of sixty years, an Invalidity Pensioner who qualified for or was in receipt of an Invalidity Pension at that age, shall be awarded an Old Age Pension, the weekly rate of which shall not be less than that of the Invalidity Pension.</p> | <p>Old Age Pension for Invalidity Pensioner.
[25 of 1989]</p> |
| <p>5. Subject to these Regulations, an Insured person who does not satisfy the provisions of Regulation (3) but who-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) Has attained the age of sixty years; and</p> | <p>Entitlement to Old Age Grant.</p> |

- (b) Has paid not less than fifty Contributions,

shall be entitled to an Old Age Grant.

6. The Old Age Grant shall be a lump sum payment equal to one twelfth times the Average Annual Insurable Income for each fifty Contributions whether paid or credited or paid and credited.

Amount of Old Age Grant.
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Invalidity Benefit

7. (1) Subject to these Regulations, an insured person who-

Entitlement to Invalidity Pension.

- (a) Is an Invalid;

- (b) Has paid not less than one hundred and fifty Contributions;

- (c) Has paid or been credited with, or has paid and been credited with not less than two hundred and fifty Contributions;

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- (d) Is under sixty years of age; and

- (e) Is not in receipt of Sickness Benefit,

shall be entitled to Invalidity Pension for so long as the Invalidity continues.

- (2) An Insured Person who becomes entitled to Invalidity Pension after the coming into force of these Regulations, and who has not yet attained the age of sixty years, shall be credited with twenty-five Contributions for each year between his age at his last birth date prior to the commencement of the incapacity, and sixty years.

Credited Contributions.
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8. The Weekly Rate of Invalidity Pension shall be thirty per cent of the relevant wage, supplemented by one per cent of that wage for each fifty Contributions in excess of the two hundred and fifty Contributions mentioned in Regulation 7 (c):

Rate of Invalidity Pension.

Provided that in no case, shall the Weekly Rate of Invalidity Pension exceed sixty per cent of the relevant wage, or be less than forty per cent of the existing Minimum

Wage.

Adjustments to Invalidity Pensions payable shall be made from time to time, as determined by the Board.

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| <p>9. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, an Insured Person who does not satisfy the provisions of Regulation 7 (1) but who-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) Is an Invalid;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) Has paid not less than fifty Contributions;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(c) Is under sixty years of age,</p> <p>shall be entitled to Invalidity Grant.</p> | <p>Entitlement to Invalidity Grant.</p> |
| <p>10. The Invalidity Grant shall be a lump sum payment, equal to one twelfth times the Average Annual Insurable Income for each fifty Contributions, whether paid or credited, or paid and credited.</p> | <p>Amount of Invalidity Grant.
[25 of 1989]</p> |
| <p>11. (1) If Invalidity ceases, the Contributions taken into account for the purpose of Invalidity Grant, shall not be applied towards the satisfaction of the Contribution conditions for any subsequent Claim to Benefit of any description except Funeral Benefit.</p> <p>(2) On cessation of an Invalidity Pension, nothing in these Regulations shall prevent the Contributions on which the said Invalidity Pension was based, from being taken into account for the purposes of establishing title toward the rate of any subsequent Invalidity Pension or of Old Age Pension.</p> | <p>Extent to which Contributions may be applied in respect of future Claims to Benefit.</p> |
| <p>12. All Claims to Invalidity Benefit shall be accompanied by a Certificate of a registered Medical Practitioner, stating that the incapacity for work is likely to be permanent, and the nature of the incapacity:</p> | <p>Certificate of permanent incapacity for work
[14 of 1971]</p> |

Provided that the General Manager may, for such purpose, require the Claimant to attend for and submit himself to examination by one or more registered Medical Practitioners nominated by the General Manager from a Panel of registered Medical Practitioners approved by the Board.

- 13.** An Insured Person entitled to payment of Invalidity Pension shall be disqualified from receiving such Benefit for such period as the General Manager may decide, if the Claimant fails without good cause-
- Disqualification.**

- (a) To comply with a notice in writing by the General Manager, requiring him to attend for and submit himself to medical or other examination; or
- (b) To refrain from behaviour calculated to retard his recovery, or to answer any reasonable enquiries by an Officer of the Board directed to ascertaining whether he is doing so.

Survivor's Benefit

- 14. (1)** Subject to these Regulations, Survivor's Benefit shall be payable to or for the Benefit of the Dependants of a Deceased Insured Person, other than those excluded by Paragraph (2), if at the time of his death such Insured Person-
- Entitlement to
Survivor's Benefit.**
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- (a) Was in receipt of Old Age Pension or Invalidity Pension; or
 - (b) Had satisfied the Contribution Conditions for the award of the Invalidity Pension; or
 - (c) Was sixty years of age or over and would have been entitled to Old Age Benefit, had he made a Claim for such Benefit .
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- (2)** The Dependants of a person entitled to claim Survivor's Benefit under Paragraph (1), shall not include an adult dependant who-
- (a) Had died before an Award of such Survivor's Benefit in respect of the Deceased has been made; or
 - (b) Is the Widow of the Deceased, unless at the time of his death-
 - (i) She is over forty-five years of age or incapable of work, and this incapacity is likely to be permanent; or
 - (ii) She is pregnant by her late husband; or

- (iii) She has the care of a child of his or of their marriage under sixteen years of age, and was either residing with him or receiving, or entitled to receive from him, periodical payments for the maintenance of herself or the children or both, of not less than five dollars weekly; or

(c) Is the Widower of the Deceased unless at the time of her death-

- (i) He is over fifty-five years of age and incapable of work and this incapacity is likely to be permanent; and
- (ii) He has no income from any source whether by way of Pension or otherwise, other than Public Assistance under the Poor Relief Act, or Non-contributory Pension under the Old Age Pensions Act; or

(d) Was married to an Insured Person less than six months before his death, if it appears to the General Manager that the marriage was contracted solely for the purpose of conferring the Benefit, and in anticipation of that death.

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| <p>15. (1) On the death of an Insured Person who was in receipt of Old Age Pension or Invalidity Pension, or who had not been in receipt of Invalidity Pension but had satisfied the Contribution Condition for the Award of that Pension at the time of his death or who was sixty years of age or over and would have been entitled to Old Age Pension had he made a Claim for such Benefit, the Survivor's Benefit payable, shall be a weekly pension payable to the Survivor. The Weekly Rate of the Survivor's Pension payable to those persons qualifying for the type of Benefit mentioned in the first column of Schedule (11), shall be the corresponding rate in the second column thereof, together with the corresponding increases, if any, in the third column thereof, but not exceeding the corresponding Maximum Benefit in the fourth column thereof:</p> | <p>Amount of
Survivor's Benefit.</p> <p>1.5.89</p> |
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Provided that the amount of Survivor's Pensions payable shall be as determined by the Board from time to time.

- (2) On the death of an Insured Person who had not received the Invalidity Grant but had satisfied the Contribution Condition for the Award of that Grant at the time of his death, or who was sixty years of age or over and would have been entitled to an Old Age Grant had he made a claim for such Grant, the Survivor's Benefit Payable shall be a lump sum equal to the Grant that would have been payable to the Deceased.

15A (3) A Survivor's Benefit in the form of a Pension, shall be paid for the under-mentioned periods - **Duration.**

(a) To a Widow, from the date of death of her husband for life:

Provided that -

- (i) If she re-marries or cohabits with a man who is not her husband, the payment of her basic Rate of Pension, but not the increase already awarded for her Dependants, shall cease from the date of her re-marriage or cohabitation as the case may be.
- (ii) If she re-marries, she shall be entitled to a Gratuity on termination of her basic Rate of Benefit, in consequence of her re-marriage of an amount equal to fifty-two times the Weekly Rate of the basic Pension to which she was then entitled, but not to the increases already awarded in respect of Dependants.

(b) To a Widower, from the date of death of his wife for life or until he is declared by a Medical Board, to have become capable of work, or until the General Manager is satisfied that his circumstances have so changed by re-marriage or otherwise, that he no longer fulfills the condition set out in Regulation 14 (2) (c) (ii).

16. A Widow or a Widower qualifying as a Dependant under Regulation (14), shall be entitled to Survivor's Benefit in preference to all other Claimants.

Prior entitlement of Widow or Widower to Survivor's Benefit.

17. Every Unmarried Dependent Child who becomes an Orphan shall, in preference to all other Claimants, be entitled to Survivor's Benefit, payable in accordance with Regulation 17A, if at the death of his surviving parent he-

Entitlement of Orphans to Survivor's Benefit.

(a) Is left with no parent;

(b) Is under the age of eighteen years, and had been wholly or partially maintained by a Deceased Insured Parent in his lifetime; and

(c) Has no stepmother or stepfather with a prior Claim:

Provided that where there is more than one child entitled, such Benefit shall be divided equally among them.

17A. The Benefit payable to an Orphan, shall be from the date of death of his surviving parent, until he reaches the age of sixteen years or, being between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years, he is an unpaid apprentice and not otherwise employed for gain, or is receiving full-time education or being above the age of sixteen years, he is un-married and permanently incapable of work, so long as he remains so incapable.

<p>18. (1) If the Deceased Insured Person is not survived by a Widow, Widower, or Child entitled to Survivor's Benefit under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations, a lump sum equal to the Grant that would have been payable, or to fifty-two weekly payments of the Old Age Pension or the Invalidity Pension which the Deceased would have received had he become an Invalid at the date of death, subject to a minimum of a lump sum equal to fifty-two times thirty percent of the relevant wage, shall be payable to a Dependant or Dependents being members of a family of the Deceased, if at the time of death, the Dependant was wholly or partially maintained by the Deceased and -</p>	<p>Entitlement of other Dependents to Survivor's Benefit. [Reg. 6/1971 14 of 1971]</p>
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- (a) If the Dependant is a man, is permanently incapable of self-support.
- (b) If the Dependant is a woman, is herself permanently incapable of self-support, or is living with her husband who is permanently incapable of self-support:

Provided that, where the Dependant is the Widow of the Deceased, it shall not be necessary for her to prove that she is incapable of self-support.

- (c) If the Dependant is a child, he is under the age of eighteen years, or being above that age is permanently incapable of self-support.

(2) If there is more than one Dependant, the Benefit payable under Paragraph (1), shall be distributed as may in his discretion, be determined by the General Manager to be reasonable.

(3) Where the lump sum payable under Paragraph (1) and distributed by the

General Manager under Paragraph (2) results in the Award to an individual beneficiary of an amount in excess of sixty monthly payments of the minimum pension payable, the General Manager shall, in lieu thereof, make from the Fund, a periodical payment to the Beneficiary of an Annuity which, according to actuarial calculations approved by the Board, is equivalent in that case, to the same amount.

Provided that the Annuity for a child under the age of sixteen years shall be calculated as if it were ceasing at the age of sixteen years, and shall not exceed the amount of an Orphan's Pension granted under the provisions of Regulation (15), (17) and **17A** but, after the age of sixteen years, shall be subject to the same conditions for the continuation of the payment of such a Pension.

SCHEDULE II

SURVIVOR'S BENEFIT

WEEKLY RATE AND AMOUNT

KIND OF BENEFIT	BASIC RATE	INCREASED TO EACH DEPENDANT	MAXIMUM BENEFIT PAYABLE
1. Widow's / Widower's Benefit	Fifty percent of the Old Age or Invalidity Pension paid, or that which would have been payable.	Sixteen and two thirds percent of Old Age or Invalidity Pension paid, or that which would have been payable.	One hundred percent of the Old Age or Invalidity Pension paid, or that which would have been payable.
2. Orphan's Benefit	Thirty three and one third percent of the Old Age or the Invalidity Pension paid, or that which would have been payable.		One hundred percent of the Invalidity or Old Age Pension paid, or that which would have been payable.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit and Survivor's Benefit

19. A person who is over thirty-five years of age on the appointed day, shall be

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credited with twenty-five Contributions for each year of age in excess of thirty-five, subject to a maximum such credit of six hundred Contributions:

for persons over 35
at appointed day.
[Reg. 1/1971
17 of 1971]

Provided that such credits-

- (a) Shall be credited for the purposes of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit or Survivor's Benefit only;
- (b) Shall be credited only where such person has paid not less than ninety Contributions during the three years, commencing on the appointed day;
- (c) Shall not be taken into account in assessing the relevant wage of such person;
- (d) In the case of a Self-employed Person becoming an Insured Person on the 5th April, 1971, and who was registered as an Employed Person prior to that date and awarded credits under this Regulation, shall be granted only in substitution for any age credits granted before that date if, having regard to all considerations, the credits as a Self-employed Person are more favourable in the allowance of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit or Survivor's Benefit;
- (e) In the case of a Mariner or Share Fisherman employed as such on the day on which the National Insurance and Social Security (Mariners and Share Fishermen) Regulations, 1971, come into operation, shall be credited as if in respect of him that day were the appointed day; and
- (f) In the case of a Mariner or Share fisher-man employed as mentioned in Paragraph (e), and who was registered as an Employed or Self-employed Person prior to the appointed day referred to in that Paragraph, and previously awarded credits under this Regulation, shall be granted only in substitution for any age credits granted before that appointed day if, having regard to all considerations, the credits as a Mariner or Share Fisherman are more favourable in the allowance of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit or Survivor's Benefit.

19A. (1) An Insured Person who is over forty-five years but has not attained the age of sixty years at the time of the coming into operation of these Regulations shall, on his attaining the age of sixty years, for the purpose of Old Age Benefit, be credited with the amount of Contributions representing the difference between what he has paid or been credited with, or has paid and been credited with on his attaining the age of sixty years and seven hundred

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due to reduction of
retirement age.
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and fifty Contributions, subject to a maximum of two hundred and fifty Contributions in such credits.

- (2) An Insured Person who is over sixty years of age but has not attained the age of sixty-five years at the time of the coming into operation of these Regulations shall, for the purpose of Old Age Benefit, be credited with the amount of Contributions representing the difference between what he has paid and been credited with at the time of the coming into operation of these Regulations and

seven hundred and fifty Contributions, subject to a maximum of two hundred and fifty Contributions in such credits.

Sickness Benefit

20. Subject to these Regulations, Sickness Benefit shall be payable to an Insured Person who is rendered temporarily incapable of work otherwise than as a result of Employment Injury, and for this purpose-
- Entitlement to Benefit.**
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- (a) An Insured Person shall be treated as incapable of work for any day during which he is required to abstain from work because he is under observation by reason of being a carrier or his having been in contact with a case of infectious disease.
- (b) Sunday or such other day in each week as may be determined by the General Manager in any particular case or class of case, shall not be treated as a day of incapacity for work and shall be disregarded in computing any period of consecutive days.
21. (1) An Insured Person who is eligible for Sickness Benefit, shall not be entitled to receive such Benefit for the first three days of any continuous period of incapacity for work, but only as from the fourth day of any such period.
- Day from which Benefit is to Commence: no entitlement after 60**
- (2) No Insured Person shall be entitled to Sickness Benefit on or after attaining the age of sixty years.
22. A Claim for Sickness Benefit shall be made in the prescribed manner, and shall be supported by a Certificate of a registered Medical Practitioner or by such other evidence as the General Manager may require, for the purpose of establishing the Insured Person's incapacity for work:
- Manner of claiming and support of Claim.**
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Provided that the General Manager may for such purpose, require the Claimant to attend for and submit himself to examination by one or more registered Medical Practitioners nominated by the General Manager from a Panel of registered Medical Practitioners approved by the Board.

23. Sickness Benefit shall be payable only if the Insured Person-

Conditions that must be satisfied.
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- (a) Was engaged in Insurable Employment immediately prior to the day on which incapacity commenced;
- (b) Had paid not less than fifty Contributions since his entry into insurance; and
- (c) Had been employed in, and paid Contributions for Insurable Employment during at least eight Contribution Weeks in the period of thirteen Contribution Weeks immediately preceding the Contribution Week in which the first day of the continuous period of incapacity for work occurred.

24. Sickness Benefit shall be paid for each day (excluding Sunday or such other day in each week as shall have been determined under Regulation 20 (b)) as long as incapacity for work continues, subject to a maximum of twenty-six weeks in any continuous period of incapacity for work:

Duration.

Provided that any two or more periods of incapacity for work not separated by more than eight weeks, shall be treated as one continuous period of incapacity for work, starting on the first day of the first of such periods.

25. (1) The Daily Rate of Sickness Benefit shall be seventy per cent of the relevant wage, divided by six:

Rate of Sickness Benefit.

Provided that, where any two or more periods of incapacity for work are treated as one continuous period under Regulation 24, the Daily rate of Benefit payable in respect of any period after the first period of incapacity for work, shall be the Daily Rate of Benefit paid during such first period.

- (2) For the purpose of Sickness Benefit, the relevant wage shall be the total earnings on which Contributions were paid, or on which credits were awarded, or on which Contributions were paid and credits awarded during the best eight weeks in the period of thirteen weeks immediately prior to the week in which the incapacity began or was deemed to have begun, divided by eight.

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26. (1) An Insured Person entitled to payment of Sickness Benefit shall be disqualified from receiving such Benefit for such period as the General Manager may decide, but not exceeding six weeks if-
- Disqualification.**
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- (a) The Claimant has become incapable of work through his own serious and willful misconduct; or
- (b) The Claimant fails, without good cause, to comply with a notice in writing by the General Manager, requiring him to attend for and submit himself to medical or other examination ; or
- (c) The Claimant fails, without good cause, to observe any of the following rules of behaviour:
 - (i) To refrain from behaviour calculated to retard his recovery, or to answer any reasonable enquiries by an Officer of the Board, directed to ascertaining whether he is doing so;
 - (ii) Not to be absent from his place of residence without leaving word where he may be found; or
 - (iii) To do no work for which remuneration is or would ordinarily be payable:

Provided that, a person shall not be disqualified for receiving the Benefit by reason of refusing without reasonable cause to undergo surgery.

- (2) For the purposes of this Regulation, "**serious and willful misconduct**" includes-

- (a) The Claimant being under the influence of drugs or intoxicating drink; or
- (b) Any other act or omission that the General Manager may, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, determine to be serious and willful misconduct.

Maternity Benefit

27. Subject to these Regulations, Maternity Benefit shall be granted in the case of the pregnancy and confinement of a woman who is an Insured Person.

Entitlement to Benefit.

28. Maternity Benefit shall be payable only if the Insured Person-

Conditions which must be satisfied.

- (a) Has paid not less than fifteen Contributions since her entry into insurance; and

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- (b) Has been engaged in, and paid Contributions for, Insurable Employment, during at least seven Contribution weeks in the Period of twenty-six Contribution Weeks immediately preceding the Contribution Week which is six weeks before the week in which it is expected that she will be confined (in these Regulations referred to as the "**expected week of confinement**") or in which occurs the week from which Benefit is claimed, whichever is the later.

Provided that the foregoing condition shall be waived by the General Manager, where in consequence of evidence submitted to him, he is satisfied that the Insured Person was unable to comply with that condition by reason of -

- (i) The casual nature of her employment; or
- (ii) Her physical indisposition ensuing from her pregnancy.

- 28A. (1) A Maternity Grant shall be payable to -

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- (a) Any Insured Woman who has satisfied the conditions specified in Regulation 28.
- (b) Any woman whether insured or not, who was confined and who has not satisfied the conditions specified in Regulation 28, but whose husband is an Insured Person and has satisfied the Contribution Conditions under these Regulations.

- (2) The amount of the Maternity Grant shall be two thousand dollars.

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- 29 (1).** Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, Maternity Benefit shall be paid to a woman for a period starting from the week not earlier than six weeks before the expected week of confinement, and continuing until the expiration of six weeks after the week in which her confinement occurs, or such longer period as the General Manager may determine, taking into consideration the particular circumstances of the case, but not exceeding the maximum period of twenty-six weeks.

Duration.

Provided that, nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall be construed as disentitling a woman to payment of Maternity Benefit by reason only of a variation in the dates of the commencement and the end of the period aforesaid.

- (2)** Any two or more periods of incapacity for work which are not separated by more than eight weeks, shall be treated as one continuous period of incapacity for work, starting on the first day of the first period.

- 30.** The Weekly Rate of Maternity Benefit shall be seventy per cent of the total earnings on which Contributions were paid or credits awarded, during the best seven weeks in the period or twenty-six weeks immediately preceding the week in which Benefit is due to commence, divided by seven:

Rate of Maternity Benefit.

Provided that where any two or more periods of incapacity for work are treated as one continuous period under Regulation 29, the daily rate of Maternity Benefit payable in respect of any period after the first period of incapacity for work, shall be the daily rate paid during the first period.

- 31.** A Claim for Maternity Benefit shall be accompanied-

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- (a)** In the case of a Claim made prior to the date of confinement, by a Certificate issued by a registered Medical Practitioner as to the expected date of confinement; or
- (b)** In the case of a Claim for Benefit made for a period exceeding thirteen weeks, by a Certificate issued by a registered Medical Practitioner; or
- (c)** In the case of a Claim made subsequent to the date of confinement, by a Certificate issued by a registered Medical Practitioner or a registered Midwife, as to the actual date of confinement:

Provided that the General Manager may accept such other evidence in support of such Claims, as in his opinion the special circumstances of the particular case so justify, and may require the Claimant to attend for and submit herself to examination by one or more registered Medical Practitioners nominated by the General Manager from a Panel of registered Medical Practitioners approved by the Board.

32. An Insured Person who has been granted Maternity Benefit shall, as soon as practicable after her confinement, obtain a Certificate of her confinement from the registered Medical Practitioner or the registered Midwife who assisted thereat, and forward it to the office of the Board within three weeks after the date of confinement:

**Certificate of
confinement.**
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Provided that the General Manager may accept other evidence in lieu of such Certificate, if in his opinion the special circumstances of any particular case so justify.

33. An Insured Person entitled to payment of Maternity Benefit, shall be disqualified from receiving such Benefit for such period as the General Manager may decide, if during the period for which benefit is payable-
- (a) She engages in remunerative work;
 - (b) She fails without good cause to take due care of her health, or to answer any reasonable inquiries by an Officer of the Board, directed to ascertain whether she is doing so; or
 - (c) She fails without good cause to comply with a notice in writing by the General Manager, before her confinement, requiring her to attend for or to submit herself to any medical examination.

Funeral Benefit

34. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, Funeral Benefit shall be payable on the death of-

**Entitlement to
Funeral Benefit.**

- (a) A person who is or has been an Insured Person and who, at the time of his death had paid not less than fifty Contributions; or
- (b) The Spouse of a person in respect of whom, if it had been such a

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person who had died, Funeral Benefit would have been payable under Paragraph (a).

- 35. (1)** Subject to these Regulations, Funeral Benefit shall be paid to the person who has met, or is liable to meet the cost of the Funeral of the Deceased Person. **Persons who may receive Benefit.**
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- (a) Death occurred at sea and the Deceased Person was buried at sea; or
 - (b) The person who has met or is liable to meet the cost of the Funeral of the Deceased Person cannot be found; or
 - (c) The cost of the Funeral was less than the amount of the Benefit, or as the case may be, the remainder thereof, shall be paid to such person or persons as the General Manager may decide.
- 36.** The amount of Funeral Benefit shall be a Grant of such sum as shall be determined by the Board from time to time. **Amount of Funeral Grant.**

Constant Attendance Benefit

- 37. (1)** Subject to these Regulations, Constant Attendance Benefit shall be payable to- **Entitlement to Constant Attendance Benefit**
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- (a) A person who is either an Invalidity or Disablement Pensioner; or
 - (b) The Pensioner who is dependent on custodial care for carrying out the activities of daily living.
- 38.** Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, Constant Attendance Benefit shall be paid for such period as the General Manager may Determined, taking into consideration the particular circumstances of the case, but not exceeding a period of twenty-six weeks: **Duration.**

Provided that Sunday or such other day in the week as may be determined by the General Manager in any particular case or class of case, shall not be disregarded in computing any period of consecutive days.

- 39.** The Daily Rate of Constant Attendance Benefit shall be two hundred dollars.

**Rate of Constant
Attendance
Benefit.**

- 40.** A Claim for Constant Attendance Benefit shall be made on the prescribed form, and shall be supported by a Certificate from a registered Medical Practitioner, or by such other evidence as the General Manager may require, for the purpose of establishing the Insured Invalidity or Disablement Pensioner's incapacity for work:

Support of Claim.

Provided that the General Manager may, for such purpose, require the Insured Person to attend for and submit himself to examination by one or more registered Medical Practitioners, nominated by the General Manager from a Panel of registered Medical Practitioners approved by the Board.

- 41.** The Claimant entitled to Constant Attendance Benefit, shall be disqualified for receiving such Benefit for such period as the General Manager may decide, if the Pensioner -

Disqualification.

- (a) Is found to be capable of work;
- (b) Is disqualified from receiving the Pension for some period;
- (c) Fails without good cause, to comply with a notice in writing by the General Manager, requiring him to attend for and submit himself to medical or other examination; or
- (d) Becomes engaged in behaviour calculated to retard his recovery, or fails to answer any reasonable enquiries by an Officer of the Board, directed to ascertaining whether he is doing so.

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- 42. (1)** Notwithstanding that a person is entitled to two or more Benefits at the same time, only one Benefit shall be payable to such person. The Benefit so payable, shall be the Benefit first awarded, unless any other Benefit is payable at a higher rate, in which case he shall be paid the Benefit at such higher rate. But if the last mentioned Benefit ceases to be payable, then nothing shall prevent the award or reinstatement of another Benefit to which such person is entitled:
- Entitlement to more than one Benefit.**

Provided that-

- (a)** A person who has already received an Invalidity Grant shall not be disentitled to a further Invalidity Grant or to an Old Age Grant, based on Contributions paid or credited or paid and credited, and not already taken into account for the said Invalidity Grant received.
 - (b)** Survivor's Grant may be paid to or in respect of those otherwise entitled, notwithstanding that the relevant Deceased Insured Person had in his lifetime received an Invalidity Grant, but the Survivor's Grant shall be based only on Contributions paid or credited or paid and credited, and not already taken into account for the said Invalidity Grant received.
 - (c)** Nothing in this Regulation shall preclude the payment of Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit or Constant Attendance Benefit with Survivor's Benefit or Old Age Benefit or with Death Benefit, under the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations.
 - (d)** Any other Benefit may be paid with Funeral Benefit.
 - (e)** Nothing in this Regulation shall preclude the payment of Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit, under the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations, with Survivor's Benefit or Old Age Benefit under these Regulations.
- (2)** Where a question arises about two or more Benefits which are not allowed to be paid together, and one or more are Grants and the rest periodical payments, the Benefit payable shall be a periodical payment, unless a Grant has already been paid:

Provided that-

- (a) Subject to Paragraph (b) of this Proviso, on cessation of such a periodical payment, which is less in total than the Grant, the Grant may be paid, subject to the deduction there-from of the total amount of the periodical payment.
- (b) Where the period covered by the periodical payment referred to in Paragraph (a) of this Proviso, coincides only in part with the period covered by the Grant, the deduction shall not exceed the total amount of the periodical payment for the coincidental period.
- (c) Where a Grant to which this Paragraph of this Regulation refers has already been paid, the periodical payment may be made subject to a deduction there-from of an amount not exceeding two dollars weekly, until either the whole amount of the Grant, or the amount applicable to the coincidental period, if any, has been deducted, or the periodical payment has ceased, whichever first occurs.
- (d) For the purpose of this Regulation, a Grant which is a specified number of times the Benefit received by a Deceased Insured Person or a specified number of times a percentage of the Insured Person's relevant wage, shall be deemed to be current for a period of that number of weeks from the date of the event which gave rise to the Claim for the Grant.

43. No person shall be allowed Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit at a higher rate than the difference between his Average Weekly Wage and the weekly amount, if any, paid by the Employer for Sick Leave or Maternity Leave.

**Reduction of
Benefits on
Payment of wages.
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44. (1) If it is found that any person has received any sum by way of Benefit to which he is not entitled, he shall be liable to repay to the Fund the sum so received by him.

**Refund of Benefit
improperly paid.**

- (2) Where any person is liable to repay any sum received by him by way of Benefit, that sum may be recovered, without prejudice to any other remedy, by means of deductions from any other Benefit to which he thereafter becomes entitled.

- (3) Any such sum not so recovered within six years after the date on which payment

of such a sum was last made, shall be treated as expenditure on, and charged to, the Fund.

- 45. (1)** For every Contribution Week for the whole of which an Insured Person has received Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit, a Contribution shall be credited to that person without actual payment thereof. **Credited Contributions for weeks of sickness of maternity.**
- (2)** A Contribution credited under this Regulation shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, be valid for Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Sickness Benefit and Maternity Benefit and shall be at the rate corresponding to or most closely corresponding to that on the basis of which Sickness Benefit or Maternity Benefit has been paid. **1.5.89**
- 46.** Except as hereinafter provided, a person shall be disqualified for receiving any Benefit for any period during which that person is absent from Guyana save that-
- (a)** A person shall not be disqualified for receiving Sickness Benefit by reason of being temporarily absent from Guyana for the specific purpose of being treated for incapacity that commenced before he left Guyana, during such period as the Board may allow, having regard to the particular circumstances of the case.
- (b)** A person shall not be disqualified for receiving Maternity Benefit by reason of being temporarily absent from Guyana for such period as the Board may allow, having regard to the circumstances of the case; despite the fact that the person was not pregnant before she left Guyana.
- (c)** A person shall not be disqualified for receiving Old Age Benefit or Survivor's Benefit by reason of being absent from Guyana.
- (d)** A person shall not be disqualified for receiving Invalidity Benefit by reason of being absent from Guyana for such period as the Board may allow, having regard to the particular circumstances of the case:
- Provided that entitlement to the Invalidity Benefit was established before the person left Guyana.
- 47.** Benefit for which a person is eligible by virtue of Regulation 41, shall be paid in **Payment of Benefit**

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Guyana, to such Representative acting for and on behalf of the person concerned as may be approved by the Board, and the receipt of the person so approved shall be a good discharge to the Board and the Fund for any sum so paid.

for which person is eligible under Regulation 41.

- 48.** A person shall be disqualified for receiving any Benefit for any period during which that person is undergoing imprisonment or detention in Legal Custody:

Provided that, where the Board is satisfied that the person undergoing such imprisonment or detention in Legal custody, has Dependants who immediately prior to such imprisonment or detention, were wholly or partially maintained by him, it may authorize payment to or in respect of the Dependants of an amount not exceeding three-quarters of the Benefit which would otherwise be payable during such a period as the Board may allow, having regard to the particular circumstances of the case.

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| 1. | These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the day* declared, pursuant to Section 19 (3) of the Act. | Citation and
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| 2. | <p>(1) In these Regulations-</p> <p>"Average Wage" means-</p> <p>(a) In the case of a person paid monthly, the total amount of wages paid in the month previous to the month in which the relevant accident occurred.</p> <p>(b) In the case of a person paid weekly or fortnightly, the total amount of wages paid for each complete week or fortnight, in the period of four weeks previous to the week in which the relevant accident occurred, divided by four.</p> <p>(c) In the case of a person who was not employed by the same Employer for the whole of the period of one month or four weeks as prescribed in Subparagraph (a) or (b), the total wages paid or payable in that period by the last Employer, divided by the number of days worked for him in that period, and multiplied by six.</p> <p>(d) In the case of a person employed continuously or otherwise, not being on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, in the period of one month or four weeks as the case may be, up to and including the day of the relevant accident, the weekly wages payable to a person employed in the same category, at the same work, by the same Employer, or if there is no such person so employed, by such a person in the category employed in the same class of employment and in the same category, employed in the same class of employment and in the same locality.</p> <p>(e) In the case of a person who on the day of the relevant accident commenced his employment with an Employer not being the Employer or Employers for whom he had been working in the period of four</p> | <p>Interpretation.
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weeks prior to the day of the relevant accident, the total wages paid or payable by his present Employer for the day of the accident, multiplied by six.

"Child" in relation to an Insured Person includes a stepchild and any other child, whether legitimate or not, living with the Insured Person or wholly or partially maintained by him.

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing immediately after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday, and ending at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next following.

"Dependant" subject to the Proviso below means-

- (a) In relation to the Deceased Insured Person, such members of his family as were wholly or partially dependent upon the wages or other income of the Insured Person at the time of his death, or would but for the incapacity due to the accident have been so dependent, and where the Insured Person, being the Parent or Grandparent of an illegitimate child, leaves such a child so dependent on his wages or other income, or being an illegitimate child leaves a Parent or Grandparent so dependent on his wages or other income, shall include such an illegitimate child and Parent or Grandparent respectively.
- (b) In relation to a person entitled to Benefit by way of periodical payments, his Wife and Children under the age of eighteen years living with him and such members of his family over that age (including children) as are wholly or partially dependent upon the Beneficiary:

Provided that a person shall not be deemed to have been dependent upon the wages or other income of the Deceased Insured Person or to be dependent upon a person entitled to Benefit by way of periodical payments, as the case may be, unless he was or is dependent partially on that other person for the provision of the ordinary necessities of life.

"Hospital" means any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from Illness or Mental Defectiveness, any Maternity Home, and any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons during Convalescence, or persons requiring Medical Rehabilitation, and includes Clinics, Dispensaries and Out-patient Departments, maintained in connection with any such Institution or Home, as aforesaid.

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"Insurable Income" means the weekly or monthly income on which Contributions are paid by an Insured Person, and is subject to an upper limit, which is determined by the Board, on the basis of four times the weekly or monthly minimum wage prevailing in the public service.

"Member Of A Family" means Wife or Husband, Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, Stepfather, Stepmother, Son, Daughter, Grandson, Granddaughter, Stepson, Stepdaughter, Brother, Sister, Half-brother, or Half-sister of the Deceased Insured Person, or of the person entitled to Benefit by way of periodical payments, as the case may, and shall include such other person as, at the time of the relevant injury, or the entitlement to Benefit as the case may be, was or is wholly or partially dependent upon the first mentioned person for the ordinary necessities of life.

"Registered Medical Practitioner" means a person duly registered as a Medical Practitioner under the Laws for the time being, in force relating to the registration of Medical Practitioners.

"Relevant Accident" "Relevant Injury" and "Relevant Loss Of Faculty" mean respectively, in relation to Injury Benefit, Disablement Benefit or Death Benefit, the Accident, Injury and Loss of Faculty, in respect of which any of the said Benefits is claimed or payable.

"Relevant Wage" means the total earnings on which Contributions are paid or credits are awarded, or on which Contributions are paid and credits are awarded during the best eight weeks out of the total of thirteen weeks, immediately preceding the week in which the accident occurred, divided by eight, or in the case where the person had contributed for less than eight weeks, **"relevant wage"** shall be defined as the total earnings on which Contributions were paid or on which credits were awarded, or on which Contributions were paid and credits awarded during the period immediately preceding the week in which the accident occurred, divided by the number of weeks in that period:

Provided that, in the case of a person insured for Industrial Benefit only, or an Insured Person who has not been employed the whole of that period by the Employer with whom he was employed on the day of the relevant accident, relevant wage shall have the same meaning as average wage.

- (2) In these Regulations, the expression **"the husband"** or **"the wife"** in relation to a person who has been married more than once, refers to the last husband or wife respectively.

(3) For the purposes of these Regulations-

- (a) A lawfully adopted child shall be treated as if the child is the legitimate issue of the Adopter, or if the child has been adopted by two Spouses jointly, or by one of two Spouses after their marriage, as if the child were the legitimate issue of their marriage, and shall not be treated as being issue of any other person.
- (b) Where it is a condition for title to benefit that-
 - (i) A Woman is the Widow of an Insured Man, the General Manager may treat a Single Woman or Widow who was living with a Single Man or Widower as his Wife at the date of his death, as if she were in Law his Widow; or
 - (ii) A man is the Widower of an Insured Woman, the General Manager may treat a Single Man or Widower who was living with a Single Woman or Widow as her husband at the date of her death, as if he were in Law her Widower:

Provided that the General Manager shall be satisfied that in all the circumstances he or she should be so treated.

- (c) Where the question of marriage or re-marriage arises in regard to the title or cessation of title to Benefit, the General Manager shall, in the absence of the subsistence of lawful marriage and of any impediment to lawful marriage, decide whether or not the person or persons concerned should be treated as if he, she or they were married, or as if he or she had remarried as the case may be, and if so from what date, and in determining the question the General Manager, shall have regard to the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.
 - (d) The determination of the General Manager under Subparagraph (b) or (c) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the effect of extending, as regards title or cessation of title to Benefit payable to a man or woman, the meaning of the word "**Marriage**" to include the association between such a Single Woman or Widow as aforesaid, with such a Single Man or Widower as aforesaid, and the association between such a Single Man or Widower as aforesaid with such a Single Woman or Widow as aforesaid, and for this purpose, the words "**Wife**", "**Husband**", "**Widow**", "**Widower**" and "**Spouse**", shall be construed accordingly.
- (4) The expression "**Employment Injury**", shall have the same meaning as in Section 19 (1) (b) of the Act.

PART I**INDUSTRIAL BENEFIT FOR ACCIDENTS****INJURY BENEFIT**

3. Subject to these Regulations, Injury Benefit shall be payable to an Insured Person, who at the time of the Relevant Accident was in Insurable Employment, and who as a result of the Relevant Injury is incapable of work, and for this purpose-
- Entitlement to Benefit.**
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(a) A person shall be treated as incapable of work for any day on which he is required to abstain from work as a result of the Employment Injury.

(b) Sunday or such other day in each week as may be determined by the General Manager in any particular case or class of case, shall not be treated as a day of incapacity for work, and shall be disregarded in computing any period of consecutive days:

Provided that a person in Insurable Employment shall not be deprived of his entitlement to Injury Benefit by reason only that under the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations, he is deemed to be other than an Employed Person.

4. (1) An Insured Person who is eligible for Injury Benefit, shall not be entitled to receive such Benefit during the first three days of any continuous period of incapacity for work, but where the continuous period of incapacity for work exceeds three days, he shall be entitled to receive such Benefit with effect from the first day of such incapacity, subject to the provisions of Regulation 3.
- Day from which Benefit is to commence.**
[Reg. 4/1971]

(2) In determining whether the Insured Person is incapable of work on the day of the accident, any part of that day before the happening of the accident, shall be disregarded.

5. A Claim for Injury Benefit shall be made in the prescribed manner, and shall be supported by a Certificate of a registered Medical Practitioner or by such other evidence as the General Manager may require for the purpose of establishing the Insured Person's incapacity for work:
- Manner of claiming and support of Claim.**

Provided that the General Manager may for such purpose, require the Claimant to attend for, and submit himself to examination by one or more registered Medical Practitioners nominated by the General Manager from a Panel of registered Medical Practitioners approved by the Board.

- 6.** Injury Benefit shall be paid for each day (excluding Sunday or such other day in each week as shall have been determined under Regulation 3) as long as incapacity for work continues, subject to a maximum of twenty-six weeks in any continuous period of incapacity for work: **Duration.**

Provided that any two or more periods of incapacity for work arising out of the Relevant Injury and not separated by more than eight weeks, shall be treated as one continuous period of incapacity for work, starting on the first day of the first of such periods.

- 7. (1)** The Daily Rate of Injury Benefit shall be one-sixth of seventy percent of the relevant wage. **Rate of Injury Benefit.**

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- (2)** Where any two or more periods of incapacity for work are treated as one continuous period under Regulation 6, the Daily Rate of benefit payable in respect of any period after the first period of incapacity, shall be the Daily Rate of Benefit paid during such first period. **1.5.89**

- (3)** No person shall be allowed Injury Benefit at a higher rate than the difference between his Average Weekly Wage and the weekly amount, if any, paid by his Employer as Sick Pay.

- 8. (1)** An Insured Person entitled to payment of Injury Benefit, shall be disqualified from receiving such Benefit for such period as the General Manager may decide, but not exceeding six weeks if- **Disqualification.**

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- (a)** The Claimant has become incapable of work through his own serious and willful misconduct; or
- (b)** The Claimant fails without good cause, to comply with a notice in writing by the General Manager, requiring him to attend for and submit himself to medical or other examination; or
- (c)** The Claimant fails without good cause, to observe any of the following rules of behaviour, namely-

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- (i) To refrain from behaviour calculated to retard his recovery, or to answer any reasonable enquiries by an Officer of the Board, directed to ascertaining whether he is doing so;
 - (ii) Not to be absent from his place of residence without leaving word where he may be found; or
 - (iii) To do no work for which remuneration is or would ordinarily be payable.
- (2) For the purposes of this Regulation, "**Serious and Willful Misconduct**" includes-
- (a) The Claimant being under the influence of drugs or intoxicating drink;
 - (b) A contravention of any Law, Regulation or Order, whether statutory or otherwise, expressly made for the purpose of ensuring the safety or health of Employed Persons, or of preventing accidents to them, if the contravention was committed deliberately or with a reckless disregard of the terms of such Law, Regulation or Order;
 - (c) The willful removal or disregard by the Claimant, of any Safety Guard or other device which he knew to have been provided for the purpose of securing the safety of Insured Persons; or
 - (d) Any other Act or Omission, which the General Manager may, having regard to all the circumstances of an accident, determine to be serious and willful misconduct.

DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

9. (1) An Insured Person, who at the time of the relevant accident was in Insurable Employment, shall not be entitled to Disablement Benefit during the first three, days beginning with the day of the Relevant Accident.
- (2) Subject to these Regulations, an Insured Person who at the time of the Relevant Accident was in Insurable Employment, shall be entitled to Disablement Benefit for any day (excluding Sunday or such other day in each week as shall have been determined under regulation 3) after the period mentioned in Paragraph (1) of this Regulation, if as a result of the Relevant Accident he is suffering from loss of faculty, and is not entitled to Injury Benefit for that day:

**Entitlement to
Disablement
Benefit.**
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Provided that a person in Insurable Employment shall not be deprived of his entitlement to Disablement Benefit by reason only that under the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations he is deemed to be other than an Employed Person.

- (3) For the purposes of this Regulation, the extent of disablement shall be assessed by reference to the disabilities incurred by the Claimant as a result of the relevant loss of faculty, in accordance with the following general principles:
- (a) Save as hereafter provided in this Paragraph, the disabilities to be taken into account shall be all disabilities (whether or not involving loss of earning power or additional expense) to which the Claimant may be expected, having regard to his Physical and Mental Condition at the date of assessment, to be subject during the period taken into account by the assessment as compared with a person of the same age and sex whose Physical and Mental Condition is normal.
 - (b) No such disability shall be treated as having been incurred as a result of the Relevant Loss of Faculty, in so far as the Claimant either-
 - (i) Would in any case have been subject thereto as the result of Congenital Defect or of any Injury or Disease received or contracted before the Relevant Accident; or
 - (ii) Would not have been subject thereto but for some Injury or Disease received or contracted after, and not directly attributable to that accident.
 - (c) In any case where the extent of disablement resulting from the Relevant Loss of Faculty would, but for the provisions of this Subparagraph, be assessed at not less than fifteen per cent, any disability to which the Claimant is subject as a result both of the Relevant Injury and of some Injury or Disease received or contracted after the Relevant Accident, shall be treated as having been incurred as a result of the Relevant Loss of Faculty, and the assessment shall take account of any such disablement to the extent to which the Claimant would not have been subject thereto, if the Relevant Accident had never occurred:

Provided that any such disablement attributable to an Accident and a Disease or to two or more Accidents or Diseases (as the case may be) against which the Claimant is insured under the Act, shall only be treated, by virtue of this Subparagraph, as having been incurred as a result of the Loss of Faculty, resulting from one such Accident or Disease, being that one which occurred or developed last in point of time.

- (d) Where the Injury from which a Claimant suffers as a result of the Relevant Accident is one specified in the Second Column of the Second Schedule to these Regulations, whether or not such Injury includes one or more other Injuries so specified, the Loss of Faculty suffered by the Claimant as a result of that Injury, shall be assessed as resulting in the Degree of Disablement set against such Injury in the Third Column of the said Schedule, subject to such increase or reduction of that Degree of Disablement as may be reasonable in the circumstances of the case where, having regard to the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, that Degree of Disablement does not provide a reasonable assessment of the extent of disablement resulting from the Relevant Injury. **Second Schedule.**
- (e) The assessment shall be made without reference to the particular circumstances of the Claimant, other than Age, Sex, and Physical and Mental Condition.
- (4) The period to be taken into account by an assessment of the extent of a Claimant's Disablement, shall be the period -
- (a) Beginning with the first day of entitlement under Paragraph (2), and limited either to the Claimant's life or to a definite date; and
 - (b) During which the Claimant has suffered and may be expected to suffer from the Relevant Loss of Faculty:
- Provided that, if on any assessment the condition of the Claimant is not such, having regard to the possibility of changes therein (whether predictable or not), as to allow of a final assessment being made up to the end of the said period-
- (i) A Provisional Assessment shall be made, taking into account such shorter period only as seems reasonable, having regard to his condition and the possibility aforesaid; and
 - (ii) On the next assessment, the period to be taken into account shall begin with the day after the end of the period taken into account by the Provisional Assessment.
- (5) An assessment shall state the Degree of Disablement in the form of a percentage, which shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule, and shall also specify the period taken into account by the assessment and, where that is limited by reference to a definite date as in Paragraph (4) of this Regulation, whether the assessment is provisional or final: **Second Schedule.**

Provided that-

- (a) The said percentage and period shall not be specified more particularly than is necessary for the purpose of determining, in accordance with this Regulation, the Claimant's rights to Disablement Benefit; and
- (b) A percentage above fourteen which is not a multiple of ten, shall be treated-
 - (i) If it is a multiple of five, as being the next higher percentage which is a multiple of ten..
 - (ii) If it is not a multiple of five, as being the nearer percentage which is a multiple of ten.
- (c) Where a Medical Board has given a final assessment of the Degree of Disablement of a Claimant, the assessment may be reviewed at any time at the initiative of the Medical Board, or at the request of the General Manager, and the new assessment, if different from the previous one, shall be taken into consideration in determining the Claimant's rights to Disablement Benefit.

9A. For the purposes of this Part, any day which by virtue of Regulation 3(b) is not treated as a day of incapacity for work, shall not be disregarded in computing any period of consecutive days or the time for payment of Injury or Disablement Benefit, but any such day shall be disregarded in determining the amount of Injury or Disablement Benefit to be paid.

Special provision in reckoning period of incapacity.
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10. (1) Where the extent of the disablement for the period taken into account is assessed as amounting to less than fifteen per cent, Disablement Benefit shall be a lump sum Grant, the amount of which shall be two hundred and sixty times seventy percent of the relevant weekly wage for such Degree of Disablement.

Rate or amount of Benefit.
1.5.89

(2) Where the extent of disablement is assessed as amounting to fifteen percent or more, then for the period determined in the assessment, the Weekly Rate of Disablement Benefit shall be at the assessed percentage of the Injury Benefit applicable to the case:

Provided that -

- (a) Where the period of assessment is limited by reference to a definite date, the Disablement Benefit shall cease on the death of the Beneficiary before that date; and

- (b) Adjustments to Disablement Pensions in payment shall be made from time to time, as determined by the Board. 1.5.89

11. Where a Beneficiary entitled to Disablement Benefit enters any Hospital for the purpose of receiving Approved Hospital Treatment or Rehabilitation as an In-patient for the Relevant Injury or Loss of Faculty, then if the Degree of Disablement, in respect of which the Benefit is payable, was assessed at less than one hundred percent and, in the case of a Beneficiary who has received a Disablement Grant, account shall be taken of the assessment made with respect to him under Regulation 9, it shall be treated for the period for which he received such treatment, as if it had been assessed at one hundred per cent. **Increase of Disablement Benefit during approved Hospital treatment. [Reg. 4/1971]**

DEATH BENEFIT

12. (1) Subject to these Regulations, where an Insured Person in Insurable Employment dies as a result of the Relevant Injury, Death Benefit shall be payable- **Entitlement to Benefit of Adult Dependants. [Reg. 4/1971 14 of 1971]**
- (a) To or for the Benefit of the Dependants of the Deceased, other than those specifically excluded by Paragraph (2); and
- (b) Either as a periodical payment or as a lump sum, calculated in accordance with these Regulations:

Provided that the Dependants of the Deceased shall not be deprived of Death Benefit under these Regulations by reason only that, under the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations, the Deceased, though in Insurable Employment, was deemed to be other than an Employed Person.

- (2) The Dependants of a person entitled to Claim Death Benefit under paragraph (1), shall not include an Adult Dependant who-
- (a) Had died before an Award of such Benefit, in respect of the Deceased, has been made; or
- (b) Is the Widow of the Deceased, unless at the time of his death-
- (i) She is over forty-five years of age or incapable of work, and this incapacity is likely to be permanent; or

- (ii) She is pregnant by her late husband; or
 - (iii) She has the care of a child of his or of their marriage under eighteen years of age, and was either residing with him or receiving, or entitled to receive, from him periodical payments for the maintenance of herself or the children or both, of not less than five dollars weekly; or
 - (c) Is the Widower of the Deceased unless at the time of her death-
 - (i) He is over fifty-five years of age and incapable of work, and this incapacity is likely to be permanent; and
 - (ii) He has no income from any source whether by way of Pension or otherwise, other than Public Assistance under the Poor Relief Act, or Non-contributory Pension under the Old Age Pensions Act; or c. 36:02
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 - (d) Was married to the Insured Person less than six months before his death, if it appears to the General Manager that the marriage was contracted solely for the purpose of conferring the Benefit, and in anticipation of that death.
13. (1) A Widow or a Widower qualifying as a Dependant under Regulation 12, shall be entitled to Death Benefit in preference to all other Claimants. Prior entitlement
of Widow,
Widower and child
- (2) Every Unmarried Dependent Child who becomes an Orphan as a result of the death of- [Reg. 4/1971]
- (a) An Insured Person whose death was caused by a Relevant injury; or
 - (b) A Widow or Widower in receipt of a Death Benefit, and who had no stepmother or stepfather with a prior claim shall, in preference to all other Claimants, be entitled to Death Benefit from the day of the death of the Deceased, if he is then under the age of eighteen years and was wholly or partially maintained by the Deceased, and shall, subject to the conditions specified in Regulation 17 (c), continue to receive Benefit until he reaches the age of eighteen years.

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- 14.** If the Insured Person dies as the result of a Relevant Injury and is not survived by a Widow, Widower or Child entitled to Death Benefit, a Parent of the Deceased who is permanently incapable of self-support and who was being wholly or partially maintained by the Deceased, or who would but for the Relevant Accident, have been so maintained, shall be entitled to Death Benefit. **Entitlement of parents to Death Benefit.**
- 15. (1)** Where an Insured Person dies as a result of a Relevant Injury and is not survived by a Widow, Widower, Child or Parent entitled to Death Benefit under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations, a lump sum Death Benefit shall be payable to a Dependant or Dependents, being members of the family of the Deceased, if at the time of death the dependant was wholly or partially maintained by the Deceased, or would but for the Relevant Accident, have been so maintained, and **Entitlement of other relatives to Death Benefit. [Reg. 4/1971 14 of 1971]**
- (a) If the Dependant is a man, and is permanently incapable of self-support.
 - (b) If the Dependant is a woman, and is herself permanently incapable of self-support, or is living with her husband who is permanently incapable of self-support:

Provided that, where the Dependant is the Widow of the Deceased, it shall not be necessary for her to prove that she is incapable of self-support.
 - (c) If the Dependant is a child, and he is under the age of eighteen years, or being above that age, is permanently incapable of self-support.
- (2)** If there is more than one Dependant, the lump sum payable under Paragraph (1), shall be distributed in such manner as the General Manager may, in his discretion, consider reasonable.
- (3)** Where an Insured Person dies as a result of a Relevant Injury and leaves no Dependents entitled to Death Benefit, there shall be payable to his Creditors or to his Estate, a lump sum not exceeding the smaller of the following amounts:
- (a) A sum equal to the reasonable expenses for Medical Attendance on the Deceased for the Relevant Injury, and the reasonable expenses of his Burial; or
 - (b) The sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

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| 16. | Except for lump sums payable under Regulation 15, all Death Benefits shall be paid as Pensions. | Form of Death Benefit. |
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| 17. | Death Benefit in the form of Pensions shall be payable for the under-mentioned periods- | Period for which Pensions payable [Reg.4/1971 14 of 1971] |
| <p>(a) To a Widow, from the date of the death of her husband for life:</p> <p>Provided that-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) If she remarries or cohabits with a man not her husband, the payment of her basic rate of Benefit but not the increases already awarded for her Dependants, shall cease from the date of her remarriage or of her cohabitation, as the case may be.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) A Widow who remarries shall be entitled to a Gratuity, on termination of her basic rate of Benefit in consequence of her re-marriage, of an amount equal to 52 times the weekly rate of the basic Benefit to which she was then entitled, but not of the increases already awarded in respect of Dependants.</p> | | |
| <p>(b) To a Widower, from the date of the death of his wife for life, or until he is declared by a Medical Board, to have become capable of work, or until the General Manager is satisfied that his circumstances have so changed by remarriage or otherwise, that he no longer fulfils the condition set out in Regulation 12 (2) (c) (ii).</p> | | |
| <p>(c) To an Orphan, from the date of death of his surviving parent, until he reaches the age of sixteen years or, being between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years, he is an unpaid Apprentice and not otherwise employed for gain, or is receiving full-time education or, being above the age of sixteen years, he is unmarried and permanently incapable of work, so long as he remains so incapable.</p> | | |
| <p>(d) To a parent, from the date of death of the Deceased for life, or until the General Manager is satisfied that the circumstances of the Parent have so changed by remarriage or otherwise that he or she would no longer have been dependent on the Deceased Person if he had survived.</p> | | |

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- 18. (1)** The Weekly Rates of Death Benefit payable to those persons who may qualify for the type of Benefit mentioned in the First Column of Part II of the First Schedule, shall be the rates set out in the Second Column thereof, together with the increases payable as provided in the Third Column thereof, but not exceeding the maximum Benefit payable as set out in the Fourth Column thereof:
- Rate of amount
of Death Benefit.
[Reg. 4/1971
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Provided that adjustments in payment of Death Benefit shall be made from time to time as determined by the Board.

- (2)** Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (3), the lump sum payable under Regulation 15 (1), shall be such a sum not exceeding one hundred times the relevant wage as may, in the discretion of the General Manager, be reasonable and proportionate to the loss sustained by the said Dependant or Dependents:

Provided that in no case, shall the lump sum be less than two thousand seven hundred dollars.

- (3)** Where the lump sum payable under Regulation 15 (1), and distributed by the General Manager under Paragraph (2) thereof, results in the award to an individual Beneficiary of an amount in excess of sixty monthly payments of the minimum Pension, the General Manager shall in lieu thereof, make from the Fund, a periodical payment to the Beneficiary of an Annuity which, according to actuarial calculations approved by the Board, is equivalent in that case to the said amount:

Provided that the Annuity for a child under the age of sixteen years shall be calculated as if it were ceasing at the age of sixteen years, and shall not exceed the amount of an Orphan's Pension granted under the provisions of Regulations 13, 16 and 17 but, after the age of sixteen years, shall be subject to the same conditions for the continuation of the payment of such a Pension.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO INJURY
DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

- 19. (1)** Every Insured Person who suffers Personal Injury by Accident, in respect of which Industrial Benefit may be payable under these Regulations, shall give notice of such Accident in writing to his Employer as soon as practicable after the happening thereof, on a form approved by the General Manager:
- Notice of accident
by Insured Person.
[Reg. 4/1971
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Provided that any such notice required to be given by an Insured Person may be given by some other person acting on his behalf, and the General Manager may in any case authorize the Employer to dispense with written notice.

- (2) Every such notice shall be given to the Employer, or (if there is more than one Employer) to one of such Employers, or to any Foreman or other Official under whose supervision the Insured Person is employed at the time of the Accident, or to any person designated for the purpose by the Employer, and shall give the appropriate particulars of the Accident.
- (3) Any entry of the appropriate particulars of an Accident made in a Book kept for that purpose in accordance with Regulation 19A shall, if made as soon as practicable after the happening of an Accident, by the Insured Person or by some other person acting on his behalf, be sufficient notice of the Accident for the purposes of this Regulation.
- (4) In this Regulation, the expression "**Employer**" and "**Employers**" mean, in relation to any person to whom Paragraph (1) applies, the Employer or Employers, as the case may be, of that person at the time of the Accident.
- (5) In this Regulation and in Regulation 19A, the expression "**Appropriate Particulars**" means the following particulars-
- (a) The full Name, Address and Occupation of the Injured Person.
 - (b) The Date and Time of Accident.
 - (c) The Place where Accident happened.
 - (d) The Cause and Nature of Injury.
 - (e) The Name, Address and Occupation of the person giving the Notice, if other than the Injured Person.

- 19A. (1)** Every Employer shall take reasonable steps to investigate the circumstances of every Accident of which notice is given to him or to his Servant or Agent in accordance with Regulation 19, and if there appears to him to be any discrepancy between the circumstances found by him as a result of his investigation, and the circumstances appearing from the notice so given, he shall record the circumstances so found.

**Obligations of
Employers.
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- (2) Every Employer shall on request furnish to the General Manager, within such reasonable period as may be required, such information and particulars as shall be required-
- (a) Of any Accident or Alleged Accident, in respect of which Benefit may be payable to, or in respect of the death of a person employed by him at the time of the Accident or Alleged Accident; or
 - (b) Of the nature of, and other relevant circumstances relating to any occupation prescribed for the purposes of these Regulations, in which any person to whom, or in respect of whose death Benefit may be payable under these Regulations, was or is alleged to have been employed by him.
- (3) Every Owner or Occupier (being an Employer) of any Premises or Place liable to inspection under Section 31 of the Act, where no less than ten persons are normally employed at the same time, on or about the same Premises or Place, in connection with a Trade or Business carried on by the Employer shall-
- (a) Keep readily accessible, a Book or Books in a form approved by the General Manager, in which the appropriate particulars (as defined in Regulation 19) of any Accident causing Personal Injury to a person employed by the Employer, may be entered by that person or by some other person acting on his behalf; and
 - (b) Preserve every such Book when it is filled, for the period of three years, beginning with the date of the last entry therein.
20. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation, every Claimant for, and every Beneficiary of Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit, shall comply with every direction given to him by the General Manager, which requires him either-
- (a) To submit himself to a Medical Examination by a Medical Authority (as defined in Paragraph (4)) for the purpose of determining the effect of the Relevant Accident or the treatment appropriate to the Relevant Injury or Loss of Faculty; or
 - (b) To submit himself to such Medical Treatment for the said Injury or Loss of Faculty, as is considered appropriate in his case by the registered Medical Practitioner in charge of the case, or by any Medical Authority to whose examination he has submitted himself in accordance with the foregoing provisions of these Regulations; or

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- (c) To attend any Vocational Training or Industrial Rehabilitation Course that might be provided, and which in the opinion of the General Manager, is appropriate in his case:

Provided that a person shall not be disqualified for receiving the Benefit by reason of refusing without reasonable cause, to undergo Surgery.

- (2) Every direction given to a Claimant or Beneficiary requiring him to submit himself to Medical Examination, shall be given in writing.
- (3) Every Claimant or Beneficiary who, in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, is required to submit himself to a Medical Examination or to Medical or other Treatment for the Relevant Injury, shall attend at such time and place as may be required.
- (4) In this Regulation, the expression "**Medical Authority**" means a Medical Board or registered Medical Practitioner, nominated by the General Manager from a Panel of registered Medical Practitioners approved by the Board.
- (5) Every Claimant or Beneficiary shall, as soon as may be practicable, notify the General Manager of any change in circumstances arising after his Claim has been made or Benefit has been granted, which he might reasonably be expected to know might affect the continuance of his right to any Benefit awarded or to be awarded to him or to the receipt thereof.
- (6) Where a Beneficiary entitled to Disablement Benefit attends a Vocational Training or Industrial Rehabilitation Course at the request of the General Manager, then if the Degree of Disablement in respect of which the Disablement Benefit is payable is assessed at less than one hundred percent, it shall, for the period for which he is required by the General Manager to attend for such Vocational Training or Industrial Rehabilitation, be treated as if it had been assessed at one hundred percent.

PART II

PRESCRIBED DISEASES

- 21. (1)** Where a person has developed any of the Diseases specified in the First Column of the Third Schedule, being a Disease due to the nature of his Insurable Employment, on or after the declared day in any occupation set out against that Disease in the Second Column of that Schedule, the Benefits specified in these Regulations shall be payable subject to the conditions set out in these Regulations, and for this purpose in these Regulations-
- Prescribed Diseases. Third Schedule.**
- (a)** Any reference to an Accident or Injury shall include a reference to a Prescribed Disease;
- (b)** Any reference to the date of an Accident or Injury shall include-
- (i)** If the first Claim in respect of the Prescribed Disease is for Injury Benefit, a reference to the first day on or after the declared day on which the Claimant is incapable of work as the result of the Prescribed Disease.
- (ii)** If the first Claim in respect of the Prescribed Disease is for Disablement Benefit, a reference to the first day on or after the declared day on which the Claimant is suffering from loss of Physical or Mental Faculty as a result of the Prescribed Disease.
- (2)** In this Regulation, "**Declared Day**" means the day* declared by the Minister, pursuant to Section 19 (3) of the Act.
- 22.** Where a person claims Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit in respect of a Prescribed Disease for which he has previously received Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit, his earlier Claim in respect of that Disease shall be disregarded, if he is incapable of work and if his incapacity is predominantly due to further exposure to risk of that Disease in his Insurable Employment in any occupation set out against that Disease in the Second Column of the Third Schedule.
- Fresh development of Prescribed Disease. Third Schedule.**

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

23. (1) These Regulations shall apply, with the following modifications, to persons in Insurable Employment as Masters, Members of the Crew and Apprentices to the Sea Service on a Ship registered in Guyana, or as Pilots, Commanders, Navigators and Members of the Crew of any Aircraft registered in Guyana or in any other capacity on board any such Ship or Aircraft:
- Application to persons employed on Ships and Aircrafts.
- (a) The notice of the Accident and the Claim for Benefit, except where the person injured is the Master or other person in charge of the Ship or Aircraft (hereinafter called the "**Person In Charge**") may be given to the person in charge as if he were the Employer but, where the Accident happened and the incapacity commenced on board the Ship or Aircraft, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the Accident.
- (b) In a case of the death of the person in charge or of a Member of the Crew resulting from the Accident, the application for Death Benefit under these Regulations, shall be made within three months after news of the death has been received by the Claimant.
- (c) Where the Injured Person is discharged or left behind in a foreign country, depositions respecting the circumstances and nature of the Injury, may be taken by a Diplomatic or Consular Officer of Guyana or any Judge or Magistrate of that foreign country, and such depositions or certified copies thereof, shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings for enforcing the Claim.
- (2) In this Regulation, the word "**Ship**" has the same meaning as in the Law of Merchant Shipping Act.
- C. 49:01
24. (1) Notwithstanding that a person is entitled to two or more Benefits at the same time, only one Benefit shall be payable to such person. The Benefit so payable shall be the Benefit first awarded, unless any other Benefit is payable at a higher rate, in which case he shall be paid the Benefit at such higher rate. But if the last mentioned Benefit ceases to be payable, then nothing shall prevent the award or reinstatement of another Benefit to which such person is entitled:
- Entitlement to more than one Benefit.

Provided that-

- (a) A person shall be entitled to receive two or more Disablement Benefits at the same time, in so far as the sum of the Weekly Rates of those Benefits does not exceed the Weekly Rate of Disablement Benefit to which he would be entitled in respect of Loss of Faculty which is assessed at one hundred percent of the Relevant Wage applicable in his case or of the higher or highest Relevant Wage, where the Disablement Benefits are assessed on different Relevant Wages.
 - (b) Nothing in this Regulation shall prevent a person from receiving Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit at the same time as Death Benefit under these Regulations, or as Survivor's Benefit under the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations.
 - (c) Nothing in this Regulation shall preclude the payment of Sickness or Maternity Benefit with Death Benefit.
 - (d) Nothing in this Regulation shall preclude the payment of Old Age Pension with Disablement Pension. 1.5.89
 - (e) Any Benefit under these Regulations may be paid with Funeral Benefit
- (2) Where a question arises about two or more Benefits which are not allowed to be paid together, and one or more are Grants and the rest periodical payments, the Benefit payable shall be a periodical payment, unless a Grant has already been paid:
- Provided that-
- (a) Subject to Paragraph (b) of this Proviso, on cessation of such a periodical payment, which is less in total than the Grant, the Grant may be paid subject to a deduction there-from of the total amount of the periodical payment.
 - (b) Where the period covered by the periodical payment referred to in Paragraph (a) of this Proviso coincides only in part with the period covered by the Grant, the deduction shall not exceed the total amount of the periodical payment for the coincidental period.
 - (c) Where a Grant to which this Paragraph refers has already been paid, the periodical payment may be made subject to a deduction there-from, of an amount not exceeding two dollars weekly, until either the whole amount of the Grant or the amount applicable to the coincidental period, if any, has been deducted, or the periodical payment has ceased, whichever first occurs.

- (d) For the purpose of this Regulation, a Grant which is a specified number of times the Benefit received by a Deceased Insured Person, or a specified number of times a percentage of the Insured Person's wage, shall be deemed to be current for a period of that number of weeks from the date of the event which gave rise to the Claim for the Grant.

25. (1) If it is found that any person has received any sum by way of Industrial Benefit to which he is not entitled he shall be liable to repay to the Fund the sum so received by him. **Refund of Benefit improperly paid.**
- (2) Where any person is liable to repay any sum received by him by way of Industrial Benefit, that sum may without prejudice to any other remedy, be recovered by means of deductions from any other Benefit to which he thereafter becomes entitled.
- (3) Any such sum not so recovered within six years after the date on which payment of such sum was last made, shall be treated as expenditure on, and charged to the Fund.
26. (1) For every Contribution Week for the whole of which an Insured Person has received, Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit during Approved Hospital Treatment under Regulation 11, a Contribution shall be credited to that person without actual payment thereof. **Credited Contributions for weeks of Injury Benefit.**
- (2) A Contribution credited under this Regulation shall, subject to the provisions of the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations, be valid under those Regulations for Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit, Survivor's Benefit, Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit, and shall be at the rate corresponding to or most closely corresponding to that on the basis of which Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit, as the case may be, has been paid.
27. Except as hereinafter provided, a person shall be disqualified for receiving any Industrial Benefit for any period during which that person is absent from Guyana, save that- **Special provisions relating to persons absent abroad. [Reg. 4/1971]**
- (a) During such period as the Board may allow, having regard to the particular circumstances of the case, a person shall not be disqualified from receiving Injury Benefit or Disablement Benefit by reason of being temporarily absent from Guyana for the specific purpose of being treated for incapacity, which commenced before he left Guyana or by reason of incapacity which commenced outside Guyana as a result of an Injury for which Benefit would otherwise be payable under these Regulations.

- (b) A person shall not be disqualified for receiving Death Benefit by reason of being absent from Guyana.

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| <p>28. Benefit for which a person is eligible by virtue of Regulation 27, shall be paid in Guyana to such Representative acting for and on behalf of the person concerned, as may be approved by the Board, and the receipt of the person so approved shall, be a good discharge to the Board and the Fund for any sum so paid.</p> | <p>Payment of Benefit for which person is eligible under Regulation 27.</p> |
| <p>29. A person shall be disqualified for receiving any Benefit for any period during which that person is undergoing imprisonment or detention in Legal Custody:</p> <p>Provided that, where the Board is satisfied that the person undergoing imprisonment or detention in Legal Custody has Dependants who immediately prior to such imprisonment or detention were wholly or partially maintained by him, it may authorize payment to or in respect of the Dependants of an amount not exceeding three-quarters of the Benefit which would otherwise be payable during such a period as the Board may allow, having regard to the particular circumstances of the case.</p> | <p>Special provisions relating to persons undergoing imprisonment or detention in legal custody.</p> |
| <p>30. The Employer of a person who has met with an Industrial Accident or developed a Prescribed Disease, shall complete the appropriate form approved by the Board, giving to the General Manager such information as is necessary for the administration of Industrial Benefit under these Regulations, and shall cause the form, after its completion, to be delivered to the Injured Person or Dependant, as the case may be, to be submitted to the General Manager with his Claim to Benefit.</p> | <p>Employer to complete form for accident or disease.</p> <p>[14 of 1971]</p> |

FIRST SCHEDULE**RATES AND AMOUNTS OF INDUSTRIAL BENEFITS****DEATH BENEFIT****WEEKLY RATE OR AMOUNT**

KIND OF BENEFIT	BASIC RATE	INCREASE FOR EACH DEPENDANT	MAXIMUM BENEFIT PAYABLE
(i) Widow's Benefit	Thirty-five percent of the relevant wage.	Eleven and two-thirds percent of the relevant wage.	Seventy percent of the relevant wage.
(ii) Widower's Benefit	Thirty-five percent of the relevant wage.	Eleven and two-thirds percent of the relevant wage.	Seventy percent of the relevant wage.
(iii) Orphan's Benefit	Twenty-three and one-third percent of the relevant wage.	-	-
(iv) Parent's Allowance	Thirty-five percent of the relevant wage.	Eleven and two-thirds percent of the relevant wage.	Seventy percent of the relevant wage.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Reg. 4/1971

PRESCRIBED DEGREES OF DISABLEMENT

Reg. 9 (5)

Serial No.	Description of injury	Degree of Disablement Percent
1.	Loss of two Limbs	100
2.	Loss of both Hands or of all Fingers and Thumbs	100
3.	Total loss of Sight	100
4.	Total Paralysis	100
5.	Injuries resulting in being Bed-ridden permanently	100
6.	Loss of remaining Eye by One-eyed Person	100
7.	Loss of remaining Arm by One-armed Person	100
8.	Loss of remaining Leg by One-legged Person	100
9.	Loss of a Hand and a Foot... ..	100
10.	Any other Injury causing permanent total Incapacity	100
11.	Very severe Facial Disfigurement... ..	100
12.	Absolute Deafness	100
13.	Amputation through Shoulder Joint	80
14.	Amputation of Arm between Elbow and Shoulder	70
15.	Loss of Arm at Elbow... ..	70
16.	Loss of Arm between Wrist and Elbow	65
17.	Loss of Hand at Wrist	60
18.	Loss of four Fingers and Thumb of one Hand	60
19.	Loss of four Finger	45
20.	Loss of Thumb - both Phalanges	35
21.	Loss of Thumb - one Phalanx	20
22.	Loss of Index Finger - three Phalanges	15
23.	Loss of Index Finger - two Phalanges	11
24.	Loss of Index Finger - one Phalanx... ..	9
25.	Loss of Middle Finger - three Phalanges	12
26.	Loss of Middle Finger - two Phalanges	9

Serial No.	Description of injury	Degree of Disablement Percent
27.	Loss of Middle Finger - one Phalanx... ..	7
28.	Loss of Ring Finger - three Phalanges	7
29.	Loss of Ring Finger - two Phalanges... ..	6
30.	Loss of Ring Finger - one Phalanx	5
31.	Loss of Little Finger - three Phalanges	7
32.	Loss of Little Finger - two Phalanges	6
33.	Loss of Little Finger - one Phalanx	5
34.	Loss of Metacarpals - first or second (additional)	5
35.	Loss of Metacarpals - third, fourth or fifth (additional)... ..	5
36.	Guillotine Amputation of tip of finger without loss of bone - Index, middle, ring or little finger	2

Amputation Cases - Lower Limbs

37.	Double Amputation through Thigh, or through Thigh on one side and loss of other Foot, or Double amputation below Knee	100
38.	Double Amputation through Leg lower than 5 inches below Knee	100
39.	Amputation of one Leg lower than five inches below Knee and loss of other Foot	100
40.	Amputation of both Feet resulting in End-bearing Stumps ...	90
41.	Amputation through both Feet proximal to the Metatarsophalangeal Joint	80
42.	Loss of all Toes of both Feet through the Metatarsophalangeal Joint	40
43.	Loss of all Toes of both Feet proximal to the Proximal Interphalangeal Joint	30
44.	Loss of all Toes of both Feet distal to the Proximal Interphalangeal Joint	20
45.	Amputation through Hip Joint	90

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Serial No.	Description of injury	Degree of Disablement Percent
46.	Amputation below Hip with Stump not exceeding 5 inches in length measured from tip of Great Trochanter	80
47.	Amputation below Hip with Stump exceeding 5 inches in length measured from tip of Great Trochanter, but not beyond Middle Thigh	70
48.	Amputation below Middle Thigh to 3 1/2 inches below Knee	60
49.	Amputation below Knee with Stump exceeding 3 1/2 inches but not exceeding 5 inches	50
50.	Amputation below Knee with Stump exceeding 5 inches ...	40
51.	Amputation of one Foot resulting in End-bearing Stump ..	40
52.	Amputation through one Foot proximal to the Metatarsophalangeal Joint	40
53.	Loss of all Toes of one Foot proximal to the Interphalangeal Joint, including amputation through the Metatarsophalangeal Joint	20
54.	Loss of Great Toe, both Phalanges	15
55.	Loss of Great Toe, one Phalanx	10
56.	Loss of Great Toe, part with some loss of Bone	3
57.	Loss of Toes other than Great Toe - each	3
58.	Loss of Toe other than Great Toe – part with some loss of bone	1
59.	Two Toes of one Foot, excluding Great Toe – through Metatarsophalangeal Joint	5
60.	Part with some loss of Bone	2
61.	Three Toes of one Foot, excluding Great Toe – through Metatarsophalangeal Joint	6
62.	Part with some loss of Bone	3
63.	Four Toes of one Foot excluding Great Toe – through Metatarsophalangeal Joint	9

Serial No.	Description of injury	Degree of Disablement Percent
64.	Part with some loss of Bone	3
Other Specific Injuries		
65.	Loss of one Eye, or of the Sight of one Eye, the other being normal... ..	40
66.	Loss or destruction of the Lens of one Eye	30
67.	Loss of Hearing, one Ear	20
68.	Post-traumatic Ankylosis of Limbs and Joints ranging between partial and complete:	
	Ankylosis of:	Partial Complete
(i)	Vertebra	20 30
(ii)	Shoulder	30 40
(iii)	Elbow	30 30
(iv)	Wrist	30 30
(v)	Superior and Inferior Radioulnar ...	30 30
(vi)	Thumb (First Metacarpophalangeal)..	30 30
	Ankylosis of:	Partial Complete
	Finger joints:	
(vii)	One Joint of any Finger excluding Thumb	-- 3
(viii)	All three Joints of one Finger excluding Thumb Joints	-- 10
(ix)	Joints of all Fingers Excluding Thumb	-- 30
(x)	Finger Joints of all Fingers including Thumb	-- 40
(xi)	Hip Joints	20 40

Serial No.	Description of injury	Degree of Disablement Percent
(xii)	Knee 10	19
(xiii)	Ankle 10	19
(xiv)	Subtalar (Sub-astragaloid Group of Joints) 10	19
(xv)	Big Toe (First Metatarsophalangeal)	10
(xvi)	Toe Joints 5	10
69.	Post-traumatic Paralysis of Limbs or Parts of the Body:	
		<i>Partial</i> <i>Complete</i>
(i)	Total Paralysis due to Spinal Cord Injury --	100
	<i>Paralysis of:</i>	<i>Partial</i> <i>Complete</i>
(ii)	Brachial Plexus 50	50
(iii)	Radial nerve 30	50
(iv)	Median Nerve 20	40
(v)	Ulnar Nerve 20	40
(vi)	Sciatic Nerve 50	70
(vii)	Medial Popliteal 20	40
(viii)	Lateral Popliteal 20	30

1. In the case of a Right-handed Person, where the Disablement is assessed at fifteen percent or over, an Injury to the Right Arm or Hand, and in the case of a Left-handed Person, where the Disablement is assessed at fifteen percent or over, to the Left Arm or Hand, shall be rated ten percent higher than the above percentage. Where the rating at ten per cent higher than that percentage results in an assessment which is not a whole number, the assessment shall be fixed at the next higher whole number. 1.5.89
2. In the case of a Post-traumatic Shortening in a Lower Limb, any Disability of that Limb shall be rated at ten percent higher than the percentage of that Disability.

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3. The Degree of Disablement of cases not specified in this Schedule shall be assessed on the basis of the general principles referred to in Regulation 9 (3) of these Regulations, taking into account prescribed cases of equal or similar effect.
4. If a Joint or any other Joint associated with it in the Disablement is Ankylosed in an unfavourable position, the Degree of Disablement for Ankylosis of either Joint, may be increased at the discretion of the Medical Referee or Medical Board, up to the Degree of the Disablement that would be assessed for the loss of, or for loss of use of, the Limb or part of the Body affected by that Joint.

THIRD SCHEDULE

PRESCRIBED DISEASES

Description of Disease or Injury	Nature of Occupation
1. Poisoning by:	Any Occupation involving -
(i) Lead or a Compound of Lead	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes, Dust or Vapour of, Lead or a Compound of Lead, or a Substance containing Lead.
(ii) Manganese or a Compound of Manganese	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes, Dust or Vapour of, Manganese or a Compound of Manganese, or a Substance containing Manganese.
(iii) Phosphorus or Phosphine or poisoning due to the Anticholinesterase Action of Organic Phosphorus Compound	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes, Dust or Vapour of Phosphorus, or a Compound of Phosphorus, or a Substance containing Phosphorus.
(iv) Arsenic or a Compound of Arsenic	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes, Dust or Vapour of Arsenic, or a Compound of Arsenic, or a Substance containing Arsenic.
(v) Mercury or a Compound of Mercury	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes, Dust or Vapour of Mercury, or a Compound of Mercury, or a Substance containing Mercury.
(vi) Carbon Bisulphide	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes or Vapour of Carbon Bisulphide or a Compound of Carbon Bisulphide, or a Substance containing Carbon Bisulphide.
(vii) Benzene or a Homologue	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes or Vapour containing Benzene or any of its Homologues.

Description of Disease or Injury	Nature of Occupation
1. Poisoning by:	Any Occupation involving -
(viii) A Nitro - or Amino – or Chloro - derivative of Benzene or of a Homologue of Benzene, or poisoning by Nitro-chlorbenzene	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing a Nitro - or Amino- or Chloro-derivative of Benzene or of a Homologue of Benzene or Nitro-Chlorbenzene.
(ix) Dinitrophenol or a Homologue or by substituted Dinitrophenols or by the Salts of such Substances	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing Dinitrophenol or a Homologue or substituted Dinitrophenols or the Salts of such Substances.
(x) Tetrachlorethane	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing Tetrachlorethane.
(xi) Tri-cresyl Phosphate	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing Tri-cresyl Phosphate.
(xii) Tri-phenyl Phosphate	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing Tri-phenyl Phosphate.
(xiii) Diethylene Dioxide (Dioxan)	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing, Diethylene Dioxide (Dioxan).
(xiv) Methyl Bromide	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Vapour containing Methyl Bromide.
(xv) Chlorinated Naphthalene	The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes of, or Dust or Vapour containing Chlorinated Naphthalene.
(xvi) Nickel Carbonyl	Exposure to Nickel Carbonyl Gas.
(xvii) Nitrous Fumes	The use or handling of Nitric Acid or exposure to Nitrous Fumes.

Description of Disease or Injury	Nature of Occupation
<p>1. <i>Poisoning by:</i></p> <p>(xviii) Gonioma kamassi (African Boxwood)</p> <p>(xix) Beryllium or a Compound of Beryllium</p> <p>(xx) Cadmium</p>	<p>Any Occupation involving -</p> <p>The manipulation of Gonioma Kamassi or any process in or incidental to the manufacture of articles there-from.</p> <p>The use or handling of, or exposure to the Fumes, Dust or Vapour of, Beryllium or a Compound of Beryllium, or a Substance containing Beryllium.</p> <p>Exposure to Cadmium Fumes.</p>
<p>2. <i>Anthrax</i></p>	<p>The handling of Wool, Hair, Bristles, Hides or Skins or other Animal Products or Residues, or contact with Animals infected with Anthrax.</p>
<p>3. <i>Glanders</i></p>	<p>Contact with Equine Animals or their Carcasses.</p>
<p>4. (a) Infection by <i>Leptospira Icterchaemorhagiae</i></p> <p>(b) Infection by <i>Leptospira Canicola</i></p>	<p>Work in places which are, or are liable to be infested by Rats.</p> <p>Work at Dog Kennels or the care or handling of Dogs.</p>
<p>5. <i>Ankylostomiasis</i></p>	<p>Work in or about a Mine.</p>
<p>6. (a) Dystrophy of the Cornea (including Ulceration of the Corneal Surface) of the Eye</p> <p>(b) Localized new growth of the Skin, Papillomatous or Keratotic.</p> <p>(c) Squamous-celled Carcimoma of the Skin, due in any case to Arsenic, Tar</p>	<p>The use or handling of, or exposure to Arsenic, Tar, Pitch, Bitumen, Mineral Oil (including Paraffin), Soot, or any</p> <p>Compound Product (including Quinone or Hydroquinone),</p> <p>Or Residue of any of these Substances.</p>

Description of Disease or Injury	Nature of Occupation
	Any Occupation involving -
<p>6. (c) Pitch, Bitumen, Mineral Oil (including Paraffin), Soot, or any compound, product (including quinone or hydroquinone) or residue of any of these Substances</p>	
<p>7. <i>Inflammation, Ulceration or Malignant Disease of the Skin or Subcutaneous Tissue or of the Bones or Blood Dyscrasia, or Catatact, due to Electro-Magnetic Radiations (other than Radiant Heat), or to Ionizing Particles.</i></p>	<p>Exposure to Electro-magnetic Radiations other than Radiant Heat, or to Ionizing Particles.</p>
<p>8. <i>Heat Cataract</i></p>	<p>Frequent or prolonged exposure to Rays from Molten or Red-hot Material.</p>
<p>9. <i>Decompression Sickness</i></p>	<p>Subjection to Compression or Rarefied Air.</p>
<p>10. <i>Cramp of the Hand or Forearm due to Repetitive Movements</i></p>	<p>Prolonged periods of Handwriting, Typing or other Repetitive Movements of the Fingers, Hand or Arm.</p>
<p>11. <i>Subcutaneous Cellulitis of the Hand (Beat Hand)</i></p>	<p>Manual Labour causing severe or prolonged friction or pressure on the Hand.</p>
<p>12. <i>Bursitis or Subcutaneous Cellulitis arising at or about the Knee due to severe or prolonged External Friction or Pressure at or about the Knee (Beat Knee)</i></p>	<p>Manual Labour causing severe or prolonged External Friction or Pressure at or about the Knee.</p>
<p>13. <i>Bursitis or Subcutaneous Cellulitis arising at or about the Elbow due to severe or prolonged External</i></p>	<p>Manual Labour causing severe or prolonged External Friction or Pressure at or about the Elbow.</p>

Description of Disease or Injury**Nature of Occupation**

	Any Occupation involving -
13. Friction or Pressure at or about The Elbow (Beat Elbow)	
14. Traumatic Inflammation of the Tendons of the Hand or Forearm or of the Associated Tendon Sheaths	Manual Labour, or frequent or repeated movements of the Hand or Wrist.
15. Miner's Nystagmus	Work in or about a Mine.
16. (a) Carcinoma of the Mucous Membrane of the Nose or associated Air Sinuses	Work in a Factory where Nickel is produced by decomposition of a Gaseous Nickel compound which necessitates working in or about a Building or Buildings where that process or any other Industrial process ancillary
(b) Primary Carcinoma of a Bronchus or of a Lung.	or incidental thereto is carried on.
17. Tuberculosis	Close and frequent contact with a Source or Sources of Tuberculosis Infection by reason of employment-
	(a) In the Medical Treatment or Nursing of a person or persons suffering from Tuberculosis, or in a service ancillary to such treatment or nursing.
	(b) In attendance upon a person or persons suffering from Tuberculosis, where the need for such attendance arises by reason of Physical or Mental Infirmary
	(c) As a Research Worker engaged in research in connection with Tuberculosis.
	(d) As a Laboratory Worker, Pathologist or person taking part in or assisting at Postmortem

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	Any Occupation involving -
17. Tuberculosis	(d) Examinations of Human Remains where the occupation involves working with Material which is a Source of Tuberculous Infection.
18. Primary neoplasm of the Epithelial Lining of the Urinary Bladder (Papilloma of the bladder), of the Epithelial Lining of the Renal Pelvis or of the Epithelial Lining of the Ureter	<p>(a) Work in a Building in which any of the following Substances is produced for Commercial Purposes -</p> <p>(i) Alpha-naphthylamine or Beta-naphthylamine.</p> <p>(ii) Diphenyl substituted by at least one Nitro or Primary Amino Group.</p> <p>(iii) Any of the Substances mentioned in Subparagraph (ii) above if further substituted by Halogene, Methyl or Methoxy Groups, but not by other Groups.</p> <p>(iv) The Salts of any of the Substances mentioned in Subparagraphs (i) to (iii) above.</p> <p>(v) Auramine or Magenta.</p> <p>(b) The use or handling of any of the Substances mentioned in Subparagraphs (i) to (iv) of Paragraph (a), or work in a process in which any such Substance is used or handled or is liberated.</p> <p>(c) The maintenance or cleaning of any Plant or Machinery used in any such process as mentioned in Paragraph (b), or the cleaning of Clothing used in any such Building as is mentioned in Paragraph (a) if such Clothing is cleaned within the works of</p>

Description of Disease or Injury

Nature of Occupation

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| | Any Occupation involving - |
| 18. | (c) which the Building forms a part or in a Laundry maintained and used solely in connection with such works. |
| 19. <i>Inflammation or Ulceration of the Mucous Membrane of the Upper Respiratory Passages or Mouth produced by Dust, Liquid or Vapour</i> | Exposure to Dust, Liquid or Vapour. |
| 20. <i>Non-infective Dermatitis of External Origin (including Chrome Ulceration of the Skin but excluding Dermatitis due to Ionizing Particles or Electro Magnetic Radiations other than Radiant Heat.</i> | Exposure to Dust, Liquid or Vapour, or any other External Agent capable of irritating the Skin (including Friction or Heat but excluding Ionizing Particles or Electromagnetic Radiation other than Radiant Heat). |
| 21. <i>Pulmonary Disease due to the inhalation of the Dust of Mouldy Hay or of other Mouldy Vegetable Produce, and characterized by Symptoms and Signs attributable to a reaction in the peripheral Part of the Bronchopulmonary System, and giving rise to a defect in Gas Exchange. (Farmer's Lung)</i> | Exposure to the Dust of Mouldy Hay or other Mouldy Vegetable Produce by reason of employment - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In Agriculture, Horticulture or Forestry; or (b) Loading or unloading or handling in storage, such in storage such Hay or other Vegetable Produce; or (c) Handling Bagasse. |
| 22. <i>Primary Malignant Neoplasm of the Mesothelium (Diffuse Mesothelioma) of the Pleura or of the Peritoneum</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The working or handling of Asbestos or any Admixture of Asbestos. (b) The manufacture or repair of Asbestos Textiles or other Articles containing or composed of Asbestos. (c) The cleaning of any Machinery or Plant used in any of the foregoing operations and of any |

Description of Disease or Injury**Nature of Occupation****22.**

Any Occupation involving -

- (c) Chambers, Fixtures and Appliances for the collection of Asbestos Dust.
- (d) Substantial exposure to the Dust arising from any of the foregoing operations.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(INDUSTRIAL BENEFIT MEDICAL CARE)
REGULATIONS**

**Reg. 35/1969
[5/1971]**

Made under Sections 19, 20, 21, 24 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit Medical Care) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the day* declared pursuant to Section 19 (3) of the Act. **Citation and Commencement.**

2. In these Regulations- **Interpretation.**

"Employment Injury" has the same meaning as in Section 19 (1) (b) of the Act.

"Hospital" means any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from Illness or Mental Defectiveness, any Maternity Home, and any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons during Convalescence, or persons requiring Medical Rehabilitation, and includes Clinics, Dispensaries and Out-patient Departments maintained in connection with any such Institution or Home as aforesaid.

"Injured Person" means a person suffering from a Morbid Condition due to Employment Injury, arising out of and in the course of Insurable Employment on or after the declared day, and shall include a person suffering from any Sequel to that condition.

"Medical Adviser" means such Medical Officer as may be designated by the Board.

"Medical Care" includes-

- (i) General Medical Practitioner Care including Medical Examinations, Diagnosis and Treatment, and in areas where General Medical Practitioner Care is not available, shall include such Para-medical Care and Treatment as may be approved by the Board.
- (ii) Specialist Care and Treatment at Hospitals and such Specialist Care and Treatment as may be available at the Out-patient Departments of Hospitals.
- (iii) The supply of essential Pharmaceutical Products and Dressings Prescribed by a Registered Medical Practitioner in accordance with any formulary laid down by the Board.

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- (iv) Medical Care in Hospitals including free board, lodging, treatment and nursing in cases where, owing to the nature of the Employment Injury, Medical Care cannot be provided otherwise.
- (v) The provision, repair and renewal within limits laid down by the Board, of Orthopedic and Prosthetic Appliances necessary for the rehabilitation or the reduction of the incapacity for work of the Injured Person, arising as a direct consequence of the Employment Injury, but shall not include First Aid Treatment given by any person other than a Registered Medical Practitioner.

"Registered Medical Practitioner" means a person duly registered as a Medical Practitioner under the Laws for the time being in force, relating to the registration of Medical Practitioners.

3. (1) Where an Injured Person requires Medical Care for any Morbid Condition due to an Accident or Prescribed Disease arising out of or in the course of Insurable Employment on or after the first day of January, 1970, he shall be entitled to Medical Care from the date of that Accident or the date of development of that Prescribed Disease, for as long as the need for such care continues or recurs. **Entitlement to Medical Care for Employment Injury.**
 - (2) There shall be no Qualifying Contribution Condition for the provision of Medical Care, in accordance with this Regulation.
 - (3) Medical Care shall be provided with a view to maintaining, restoring or improving the health and ability to work, of the Injured Person.
 - (4) Medical Care shall be given in such a manner as to secure Maximum Efficiency within the scope of the Benefit, at the Minimum Reasonable Cost.
 - (5) The Board may make such arrangements as it thinks fit with Registered Medical Practitioners, for General Medical Practitioner Care.
4. (1) The Board may specify a formulary of Pharmaceutical Products and Dressings, which may be prescribed by a Registered Medical Practitioner, for a injured Person, and in areas where there is no Registered Medical Practitioner, such formulary may be applied by the Board in whole or in part to Prescriptions by any Para-medical Person approved by the Board, to give Medical Practitioner Care. **Supply of Pharmaceutical Products.**
 - (2) The Board may make arrangements to supply such Products and Dressings itself,

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 or may arrange for their supply through Pharmacies, Drug Stores, Dispensaries, Hospitals, Registered Medical Practitioners or other Agencies, or in more than one of those ways, as to the Board may see convenient for providing an efficient service in any area.

- (3) Such Products and Dressings shall be prescribed as economically as possible, and only as far as they are necessary, for the proper treatment of the person for whom they are prescribed.
- (4) If in the opinion of the Medical Adviser equally good results can be obtained by the use of either of two Pharmaceutical Products, preference shall be given to the less expensive of the two.
- (5) The quantity of Pharmaceutical Products and Dressings prescribed for each Injured Person, shall be determined in accordance with the presumptive period, during which treatment will be needed and further quantities shall be given only if considered necessary.
- (6) Instructions for the use of the Pharmaceutical Products and Dressings prescribed, shall be given by the Registered Medical Practitioner to the Injured Person:

Provided that in areas where there is no Registered Medical Practitioner, such instructions shall be given by such Para-medical Person as may be approved by the Board.

- 5. (1) The Board may make arrangements with the owners of Hospitals, whether Public or Private, for the Medical Care of Injured Persons. Arrangements with Hospitals for provision of Medical Care.
- (2) In making arrangements for Medical Care with Hospitals under Paragraph (1), the Board shall have power to make these arrangements on the basis of re-funding the agreed cost of Medical Care for each Injured Person, or of making a Grant, periodical or otherwise, for the Medical Care of all Injured Persons, or partly in one method and partly in the other as may be desirable, having regard to the interests of Injured Persons.
- (3) If the Board is of the opinion that further public provision of facilities for Hospital Medical Care is necessary for Injured Persons, it shall consider, with the appropriate Public Authorities, the extension of existing Public Services, before deciding to set up its own services.
- (4) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (3), the Board, if it is satisfied that Public

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Provision has not been, and is unlikely to be, made for further Hospital Medical Care for Injured Persons, and is of opinion that such provision is essential, may make such provision either itself or by arrangement under Paragraph (1) with Hospitals other than Public Hospitals.

- (5) Nothing in this Regulation shall be construed as preventing the Board, if it so thinks fit, from entering into agreements to reserve for Injured Persons, a specified number of beds in a Hospital, in return for a payment by the Board, of a Contribution towards the operation of that Hospital, or for extension of the available facilities for the exclusive use of Injured Persons.

6. An Injured Person who has applied for and is entitled to Medical Care-

**Duties of Injured
Persons in relation
to Medical Care.**

- (a) Shall remain under the care and treatment of the Registered Medical Practitioner to whom he first applied for General Practitioner Care, unless in the opinion of the Board, the General Practitioner Care should be continued by another Registered Medical Practitioner or a Hospital;
- (b) Shall comply with the instructions given by the Registered Medical Practitioner in charge of his case;
- (c) Shall not, while under Medical Care, do anything which might retard or prejudice his recovery;
- (d) Shall submit himself to be medically examined by any Medical Referee approved by the Board to undertake such an examination; and
- (e) Shall not refuse to receive Medical Care in Hospital if such care is considered essential in his case.

7. Where arrangements are made by the Board with Registered Medical Practitioners for the Medical Care of Injured Persons, the Medical Adviser may require them to submit a Medical Case History for any case in which he is of the opinion that such a Case History is necessary to ascertain whether the charges made (if any) or the Pharmaceutical Products and Dressings prescribed are reasonable.

**Medical Case
Histories.**

8. (1) If arrangements for Medical Care of Injured Persons have been made under

Reimbursement of

National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit Medical Care) Regulations
the fore-going provisions of these Regulations, the Board shall not be empowered to reimburse other Medical Care Expenses incurred by an Injured

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cost of Medical
Care in exceptional

Person, except in cases of extreme emergency, in which the Medical Care arrangements made by the Board are not immediately available, and delay in attending immediately to the person may have caused serious risk to his life, or grave detriment to his health.

cases.

- (2) In any case of emergency in which Medical Care Expenses may be reimbursed under Paragraph (1), the reimbursement shall be made within such limits as may be determined by the Board.

9. Pending the making of arrangements for Medical Care under these Regulations, either generally or for a particular area, the Board may reimburse to an Employer, such expenses as may be incurred by him after the declared day, in continuation of any arrangements for the Medical Care of Employment Injury Cases made by the Employer, under the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance:

Transitional
Provisions.

Provided that the Board shall not be liable under this Regulation, for Medical Care Expenses of any case of Employment Injury arising out of and in the course of Employment, before the declared day.

Cap. 111
1953 Ed.

10. All information regarding the health of any person to whom Medical Care is being or has been given, shall be strictly confidential, and no other person apart from Officers of the Board, the National Insurance Commissioner, Tribunals and Medical Boards appointed or constituted under Regulations made under the Act, shall have access to any Medical Case History or any other Medical Document or Record, in connection with the case.

Confidentiality of
Medical Care.

11. An Injured Person shall not be entitled to Medical Care outside Guyana at the cost of the Board, unless in the opinion of the Board the care is justified by the circumstances of the case, and the necessary Medical Care cannot be provided in Guyana:

Medical Care
outside Guyana.

Provided that the Board shall, before deciding that the necessary Medical Care cannot be obtained in Guyana, obtain a Certificate to that effect from the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health.

12. (1) The Board may reimburse to an Injured Person or to his Employer, any

Travelling and

National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit Medical Care) Regulations
reasonable costs necessarily incurred in the conveyance of the Injured Person,
and any necessary escort to or from any place at which he is required to attend
for Medical Care under these Regulations:

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other expenses.
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Provided that-

- (a) The Board shall not refund any expenses which for an individual journey, amount to less than one hundred dollars; and
 - (b) Except in a case of emergency, no reimbursement of any expenses whatsoever, shall be made for the conveyance of an Injured Person to a place for Medical Care, if he could reasonably have obtained the necessary Medical Care at a place nearer to his own home, or to the place of employment where the Accident occurred.
- (2) The Board may, in addition to the amount paid to an Injured Person pursuant to Paragraph (1), pay to him Subsistence Allowance at such rate as may be determined by the Board, and an Allowance for loss of pay, equivalent to one day's Injury Benefit for each day on which he is absent from work on account of treatment for the Industrial Injury.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(MEDICAL CERTIFICATION) REGULATIONS**

**Reg. 36/1969
[14 of 1971]**

Made under Section 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Medical Certification) Regulations, and shall come into operation on the day* declared, pursuant to Section 19 (3) of the Act.

**Citation and
Commencement.**

2. (1) In these Regulations-

**Interpretation
[14 of 1971]**

"Determining Authority" means, as the case may require, the Board or the General Manager, or an Appeal Tribunal, a Medical Board or the National Insurance Commissioner constituted or appointed in accordance with any Regulations made under the Act.

"Hospital" means any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from Illness or Mental Defectiveness, any Maternity Home and any Institution for the reception and treatment of persons during Convalescence, or persons requiring Medical Rehabilitation, and includes Clinics, Dispensaries, and Out-patient Departments maintained in connection with any such Institution or Home as aforesaid.

"Incapacity" means incapacity by reason of which a person is rendered incapable of work.

"Registered Medical Practitioner" means a person duly registered as a Medical Practitioner under the Laws for the time being in force, relating to the registration of Medical Practitioners.

"Registered Midwife" means a person registered as a Midwife under the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance.

**Cap. 137
1953 Ed.**

"Signature" means, in relation to any Certificate, the name by which the person giving the Certificate is usually known (any name other than the Surname being either in full or otherwise indicated) written by that person in his own handwriting; and the expression **"Signed"** shall be construed accordingly.

- (2) For the purpose of any provision of these Regulations, providing that any Certificate shall be in a form set out in the First Schedule or the Second Schedule, any reference to such form shall include a reference to any such other form substantially to the like effect as the Board may from time to time approve.

**First Schedule
Second Schedule**

3. (1) Every person claiming Sickness Benefit or Injury Benefit, shall furnish evidence of incapacity, in respect of the day or days for which the Claim is made, by means of a Certificate given by a registered Medical Practitioner, in accordance with the Rules for Medical Certification set out in Part A of the First Schedule, in the form appropriate to the circumstances of the case, as set out in Part B of that Schedule, or by such other means as the Determining Authority may accept as sufficient in the circumstances of any particular case or class of cases.
- (2) Every Insured Woman by whom or on whose behalf a Claim for Maternity Benefit is made shall furnish evidence-
- (a) Where the Claim is made in respect of expectation of confinement, that she is pregnant and as to the stage which she has reached in her pregnancy; or
 - (b) Where the Claim is made by virtue of the fact of confinement, that she has been confined; or
 - (c) Where the Claim is made in respect of an extension of confinement, that the extension is connected with her pregnancy or parturition,

Certificates of incapacity and confinement.

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and shall furnish such evidence by means of a Certificate, given in accordance with the Rules for Certification set out in Part A of the Second Schedule, on the appropriate Form as set out in Part B of that Schedule, or by such other means as the Determining Authority may accept as sufficient in the circumstances of any particular case or class of cases; and for the purposes of this Paragraph, the expression "**Certificate**" shall not include a Certificate which is given only by the person by whom or on whose behalf the Claim is made.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Reg. 3 (1)

PART A

RULES FOR MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

1. In these Rules-

"**Certificate**" means a Certificate of Incapacity.

"**Claimant**" means the person in respect of whom a Certificate is given.

"**Practitioner**" means a registered Medical Practitioner not being the Claimant.

2. Every Certificate shall be written in ink or other indelible substance, and shall contain the following particulars:

- (a) The Claimant's Name
- (b) The Date and Place of the Examination on which the Certificate is based
- (c) A Concise Statement of the Disease or Disablement by which the Claimant is, in the Practitioner's opinion, at the time rendered incapable of work
- (d) The Date on which the Certificate is given
- (e) The Address of the Practitioner,

and shall bear the Signature of the Certifying Practitioner, written after there have been entered on the Certificate the Claimant's Name and a Statement of the Disease or Disablement.

3. The Statement of the Incapacitating Disease or Disablement in the Certificate, shall specify the cause of incapacity as precisely as the Practitioner's knowledge of the Claimant's condition at the time of the examination permits:

Provided that, if in the Practitioner's opinion, a disclosure to the Claimant of the precise cause, would be prejudicial to his well-being, the Certificate may contain a less precise statement.

4. Every Certificate must have been given on a date not more than one day later than the date of the examination upon which it is based, and no further Certificate based on the same examination shall be furnished, other than a Certificate to replace an original Certificate which has been lost or mislaid, but in that case, the Form shall be clearly marked "**Duplicate**".

5. Where the Claimant is being attended by a Practitioner in the Public Service or is receiving treatment on the advice of such a Practitioner at any Hospital as either an In-patient or an Out-patient, the Certificate shall be on a Form supplied by the Board for the purpose, and shall be signed by the Practitioner.
6. Where the Claimant is being attended by any other Practitioner, the Certificate shall be either on a Form supplied by the Board, or on such other Form substantially to the like effect, as the Determining Authority may accept, and shall be signed by such other Practitioner.
7. The Certificate shall be in the Form set out in Part B of this Schedule.
8. In any case in which, in the opinion of the Practitioner, the Claimant will become fit to resume work on a day not later than the end of the 7th day after the date of the examination on which the Certificate is based, the Certificate shall specify the first-mentioned day.
9. In any other case, the Certificate shall cover a specified number of days or weeks from and including the date of the examination on which the Certificate is based, which shall not exceed 14 days in the case of a first or second Certificate or 28 days, in respect of any subsequent Certificate.
10. Before resuming work, every Claimant producing a Certificate under Rule 9, shall furnish a Certificate, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 8, specifying the date on which, in the opinion of the Practitioner, the Claimant will become fit to resume work.
11. In computing any period of time in relation to any Certificate given under Rules 8 or 9, Public Holidays shall be included.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I, a duly qualified registered
Medical Practitioner, hereby certify that M....., of.....,
(Name) (Address)
was examined by me on, at, for the ++first/second/.....
time and in my opinion, ++he/she was at the time of the examination suffering from
..... As a result of this disability, ++he/she-

(Complete (a) or (b) whichever is appropriate)

(a) Will be fit to resume work ++today/tomorrow/on* or

(b) Will remain incapable of work for a period of + days

Any other remarks by Doctor

Doctor's Signature.....

Date Address

***The date indicated must not be more than seven (7) days (Public Holidays included) after the date of examination.**

+The period entered must not exceed fourteen (14) days (Public Holidays included) in the case of a first or second Certificate or twenty-eight (28) days for a third or subsequent Certificate.

++Delete where inapplicable.

Note: Sundays are Public Holidays

Form Med.1.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Reg. 3 (2)

PART A

RULES FOR CERTIFICATION OF CONFINEMENT

1. Certificates of Confinement or Expected Confinement, shall be written in ink or other indelible substance, signed by a registered Medical Practitioner or registered Midwife attending the Woman.
2. The Certificate shall be on a Form provided by the Board for the purpose. The wording of the Certificate shall be as set out in the appropriate Form in Part B of this Schedule.
3. Every Certificate of Confinement or Expected Confinement shall contain the following particulars-
 - (a) The Woman's Name
 - (b) In the case of a Certificate of Confinement, the Date and Place of the Confinement, and the Date of the Examination on which the Certificate is based
 - (c) In the case of a Certificate of Expected Confinement, the Week in which it is to be expected that the Woman will be confined, and the Date of the Examination on which the Certificate is based
 - (d) The Date on which the Certificate is given
 - (e) Where the Certificate is signed by a Midwife, either the Registered Number of the Midwife or her Address, and the Date of her Qualification,

and shall bear the Signature of the person giving the Certificate, written after there have been entered on the Certificate, the Woman's Name and the Date, or as the case may be, the Expected date of the Confinement.

4. After a Certificate based on an examination has been given, no further Certificate based on the same examination shall be furnished, other than a Certificate to replace an original Certificate which has been lost or mislaid, but in that case, the Form shall be marked "**Duplicate**".

PART B**FORMS OF CERTIFICATE****CERTIFICATE OF CONFINEMENT (a)****(To be given by a registered Medical Practitioner or registered Midwife)**

I certify that I attendedin connection
with her confinement (a) which took place at.....(address)

and that she was there delivered of a child
children (b) on the day of..... 19.....

(It is important that, where the Medical Practitioner or Midwife considers that the confinement (a) took place before the week (c) in which it was expected, the following Paragraph should be completed. In any other case, it should be struck through.)

I certify that, in my opinion, it was to be expected that she would be confined (a) in the week (c) containing
the day of 19.....

Signature

(If Registered Midwife, add registered
number or address and date of
qualification).....

.....

Date of examination

Date of signing

NOTES:

(a) Confinement is so defined by the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations, that this Certificate can only be given-

(i) Where labour results in the issue of a living child, or

(ii) Where labour results in the issue of a dead child, and pregnancy has lasted for at least 28

weeks. The Certificate must not be given in any other circumstances.

- (b) Insert number of children, if more than one.
- (c) The week referred to is a Contribution Week, i.e. one which begins on a Monday.

Form Med. 2

CERTIFICATE OF EXPECTED CONFINEMENT

(To be given by a registered Medical Practitioner or registered Midwife not earlier than the beginning of the ninth week* before the week* containing the day of expected confinement)

To

I certify that I examined you on the under mentioned date and that in my opinion you may expect to be

confined in the week* which will include theday of..... 19.....
(Here insert the expected date of confinement)

Signature

(If Registered Midwife, add registered

number or address and date of
qualification).....

.....

Date of examination

Date of signing

Any other remarks by Doctor or Midwife

.....

*The week referred to is a Contribution Week, i.e. one which begins on a Monday.

Form Med. 3

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(DETERMINATION OF MEDICAL QUESTIONS)
REGULATIONS**

Reg.15/1970
[14 of 1971]

Made under Sections 20, 21, 23, 24, 38.39 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Medical Questions) Regulations, and shall come into force forthwith.

Citation and
Commencement.

PART I

PRELIMINARY

2. (1) In these Regulations-

Interpretation.
[14 of 1971]

"Assessment Of The Extent Of Disablement" means an assessment made in accordance with Regulation 9 (3) of the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations.

"Board" means the National Insurance Board established by Section 3 of the Act.

"Claimant" means a person who has claimed Benefit under the Act.

"Declared Day" means the 1st January, 1970.

"Determining Authority" means, as the case may require, the Board or the General Manager or the Appeal Tribunal or the National Insurance Commissioner, appointed or constituted in accordance with any Regulations for the time being in force.

"Employment Injury" has the same meaning as in Section 19 (1) (b) of the Act.

"Injured Person" means a person suffering from a Morbid Condition due to Employment Injury, arising out of and in the course of Insurable Employment, on or after the declared day, and includes a person suffering from a sequel to that condition.

"Medical Examination" includes Microbiological, Pathological, and Radiographical Tests, and similar investigations.

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"**Medical Question**" has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3 (2).

"**Medical Referee**" means a registered Medical Practitioner, whether an Officer of the Board or not, whose name has been placed on a Panel of Medical Referees approved by the Board.

"**Prescribed Disease**" means a Disease set out in the First Column of the Third Schedule to the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations.

Third Schedule

"**Registered Medical Practitioner**" means a person duly registered as a Medical Practitioner under the Laws for the time being in force in Guyana, relating to the registration of Medical Practitioners.

"**Relevant Accident**", "**Relevant Injury**" and "**Relevant Loss Of Faculty**" mean respectively, in relation to Injury Benefit, Disablement Benefit and Death Benefit, the Accident, Injury and Loss of Faculty, in respect of which any of the said Benefits are claimed or payable.

PART II

DETERMINATION OF MEDICAL QUESTIONS

3. (1) Subject to these Regulations and of the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations, and of the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations, any Medical Question arising under the Act is determined in accordance with these Regulations, and the determination of any Medical Question in accordance with these Regulations is binding on any Determining Authority (other than the National Insurance Commissioner) in the determination of any Medical Question arising under the Act. Medical Question
- (2) Medical Questions to be determined in accordance with these Regulations without prejudice to the generality thereof include any question-
 - (a) Whether a Claimant who has been certified or declared as incapable of work is or is not so incapable.
 - (b) Whether a Claimant's incapacity for work is or is not permanent.
 - (c) Whether or not a Claimant is suffering from loss of faculty.
 - (d) Of the assessment of the extent of Disablement of a person who is

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suffering from Loss of Faculty.

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- (e) Of the period during which the Claimant has suffered and may be expected to suffer from the Relevant Loss of Faculty.
- (f) Whether an assessment of the extent of Disablement should be provisional or final.
- (g) Whether the Relevant Injury, the Relevant Loss of Faculty or the death of a person in Insurable Employment was or was not due to the Relevant Accident.
- (h) Whether the Disease from which an Injured Person is suffering is or is not a Prescribed Disease.
- (i) Whether the Prescribed Disease from which a Claimant is suffering arises or does not arise from the nature of his Insurable Occupation.
- (j) Whether the Disease from which an Injured Person is suffering is or is not a sequel to a Morbid Condition due to an Employment Injury.
- (k) Whether or not a Claimant whose age is in doubt, can be presumed to be of the age he alleges.

4. (1) The General Manager may refer any Medical Question arising under these Regulations to a Medical Referee.

Medical Referees
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(2) The Medical Referee, after examining the Claimant, or in the case of the death of a person in Insurable Employment, after examining the facts, shall decide such Medical Question, and Record his decision in writing in, such form as may from time to time be approved by the Board together with the reasons there-for.

5. The General Manager shall notify the Claimant in writing, of the decision of the Medical Referee and of his right of appeal from that decision.

Notification of Claimant.
[14 of 1971]

6. (1) If a Claimant or the General Manager is dissatisfied with the decision of the Medical Referee, he has a right of appeal from that decision to a Medical Board, consisting of not less than two Registered Medical Practitioners (one

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of whom shall be appointed Chairman) selected from a Panel of members of

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Medical Boards, approved by the Board.

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- (2) An Appeal from the decision of a Medical Referee on a Medical Question, must be brought by giving notice of Appeal at the Office of the Board, within two months after the date of the decision, or within such further time, not exceeding four months, as the Chairman of the Medical Board may allow.
 - (3) A notice of Appeal shall be in writing, and shall contain a statement of the grounds upon which the Appeal is made.
7.
 - (1) Reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing before the Medical Board, shall be given to the Claimant and the General Manager, and except with the consent of the Claimant, the Medical Board shall not proceed with the hearing, unless the notice has been given.

**Time and place
of hearing before
Medical Board.
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 - (2) If a Claimant to whom notice of Hearing has been duly given in accordance with these Regulations fails to appear at the Hearing, the Medical Board may proceed to determine the Medical Question, or may give such directions with a view to the determination thereof as it may think proper, having regard to all the circumstances including any explanation offered for the absence except that, if a reasonable explanation for his absence has been given by him or on his behalf, the Medical Board shall not without his consent, determine the case in his absence, unless the Hearing has first been adjourned for at least one month, and reasonable notice of the time and place of the Adjourned Hearing has been given to him.
8.
 - (1) A Medical Board has the same powers of examining the Claimant as are given to a Medical Referee, and no person is entitled to be present during the consideration of any Medical Question by a Medical Board, other than the Claimant and his Representative, the General Manager and his Representative, and any other person whom the Medical Board may, with the consent of the Claimant, allow to be present as being a person who in its opinion, is likely to assist it in the determination of that question.

**Procedure of
Medical Boards.
[14 of 1971]**
 - (2) The General Manager and the Claimant are entitled to be heard at the hearing of any Case, by a Medical Board.
 - (3) Any person who by virtue of this Regulation has the right to be heard at the hearing of a Case by a Medical Board, may be represented at the Hearing by some

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other person, whether having professional qualifications or not, and for the purposes of the Hearing, any such Representative has all the rights to which the person whom he represents is entitled under these Regulations.

- (4) Any person who exercises the right conferred by this Regulation to be heard at the Hearing, may call Witnesses, and shall be given an opportunity of putting questions directly to any Witnesses called at the Hearing.
- (5) A Medical Board shall not determine any Medical Question referred to it if-
 - (a) Any member is unable to be present at the consideration of the question; or
 - (b) The Medical Board, being a Board consisting of two members, is unable to reach a unanimous decision on the question.
- (6) In any case in which by reason of Paragraph (5), a Medical Board is unable to determine any Medical Question that has been referred to it, the reference to that Medical Board shall be revoked, and the Medical Questions arising in that Case, shall forthwith be referred to another Medical Board, except that in a Case to which Paragraph (5) (b) of this Regulation applies, the reference shall be to a Medical Board consisting of three or more members.
- (7) The decision of a Medical Board consisting of more than two members shall, if not unanimous, is that of the majority of the members.
- (8) A Medical Board shall in each Case, record its decision in writing in such form as may from time to time be approved by the Board, and shall include in the Record (which shall be signed by all the members of the Medical Board) a Statement of the findings on all questions of Fact Material to the decision, and a Statement of the reasons for the decision.
- (9) Subject to Regulation 13 (8) of the National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, the decision of a Medical Board on a Medical Question is final.
- (10) A Medical Board shall in such circumstances as it thinks fit, conduct its Medical Examination of the Claimant in private.

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Claimant, of the decision of the Medical Board, and the notice shall be in such form as may from time to time be approved by the Board, and shall contain a Summary of the record of that decision, made in accordance with Regulation 8 (8).

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of Medical Board
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10. Any determination by a Medical Referee or Medical Board under these Regulations, may be referred at any time by the General Manager, to a Medical Board for review, if-

Review of
Determinations by
Medical Referees
and Medical
Boards.
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- (a) He is satisfied that the determination was given in ignorance of, or was based on a mistake as to, some material fact; or
 - (b) There has been any relevant change of circumstances relating to the Medical Question, since the determination was made.
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**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS) REGULATIONS**

Reg.1/1971

Made under Section 51

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Self-employed Persons) Regulations, and shall come into force on such day* as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the *Gazette*. Citation and Commencement.

2. In these Regulations- Interpretation.

"Appointed Day" means the day appointed under Regulation 1.

"Chargeable Income" has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act, and includes Chargeable Income as both an Employed and a Self-employed Person. c.81:01

"Income" means the Self-employed Person's Income from the sources specified in Section 5 (a) and (b) of the Income Tax Act (excluding the Income of a Spouse) before making the deductions allowed by Sections 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26, of the Act, and includes Income as both an Employed and a Self-employed Person.

"Insurable Income" has the same meaning as in the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions - Self-employed Persons) Regulations. 1.5.89

"Relevant Income" means the Total Weekly Earnings on which Contributions were paid or credits were awarded, or Contributions were paid and credits awarded, other than the Special Transitional Credits under Regulation 19 of the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations during a specified period, divided by the number of weeks in that period. 1.5.89

"Self-employed Person" includes a person treated as Self-employed under the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations.

PART II**MODIFICATION OF THE ACT**

- 3.** In its application to Self-employed Persons, Section 11 of the Act shall be modified to provide that, from the appointed day all persons who on or after that day are- **Modification of Act**

(a) Sixteen years of age or over and under sixty years of age; and

(b) Gainfully occupied otherwise than in Insurable Employment,

shall become Insured Persons under the Act, in respect of all Benefits (other than Industrial Benefit) and shall remain so insured for life:

Provided that-

- (a) If at any time a Self-employed Person becomes an Employed Person, the provisions of the Act relating to Industrial Benefit apply to him, so long as he remains an Employed Person; and
- (b) For a person who, under Regulation 5 of the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations, is treated as other than an Employed Person, Paragraph (5) of that Regulation and the Provisos to Regulations 3, 9 (2) and 12 (1) of the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations, continue to apply.

- 4.** Sections 19 (2), 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 of the Act do not apply to Self-employed Persons. **Sections of Act not applicable.**

PART III**APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS**

- 5.** The National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit) Regulations, and the National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit Medical Care) Regulations do not apply to Self-employed Persons. **Regulations not applicable.**
- 6.** The following Regulations apply to Self-employed Persons- **Regulations applicable.**

- (a) The National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations;
 - (b) The National Insurance and Social Security (Contributions) Regulations;
 - (c) The National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations;
 - (d) The National Insurance and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations; and
 - (e) The National Insurance and Social Security (Medical Certification) Regulations, with the following modification- 1.5.89
 - (i) Every reference to "Employed Person's Contribution", shall be construed as a reference to "Self-employed Person's Contribution."
7. In the National Insurance and Social Security (Persons Abroad and Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, references to "Employment" shall include references to "Self-employment", but Regulations 3, 4, and 5 and the Proviso to Regulation 6 (1), do not apply to Self-employed Persons. References to "Employment" etc.
8. The National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations shall have effect in relation to Self-employed Persons, subject to the following modifications- Effect.
- (a) Every reference to "**Relevant Wage**" shall be construed as a reference to "**Relevant Income**", and in the case of an Insured Person who has been both a Self-employed and an Employed Person, to either "**Relevant Wage**" or "**Relevant Income**" or both as the context may require.
 - (b) The following Paragraph shall be added to the Proviso to Regulation 19-
 - (c) In the case of a Self-employed Person becoming an Insured Person on the 5th April, 1971, and who was registered as an Employed Person prior to that date and awarded credits under this Regulation, shall be granted only in substitution for any age credits granted before that date if, having regard to all considerations, the credits as a Self-employed Person are more favourable in the allowance of Old Age Benefit, Invalidity Benefit or Survivor's Benefit."

- (d) In its application to Self-employed Persons, Regulation 23 shall have effect-
 - (i) As if after the words "**Insurable Employment**" in Subparagraph (a) there were added the words "**Or Self-employment**"; and
 - (ii) As if after the words "**Insurable Employment**" in Subparagraph (c) there were added the words "**Or Self-employment** or partly in one and partly in the other".
 - (e) In its application to Self-employed Persons, Regulation 28 shall have effect as if after the words "**Insurable Employment**" in Subparagraph (b), there were added the words "**Or Self-employment** or partly in one and partly in the other".
 - (f) Regulation 38 does not apply to Self-employed Persons.
9. A Certificate of Self-employed Insurance shall be given, subject to these Regulations, to a person who makes application to the Board for such a Certificate on a form approved by the Board.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS -
SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS) REGULATIONS**

Reg. 2/1971
[14 of 1971]

Made under Section 51

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| <p>1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions - Self-employed Persons) Regulations and shall come into force on the appointed day.*</p> | <p>Citation and
Commencement.</p> |
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PRELIMINARY

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| <p>2. In these Regulations-</p> | <p>Interpretation</p> |
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"Appointed Day", "Chargeable Income" and "Income" have the same meaning as in the National Insurance and Social Security (Self-employed Persons) Regulations.

"Contribution Week" means a period of seven days commencing immediately after twelve o'clock midnight on each Sunday, and ending at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next following.

"Insurable Income" means the weekly or monthly income on which Contributions are paid by an Insured Person, and is subject to an upper limit, which is determined by the Board on the basis of four times the weekly or monthly Minimum Wage prevailing in the Public Service. 1.5.89

"Income Tax" has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act. c.81:01

"Inspector" means an Inspector designated under Section 31 of the Act.

"Local Office" means an Office appointed by the Board as a Local Office, for the purpose of the Act.

"Weekly Income" for a person who has no assessment for Chargeable Income for a year of assessment referred to in these Regulations, means his Gross Weekly Income after deduction there-from of any expenses incurred in that week which, if he were chargeable to Income Tax, would be allowable as expenses in calculating his Income.

"Self-employed Person" includes a person treated as Self-employed under the National Insurance and Social Security (Classification) Regulations.

"Termination of Self-employment" means the day on which self-employment actually ceases, whether by the act of the Self-employed Person or otherwise, and whether or not the self-employment is to be resumed at a later date.

"Year Of Assessment" has the same meaning as in the Income Tax Act.

c.81:01

PART I

REGISTRATION CARDS

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3. Every person becoming a Self-employed Person after the coming into operation of these Regulations, shall apply to the General Manager on the appropriate Form for registration as a Self-employed Person, and shall supply all particulars necessary for the completion of the Application Form, and be responsible for the correctness of the particulars supplied. **Application for Registration Card.**
4. If upon receipt of an Application for Registration the General Manager is satisfied that the Applicant is entitled to be insured, he shall cause a Registration Card to be issued to the Self-employed Person, unless the person was previously employed and issued with a Registration Card. **Issue of Registration Cards.**
5. A Registration Card shall be in such form as the Board may direct, and shall be current for the life of the Insured Person. **Form of Registration Card.**
6. A Registration Card shall be issued, without charge, to a person applying for it, and shall remain the property of the Board. **No charge for issue of Registration Card.**
7. A Self-employed Person, on receiving a Registration Card, shall become responsible for its custody, and shall produce such Card for inspection at any reasonable time when required to do so by an Inspector, who may, if he considers it necessary for the purpose of the Act, retain such Card. The Inspector shall give a receipt for any Registration Card retained by him. **Custody of Registration Card.**
8. On the death of a Self-employed Insured Person, any person having possession of the Registration Card of the Deceased Insured Person, shall forthwith deliver the Card to the General Manager. **Delivery of Registration Card on Death of Insured Person.**

9. If a Registration Card is destroyed or lost or is defaced in any particular while in the custody of the Insured Person, the Self-employed Person shall report the matter to the General Manager, and apply for the issue of a Registration Card to replace the Card which had been destroyed, lost or defaced. Such replacement shall be made at such charge as determined by the Board, except in cases where the Insured Person is a National Insurance Pensioner. **Destruction or loss of Registration Card.**
10. (1) An Insured Person shall produce his Registration Card for inspection at any reasonable time when required to do so by an Inspector, and if so required, shall deliver up the same to the Inspector who shall retain it. **Inspection of Registration Card.**
- (2) Where an Inspector retains the Registration Card of an Insured Person under the Regulation, he shall give to the Insured Person a Receipt for the Card retained by him.

PART II

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

11. Subject to these Regulations, for any period during which an Insured Person is in self-employment, he shall pay for each Contribution Week beginning in that period, a Contribution the amount of which shall be a percentage determined by actuarial calculations of the Insured Person's Insurable Income, and approved by the Board for the month preceding the month in which the Contribution Week falls, or any such period as may be determined by the General Manager: **Rates of Insurance Contributions.**
1.5.89
- Provided that
- (a) Such period shall be determined based upon the last period during which the Insured Person worked, and he shall pay a Contribution under this Regulation, for each Contribution Week in the period, at a rate calculated under the said Regulation, of the total income for the said period, divided by the total number of Contribution Weeks in that period, and for that purpose, a part of a week shall be reckoned as a week.
- (b) Where a Self-employed Person has no income in such a period as set out in Paragraph (a) of this Proviso, the Contribution shall be made at an amount to be determined by the Board.
12. There shall be liability for a Contribution, pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, for all Benefits other than Industrial Benefits- **Liability for Contributions.**

- (a) In the case of a Self-employed Person attaining the age of sixteen years, for the week in which the Self-employed Person reached that age.
- (b) In the case of a Self-employed Insured Person attaining the age of sixty years, for the week in which the Insured Person reaches that age:

Provided that in a case to which Paragraph (b) applies, there shall be no liability for a Contribution, if the Insured Person attains the age of sixty on the Monday of the week in question.

- 13. (1)** In addition to his obligation to comply with any other requirement of the Act or these Regulations, a Self-employed Person shall pay all Contributions due and payable by him-
- Time of payment of Contributions.**
1.5.89
- (a) Within fourteen days after the termination of self-employment, and any Contribution remaining due after the expiration of the period specified in Subparagraph (a), shall thereafter bear interest as provided by Section 44 of the Act.
- (2)**
- (a) The Board may, if it thinks fit, and subject to such terms and conditions as it may impose, approve any arrangement whereby Contributions for Self-employed Persons are paid at times or in a manner other than those prescribed in these Regulations, and any such arrangements may include provision for the payment of such fees as may be deemed by the Board to represent the estimated additional expense in administration to the Board.
 - (b) These Regulations shall, subject to the provisions of any such arrangement, apply to any person affected by the arrangement, and any contravention of, or failure to comply with any requirements of any such arrangement, shall be deemed to be a contravention of, or failure to comply with these Regulations.
- 14.** Every Contribution payable in relation to a Self-employed Insured Person shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be paid in cash or by cheque to the General Manager, using the appropriate Form on or before the 15th day of each month.
- Manner of payment of Contributions.**

PART III**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 15.** Where in any Contribution Week a Self-employed Insured Person is or becomes an Employed Person, either concurrently with, precedent to, or in succession to his self-employment, no Contribution is payable in respect of self-employment in that Contribution Week, if a Contribution has been made for that same week in respect of him as an Employed Person, and no Contribution is payable in respect of employment in that Contribution Week as an Employed Person, if a Contribution has been made for that same week in respect of him as a Self-employed Person.
- Employment as both Employed Person and Self-employed.**
- 16. (1)** No person shall assign or charge or agree to assign or charge any Registration Card, and any Sale, Transfer or Assignment of, or any Charge on any Registration Card, shall be void and of no effect.
- Registration Card not to be assigned or defaced. 1.5.89**
- (2)** No person shall Deface or Destroy any Registration Card, or save as authorized by the Board, Alter, Amended or Erase any of the figures or particulars therein contained.
- 17.** If a Self-employed Person dies, anything that he would have been liable to do under these Regulations, shall be done by his Legal Personal Representative.
- Death of Self - employed Person.**
- 18.** If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of these Regulations, he is liable, on Summary Conviction, to a fine of three thousand dollars, and where the default continues after Conviction, he is liable to a further fine of fifteen hundred dollars for each day on which the default continues.
- Offence and Penalties.**

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(MARINERS AND SHARE FISHERMEN) REGULATIONS**

Reg. 16/1971

Made under Sections 47 and 51

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Mariners and Share Fishermen) Regulations, and shall come into force on 4th October, 1971.

**Citation and
Commencement.**

2. In these Regulations-

Interpretation.

"Employer" in relation to a Mariner or Share Fisherman, means the Owner or Manager of a Vessel, and where a Mariner is entitled to a period of leave on pay at the termination of the period of the Voyage, the Employer who was the Mariner's Employer at the termination of the Voyage.

"Manager" means, in relation to any Vessel, the Ship's Husband or other person to whom the Management of the Vessel is entrusted by or on behalf of the Owner; and references to the Owner of a Vessel shall, in relation to a Vessel which has been demised, be construed as referring to the person for the time being entitled as Charterer to possession and control of the Vessel, by virtue of the demise or any sub-demise, and includes any person who is acting as Agent of the Owner in the recruitment or payment of the Master or any Member of the Crew, whether or not the function is combined with any other function in relation to the Vessel.

"Mariner" means-

- (a) A Master or a Member of the Crew of any Vessel; or
- (b) A person employed in any other capacity on board any Vessel, whose employment on the Vessel is Insurable Employment as specified in Paragraph (2) of the First Schedule to the Act.

First Schedule.

"Period Of The Voyage" in relation to-

- (a) A Mariner, means the period beginning with the first day when either the embarkation of Passengers or the loading of Cargo for the Voyage begins, and ending with the last day when the disembarkation or un-loading has been completed.

- (b) A Share Fisherman, means the period beginning with the first day on which preparation of the Fishing Gear for the Voyage begins, and ending with the last day of the unloading of the catch for sale.

"Share Fisherman" means any person who is or has been employed in the Fishing Industry, whether or not under a Contract of Service, as Master or a Member of the Crew of any Vessel, being a Fishing Vessel manned by more than one person and remunerated in respect of that employment in whole or in part, by a share in the Profits or Gross Earnings of the Fishing Vessel; and the expression **"The Fishing Vessel"** means that Fishing Vessel of which the person is a Master or a Member of the Crew.

"Termination Of The Voyage" means the last day of the period of the Voyage.

PART II

INSURANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARINERS AND SHARE FISHERMEN

3. (1) In relation to any Vessel specified in Paragraph (2) of the First Schedule to the Act, the reference to **"Manager"** shall include a Manager as defined in Regulation (2). Modification of
First Schedule to
the Act.
- (2) The First Schedule to the Act shall be construed and have effect as if the employment of a Share Fisherman was included therein as Insurable Employment.
4. (1) Where a Mariner's wages are paid at the end of the period of the Voyage instead of weekly or monthly, the Employer shall pay a Contribution under Regulation 17 of the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, for each Contribution Week in the period of the Voyage, at a rate calculated under the said Regulation on the total wages for the said period, divided by the total number of Contribution Weeks in that period, and for that purpose, a part of a week shall be reckoned as a week. Contributions of
Mariners.
- (2) For any period of leave on pay to which a Mariner is entitled at the termination of the Voyage, the Employer shall pay a Contribution under Regulation 17 of the National Insurance and Social Security (Collections of Contributions) Regulations, for each Contribution Week in the said period.
- (3) In Paragraph (2), the expression **"Period Of Leave On Pay"** means the period

immediately following the day on which the termination of the Voyage occurs, and equal in length to the period of the leave on pay to which the Mariner is entitled.

- 5. (1)** For the purposes of the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, a Share Fisherman's share of the proceeds of the Voyage, whether that Share is calculated by reference to the Profits or to the Gross Earnings of the Fishing Vessel for the period of the voyage or otherwise, shall be treated as his total wages for the period of the voyage. **Contributions of Share Fishermen.**
- (2)** The Employer of a Share Fisherman shall pay a Contribution under Regulation 17 of the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, for each Contribution week in the period of the Voyage, at a rate calculated on the remuneration to which he is entitled for the Voyage, divided by the total number of Contributions in that period, and for that purpose a part of a week, shall be reckoned as a week.
- (3)** Notwithstanding Section 16 (2) of the Act, the Contributions of the Employer, in respect of a Share Fisherman, may be deducted from the Profits or Gross Earnings of the Fishing Vessel, after the Share of the person so employed is ascertained.

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.** The provisions of the Act and of the other Regulations made there-under, save as otherwise provided by these Regulations, apply to Mariners and Share Fishermen, with modification that where a Mariner or Share Fisherman is unable, on account of his being at sea or outside Guyana by reason of his employment as a Mariner or Share Fisherman, to perform an act required to be done either forthwith or on the happening of a certain event or within a specified time, he shall be deemed to have complied therewith, if he performs the act as soon as practicable. **Application of the Act and Regulations.**
- 7.** If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any of these Regulations, he is liable, on Summary Conviction, to a fine of three thousand dollars, and where the default continues after Conviction, he is liable to a further fine of fifteen hundred dollars for each day during which the default continues.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(SICKNESS BENEFIT, MEDICAL CARE) REGULATIONS**

Made under Sections 19,20,21,24 and 51

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Sickness Benefit, Medical Care) Regulations 1981, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the date of publication of the Miscellaneous Enactments (Amendment) Act 1981. (July 25, 1981).
2.
 - (1) When an Insured Person who is rendered temporarily incapable of work otherwise than as a result of Employment Injury (such person hereafter referred to as a "**Sick Person**") requires Medical Care for any condition that renders him temporarily incapable of work, he shall be entitled to Medical Care from the date on which he is so rendered incapable of work, for as long as the need for such continues or recurs.
 - (2) The Qualifying Conditions for the provision of Medical Care, in accordance with this Regulation, shall be the same as those set out in Regulation 23 (a), (b) and (c) of the National Insurance and Social Security (Benefit) Regulations:

Provided that, in the case of a Claim for the reimbursement of the cost of providing Orthopedic or Prosthetic appliances, or any other care of a similar nature as may be approved by the General Manager, it shall not be necessary for the Insured Person to prove that he was incapacitated.
 - (3) Medical Care shall be provided with a view to maintaining, restoring or improving the health, and ability to work of the Sick Person.
 - (4) Medical Care shall be given in such a manner as to secure maximum efficiency within the scope of the Benefit, at the Minimum Reasonable Cost.
 - (5) The Board may make such arrangements as it thinks fit with registered Medical Practitioners, for General Medical Practitioner Care.
2. The National Insurance and Social Security (Industrial Benefit Medical Care) Regulations other than Regulations 3, 9 and 12 thereof, shall apply to the provision of Medical Care to a Sick Person, as they apply in relation to the provision of Medical Care to an Injured Person, and for that purpose -
 - (a) Regulation 2 shall have effect as if -
 - (i) The definition of "**Employment Injury**" was deleted there-from;

- (ii) For the words "**Employment Injury**" in Paragraphs (iv) and (v) in the definition of "**Medical Care**", there were substituted the words "**Condition That Rendered Him Temporarily Incapable Of Work**"; and
- (b) Every reference to an "**Injured Person**" shall be construed as a reference to a Sick Person.

NATIONAL INSURANCE APPEAL RULES

Reg. 1/1972.

Made under Section 67 of the High Court Act and, pursuant to Section 38 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act

1. These Rules may be cited as the National Insurance Appeal Rules. Citation.

2. In these Rules- Interpretation

"The Board" means the National Insurance Board.

"Court" means the High Court, and references to the Registrar or the Registry shall be construed as references to the Registrar and the Registry respectively, of the Court.

"Regulations" means the National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations.

3. Any Appeal to the Court against a decision of the Board on a question of Law, under Regulation 5 (3) of the Regulations, and any question of Law referred to the Court by the Board, under Regulation 5 (1) of the Regulations, shall be heard and determined by a Judge of the Court. Appeal to be determined by a Judge of the High Court.

4. An Appeal under Regulation 5 (3), shall be brought by filing in the Registry a notice of motion in Form 1 in the Schedule- Procedure of appealing Form 1 Schedule.
 - (a) Within 21 days after receiving notice of the decision of the Board;
 - (b) Within 21 days after being furnished by the Board with a statement of the grounds of the decision, if a request for such statement has been made in accordance with Regulation 5 (3) of the Regulations, within ten days after the receipt of the notice of the decision; or
 - (c) Within such further time as a Judge may allow.

5. Proceedings on a reference by the Board of a question of Law under Regulation 5 (1) of the Regulations shall be instituted by filing in the Registry a notice of motion in Form 2 in the Schedule. Procedure for references from the Board – Form 2. Schedule.

6. A notice of motion shall- Notice of motion.

- (a) In respect of an Appeal by an aggrieved person, state the decision, the question of Law to which it relates, and the grounds of Appeal.
- (b) In respect of a reference by the Board, state the question referred, the Board's ruling thereon (if any) and be accompanied by a statement of the facts relating thereto,

and shall be served upon the Board by the Appellant, or by the Board upon the person or persons as between whom and the Board the question has arisen, as the case may be, within seven days after the filing of the Notice of Motion, the date of hearing of the Motion (which shall not be earlier than twenty-one days after the filing of the Notice of Motion) shall be entered in a list to be kept in the Registry for that purpose, and notice thereof shall be given to the parties by the Registrar.

7. Upon the hearing of an Appeal or a Reference, the Judge has power to draw inferences of fact from the facts set forth in the Motion, determine all questions arising therein, receive further evidence, and in the case of any such Appeal, may reserve, affirm or amend the decision appealed against, or make such other orders as he thinks fit.
8. The decision of the Judge on an Appeal or a Reference, shall be drawn up by the Board, and settled and entered by the Registrar, and a copy thereof sent by the Registrar to the Board, and to the parties appearing at the hearing of the Appeal or Reference, respectively.
9. The Rules of the High Court apply so far as they are applicable, and are not inconsistent with the National Insurance and Social Security Act or these Rules.

**Powers of Judge
upon hearing of an
Appeal or
Reference.**

**Decision to be in a
Certificate by
Registrar.**

**Application of the
Rules of the High
Court.
c. 3:02
Sub. Leg.
c. 36:01**

SCHEDULE**r. 4**

FORM 1

19 NO. DEMERARA (OR BERBICE)**IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF
JUDICATURE (CIVIL JURISDICTION)**

In the matter of the National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations,

and

In the matter of an Appeal against a decision of the National Insurance Board on a question as to the employment, etc. (or as the case may require)

Take notice that this Court will be moved on a day and at an hour of which you shall be informed by the Registrar, by _____ of Counsel on the part of (Name of Appellant), that the decision of the National Insurance Board on a question as to whether (state the question of Law, the decision thereon which is the subject matter of the appeal) be reversed (or amended as the case may be) on the ground (here state concisely the ground).

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Appellant / Barrister / Solicitor for the Appellant.

To _____ of _____

FORM 2

r. 5

19 NO. DEMERARA (OR BERBICE)
(CIVIL JURISDICTION)

In the matter of the National Insurance and Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations,

and

In the matter of a Reference by the National Insurance Board on a question as to the employment, etc. (or as the case may require)

Take notice that this Court will be moved on a day and at an hour of which you shall be informed by the Registrar, by _____ of Counsel on behalf of the National Insurance Board, for the decision of the Court as to whether (state the question under reference), or that such other order may be made in the premises as the Court may think fit.

The facts in relation to which the question herein arose, are set forth in the statement of facts by the National Insurance Board, dated the _____ day of _____ 20____, a copy of which accompanies this notice.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Secretary / Barrister / Solicitor for the National Insurance Board.

To _____ of _____
