BENEFIT

1955 No. 493

The National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*29th March*, 1955
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Coming into Operation	*5th April*, 1955

The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 6 and 7 of the National Insurance Act, 1954(a), and sections 17(b), 29, 60 and 71 of the National Insurance Act, 1946(c), and the National Insurance Joint Authority in exercise of powers conferred by sections 23, 24, 25 and 30 of the last-mentioned Act, in each case in conjunction with the Treasury so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Treasury have so directed, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 5th April, 1955.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the principal Act " means the National Insurance Act, 1946 ;

" the Act of 1954 " means the National Insurance Act, 1954 ;

" the Claims and Payments Regulations " means the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations, 1948(d), as amended(e) ;

" the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations " means the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations, 1948(f), as amended(g) ;

" the Existing Contributors Regulations " means the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948(h), as amended(i) ;

(a) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 1.
(b) *See* s. 2 (3), National Insurance Act, 1951 (14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 34).
(c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67.
(d) S.I. 1948/1041 (Rev. XVI, p. 313: 1948 I, p. 2709).
(e) *See* reg. 12 and Second Schedule, National Insurance (Death Grant) Regulations, 1949 (S.I. 1949/1204 (1949 I, p. 2708)); S.I. 1951/1232, 1952/1207, 1954/189 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2122; 1954 I, p. 1387).
(f) S.I. 1948/1144 (Rev. XVI, p. 331: 1948 I, p. 2720).
(g) *See* reg. 13 and Third Schedule, National Insurance (Death Grant) Regulations, 1949 (S.I. 1949/1204 (1949 I, p. 2708)); S.I. 1951/1208, 1952/1310, 1954/189 (1951 I, p. 1455; 1952 II, p. 2145; 1954 I, p. 1387).
(h) S.I. 1948/612 (Rev. XVI, p. 18: 1948 I, p. 2834).
(i) S.I. 1949/1150, 1412, 1951/538, 1232, 1952/1252, 2144, 1953/979 (1949 I, pp. 2746, 2748; 1951 I, pp. 1498, 1457; 1952 II, pp. 2165, 2154; 1953 I, p. 1368).

" the Hospital In-Patients Regulations " means the National Insurance (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations, 1949(a), as amended(b);

" the Increase of Benefit Regulations, 1951 " means the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit, Re-entry into Regular Employment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1951(c), as amended(d);

" the Maternity Benefit Regulations " means the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1954(e).

" the New Entrants Regulations " means the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations, 1949(f), as amended(g).

" the Overlapping Benefits Regulations " means the National Insurance (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations, 1948(h), as amended(i).

" the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations " means the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations, 1948(j), as amended(k);

" the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations " means the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations, 1948(l), as amended(m);

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the principal Act, as amended by any other enactment, including the Act of 1954.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment or regulations shall include references to such enactment or regulations as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(n), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II

INCREASES IN RATES AND AMOUNTS OF BENEFIT PAYABLE UNDER REGULATIONS

2. The existing rates and amounts of benefit referred to in this Part of these regulations payable by virtue of certain regulations made under the principal Act shall, in order to bring them into conformity with the increased rates and amounts of benefit payable directly under that Act by virtue of the Act of 1954, be increased in the manner and to the extent specified or referred to in this Part.

(a) S.I. 1949/1461 (1949 I, p. 2718).
(b) S.I. 1951/1232, 1952/2144, 2179 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, pp. 2154, 2147).
(c) S.I. 1951/1232 (1951 I, p. 1457).
(d) S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(e) S.I. 1954/189 (1954 I, p. 1387).
(f) S.I. 1949/352 (1949 I, p. 2737).
(g) S.I. 1951/1232, 1952/2144 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2154).
(h) S.I. 1948/2711 (Rev. XVI, p. 196: 1948 I, p. 2657).
(i) S.I. 1951/1232, 1952/422, 526, 2144, 1953/756, 1954/189 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, pp. 2194, 2196, 2154; 1953 I, p. 1367; 1954 I, p. 1387).
(j) S.I. 1948/1277 (Rev. XVI, p. 212: 1948 I, p. 2676).
(k) S.I. 1949/1391, 1983, 1952/2144, 1954/117, 189, 1955/143 (1949 I, pp. 2698, 2700; 1952 II, p. 2154; 1954 I, pp. 1405, 1387; 1955 I, p. 1627).
(l) S.I. 1948/1261 (Rev. XVI, p. 207: 1948 I, p. 2704).
(m) S.I. 1951/1232, 1952/2144, 1953/979 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2154; 1953 I, p. 1368).
(n) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Increase in rates of unemployment and sickness benefit payable at reduced rates owing to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions

3.—(1) As from the 19th May, 1955, paragraph (2) of regulation 13, as amended(**a**), of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations (which relates to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions and reduced rates of benefit) shall be amended by the substitution for the expression " 5 and 6 " of the expression " and 5 ".

(2) As from the 19th May, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule B to these regulations (showing in italics in columns (2), (3), (4) and (5) the increased rates of unemployment and sickness benefit, which is payable at reduced rates by reason of partial satisfaction of contribution conditions) shall be substituted for the Second Schedule(**b**) to the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations (which is referred to in the said paragraph (2) of those regulations).

Increase in rate of a maternity allowance payable at a reduced rate owing to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions

4. As from the 16th May, 1955, the revised table set out in Schedule C to these regulations (showing in italics in the second and third columns respectively the increased weekly rates of a maternity allowance which is payable at a reduced rate by reason of partial satisfaction of the contribution conditions and the increased weekly rates of any increase of such an allowance in respect of an adult dependant) shall be substituted for the table contained in regulation 13 of the Maternity Benefit Regulations.

Increase in rates of widow's benefit and retirement pensions payable at reduced rates owing to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions

5. As from the 25th April, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule D to these regulations (showing in italics in columns (2), (3), (4) and (5) the increased rates of widow's benefit and retirement pension and of increase of retirement pension in respect of a wife, which are payable at reduced rates by reason of partial satisfaction of contribution conditions) shall be substituted for the Schedule(**c**) to the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations (which is referred to in paragraph (2) of regulation 7, as amended(**d**), of those regulations).

Increase in amount of maternity grant

6.—(1) In any case where—

(*a*) a woman has become entitled before the 16th May, 1955 (hereafter in this regulation called " the appropriate date ") to a maternity grant by virtue of the provisions of regulation 3 of the Maternity Benefit Regulations (which confer title to a maternity grant in respect of expectation of confinement) whether or not payment thereof shall then have been made ;

(*b*) the confinement in expectation of which she has become so entitled has not occurred before the appropriate date ; and

(*c*) her pregnancy has not otherwise been terminated before the appropriate date ;

the amount of the grant shall be increased to ten pounds if, but only if, before the expiration of three months (or such longer period, not exceeding six months, as the determining authority may for good cause allow) beginning

(**a**) *See* reg. 3, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**b**) *See* Schedule A, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**c**) *See* Schedule B, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**d**) *See* reg. 4, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).

with the appropriate date or the date of the confinement (whichever is the later), the beneficiary furnishes, by such means as the determining authority shall accept as sufficient, evidence either that she has been confined or that she is pregnant and that it is to be expected that she will be confined.

(2) In this regulation the expression " the determining authority " means, as the case may require, an insurance officer, a local tribunal, the National Insurance Commissioner, a deputy Commissioner or a tribunal presided over by the National Insurance Commissioner or a deputy Commissioner appointed or constituted in accordance with the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations.

Increase in rates of personal benefit payable at reduced rates to certain hospital in-patients

7.—(1) Regulations 3, 4 and 5, as amended(**a**), of the Hospital In-Patients Regulations (which relate to reduction, by reason of the receipt of free in-patient treatment, of the weekly rates of certain personal benefits) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (2) to (6) of this regulation as from the appropriate date, and in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part I of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In paragraph (4) of the said regulation 3 and in paragraph (1) of the said regulation 5, for the words " eleven shillings and sixpence " and " six shillings and sixpence " (wherever they occur), there shall be substituted the words " twelve shillings and sixpence " and " seven shillings and sixpence " respectively.

(3) In the said regulation 4, for the words " six shillings and sixpence " and " twelve shillings and sixpence ", there shall be substituted the words " seven shillings and sixpence " and " fifteen shillings " respectively.

(4) In paragraph (2) of the said regulation 5, for the words " eighteen shillings ", " thirteen shillings " and " six shillings and sixpence ", there shall be substituted the words " twenty shillings ", " fifteen shillings " and " seven shillings and sixpence " respectively.

(5) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (3) of the said regulation 5, for the words " twelve shillings and sixpence ", there shall be substituted the words " fifteen shillings ".

(6) In sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (3) of the said regulation 5, for the words " twenty-four shillings " and " nineteen shillings ", there shall be substituted the words " twenty-seven shillings and sixpence " and " twenty-two shillings and sixpence " respectively.

(7) In this regulation, the expression " the appropriate date " means,—

(*a*) in relation to any personal benefit by way of sickness benefit, widow's allowance, widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension or retirement pension, the day as from which the weekly rate of that benefit is increased by virtue of the Act of 1954, or of any regulations made in consequence of that Act ;

(*b*) in relation to any personal benefit by way of widow's basic pension or contributory old age pension, the 25th April, 1955.

(**a**) *See* reg. 3 and Schedule, S.I. 1952/2179 (1952 II, p. 2147).

Increase in rates of benefit for certain widows who are new entrants

8.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, regulation 5, as amended(**a**), of the New Entrants Regulations, (which relates to certain widows over the age of fifty on the appointed day) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part II of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of the said regulation 5, for the words " thirty-two shillings and sixpence ", wherever they occur, there shall be substituted the words " forty shillings ".

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Amendment of condition for increase of benefit for a female person employed to have care of a child or children of a beneficiary's family

9.—(1) As from the 19th May, 1955, regulation 12, as amended(**b**), of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations (which relates to increase of benefit for a female person having care of a child) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part III of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of the said regulation 12, for the words " twenty-one shillings and sixpence " there shall be substituted the words " twenty-five shillings ".

Limitation on reduction of widowed mother's allowance on account of earnings

10.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, regulation 13, as amended(**c**), of the Increase of Benefit Regulations, 1951 (which relates to the limitation on the reduction of widowed mother's allowance on account of earnings) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part IV of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said regulation 13, for the words " 24th July, 1952 " there shall be substituted the words " 25th April, 1955 ", and for the words " forty-three shillings " and " ten shillings and sixpence " there shall be substituted the words " fifty-one shillings and sixpence " and " eleven shillings and sixpence " respectively.

Condition attaching to increase in the amounts of existing awards of benefit

11.—(1) Subsection (1) of section 6 of the Act of 1954 (which subsection relates to the effect of existing awards) shall, in its application to any award of benefit under the principal Act of a description which is payable at a higher weekly rate by virtue of the Act of 1954 or of any regulations made in consequence of that Act, have effect subject to the condition contained in the next following paragraph.

(**a**) *See* reg. 7 and Part IV of Schedule A, S.I. 1951/1232; reg. 5, S.I. 1952/2144 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2154).
(**b**) *See* reg. 6, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**c**) *See* reg. 7, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 12, as amended(**a**), of the Claims and Payments Regulations (which paragraph relates to the extinguishment of the right to benefit) the right to any additional benefit referred to in the preceding paragraph shall, as respects the period beginning with the 25th April, 1955, the 16th May, 1955, or the 19th May, 1955, as the case may require (hereafter in the paragraph referred to as " the appropriate date ") and ending with the expiration of the beneficiary's book of serial orders(**b**) current on the appropriate date (or, if there is no such order book, the expiration of twelve months from the appropriate date) be extinguished if payment thereof is not obtained within the period of eighteen months from the appropriate date.

Priority to increases of retirement pensions for children

12.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, paragraph (1) of regulation 6, as amended(**c**), of the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations (which relates to priority between a man and his wife to increase of retirement pension for a child), shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part V of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said paragraph (1), for the words " ten shillings and sixpence ", wherever they occur, there shall be substituted the words " eleven shillings and sixpence ".

Division of widowed mother's allowance into dependency benefit and personal benefit

13.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, paragraph (4), as amended(**d**), of regulation 1 of the Overlapping Benefits Regulations and regulation 7, as amended(**e**), of the Hospital In-Patients Regulations (which provisions relate to the division of widowed mother's allowance into dependency benefit and personal benefit), shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Parts VI and VII respectively of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said paragraph (4), and in the said regulation 7, for the words " ten shillings and sixpence ", wherever they occur, there shall be substituted the words " eleven shillings and sixpence ".

Adjustment of dependency benefit

14.—(1) As from the 25th April, 1955, paragraph (1C), as amended(**f**), of regulation 5 of the Overlapping Benefits Regulations (which regulation relates to the adjustment of dependency benefit), shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part VIII of Schedule A to these regulations.

(**a**) *See* reg. 4 and Schedule B, S.I. 1952/1207 (1952 II, p. 2122).
(**b**) *See* reg. 2, S.I. 1952/1207 (1952 II, p. 2122).
(**c**) *See* reg. 18 and Part VII of Schedule A, S.I. 1951/1232; reg. 9, S.I. 1952/2144 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2154).
(**d**) *See* reg. 19 and Part VIII of Schedule A, S.I. 1951/1232; reg. 10, S.I. 1952/2144 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2154).
(**e**) *See* reg. 20 and Part IX of Schedule A, S.I. 1951/1232; reg. 10, S.I. 1952/2144 (1951 I, p. 1457; 1952 II, p. 2154).
(**f**) *See* reg. 5 and Part II of Schedule, S.I. 1952/526; reg. 11, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, pp. 2196, 2154).

(2) In sub-paragraph (*c*) of the said paragraph (1C), for the words "ten shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "eleven shillings and sixpence".

Increase in amounts of instalments payable under regulation 5 (3) (*c*) *of the Hospital In-Patients Regulations*

15. As from the 25th April, 1955, in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (3) of regulation 5, as amended(**a**), of the Hospital In-Patients Regulations (which sub-paragraph relates to the payment of benefit which has become payable by reason of the beneficiary's discharge from a hospital or similar institution and which regulation, as amended by regulation 7 of these regulations and by this regulation, is set out in Part I of Schedule A to these regulations), for the words "fifty shillings" there shall be substituted the words "sixty shillings".

Refund of contributions to persons electing not to be qualified for retirement pension

16.—(1) As from the 6th June, 1955, in sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii) of paragraph (1) of regulation 4, as amended(**b**), of the New Entrants Regulations and in sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii) of paragraph (1) of regulation 10, as amended(**b**), of the Existing Contributors Regulations (which sub-paragraphs relate to elections not to be qualified for retirement pension) for the expression "or Part II" there shall be substituted the expression "Part II or Part III".

(2) As from the 6th June, 1955, the revised Schedule set out in Schedule E to these regulations (showing in italics in Part III the increased amounts to be refunded in respect of contributions for weeks commencing on or after the 6th June, 1955) shall be substituted for the Schedule(**c**) to the New Entrants Regulations and for the Third Schedule(**c**) to the Existing Contributors Regulations (which are referred to respectively in the said sub-paragraphs (*c*) (ii) of those regulations).

Persons not resident in Great Britain

17.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of these or any other regulations, but subject to the provisions of this regulation, if a person is not resident in Great Britain immediately before the 25th April, 1955, then unless and until that person becomes resident in Great Britain the following provisions shall apply:—

(*a*) if immediately before the said 25th April that person is entitled to a retirement pension or a contributory old age pension, he shall be disqualified for receiving any additional retirement pension:

Provided that, where a woman and her husband are then both not resident in Great Britain and she is not, but her husband is, then so entitled, she shall, unless and until she becomes so resident, be disqualified for receiving any additional widow's benefit or additional retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance;

(*b*) if immediately before the said 25th April that person is entitled to a widow's allowance, a widowed mother's allowance or a widow's pension, that person shall be disqualified for receiving any additional widow's benefit or additional retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance.

(**a**) *See* reg. 4 and Schedule, S.I. 1952/2179 (1952 II, p. 2147).
(**b**) *See* reg. 12, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**c**) *See* Schedule C, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).

(2) Notwithstanding as aforesaid, if a person is not resident in Great Britain immediately before the said 25th April but that person is entitled to a guardian's allowance in respect of a child immediately before that date, any person who would otherwise be entitled to any additional guardian's allowance in respect of that child shall be disqualified for receiving such addition in respect of that child unless and until the child becomes (or is) included in the family of a person who is resident in Great Britain.

(3) For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this regulation, references to additional benefit of any description are to be construed as referring to additional benefit of that description by virtue (either directly or indirectly) of any provision of the Act of 1954 or any regulations made in consequence of that Act.

(4) The disqualifications for the receipt of additional benefit by virtue of the National Insurance Act, 1951, contained in regulation 24, as amended(**a**), of the Increase of Benefit Regulations, 1951, of additional benefit by virtue of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act, 1952(**b**), contained in regulation 13 of the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1952(**c**), and of additional benefit by virtue of the Act of 1954 contained in this regulation, shall not apply—

(*a*) to a person for any period on or after the said 25th April during which he is in Great Britain ; or

(*b*) to a woman who, immediately before the said 25th April, is entitled to a retirement pension by virtue of her own insurance or to a retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, in relation to a retirement pension by virtue of her husband's insurance, or to a retirement pension by virtue of her own insurance, as the case may be, to which she thereafter becomes entitled.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, a person shall be treated as entitled to any benefit immediately before the said 25th April if he would then have been so entitled but for any one or more of the following causes, namely:—

(*a*) any delay or failure to make a claim;

(*b*) any disqualification for the receipt of benefit ;

(*c*) any provision of either the principal Act, or any regulations made thereunder, relating to earnings ;

(*d*) the cohabitation of a widow with a man as his wife ;

(*e*) the absence of any child from Great Britain ; or

(*f*) the provisions of subsection (4) of section 21 of the principal Act (which relates to the disentitlement of a woman to more than one retirement pension for the same period).

Revocation of provisional regulations

18. The National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Provisional Regulations, 1955(**d**), are hereby revoked but without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

(**a**) *See* reg. 13, S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6. & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 29.
(**c**) S.I. 1952/2144 (1952 II, p. 2154).
(**d**) S.I. 1955/46.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance this 28th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

Osbert Peake,
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Insurance Joint Authority this 28th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

T. C. Stephens,
Secretary,
National Insurance Joint Authority.

Dated this 29th day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Martin Redmayne,
R. H. M. Thompson,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE A

CONTAINING PROVISIONS OF REGULATIONS UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ACT WHICH ARE AMENDED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ACT OF 1954*

PART I Regulations 7 and 15

REGULATIONS 3, 4 AND 5 OF THE HOSPITAL IN-PATIENTS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Personal benefit

3.—(1) Where the conditions for the receipt of personal benefit by way of sickness benefit, widow's allowance, widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension, retirement pension, widow's basic pension or contributory old age pension are satisfied in relation to any person who receives, or has received, continuously, for a period exceeding eight weeks, free in-patient treatment, the weekly rate of that personal benefit which, but for the provisions of these regulations, would be payable for any period after the first eight weeks of that treatment shall be reduced subject to and in accordance with the following provisions of these regulations.

(2) In any case in which the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation apply in relation to any of the said personal benefits except widow's basic pension and contributory old age pension, the weekly rate of any reduction of that personal benefit shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this regulation, be determined, for any part of the period of free in-patient treatment which occurs during the forty-four weeks next following the first eight weeks thereof, in accordance with the provisions of regulation 4, and, for any part of the period of that treatment which occurs after the first fifty-two weeks thereof, in accordance with the provisions of regulation 5.

(3) In any case in which the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation apply in relation to any personal benefit by way of widow's basic pension or contributory old age pension, there shall not be any reduction of that personal benefit under these regulations unless the beneficiary receives, or has received, continuously free in-patient treatment for a period exceeding fifty-two weeks, and in that event the weekly rate of any reduction of that personal benefit shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this regulation, be determined, for any part of the period of that treatment which occurs after the first fifty-two weeks thereof and during which the beneficiary has not a dependant, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 5.

* The words substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

(4) In any case where a reduction of personal benefit at a rate determined in accordance with the provisions of regulation 4 or paragraph (2) or paragraph (3) of regulation 5 would reduce the rate of that personal benefit, where the beneficiary is a tuberculosis patient, to less than *twelve shillings and sixpence* a week, or, in any other case, to less than *seven shillings and sixpence* a week, the reduction of that personal benefit shall not be as so determined but shall be such (if any) as will reduce the rate of that personal benefit, where the beneficiary is a tuberculosis patient, to *twelve shillings and sixpence* a week, or, in any other case, to *seven shillings and sixpence* a week.

4. Where, by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation 3, the weekly rate of any reduction of personal benefit is to be determined for any period in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, that reduction shall be,—

(*a*) for any part of that period during which the beneficiary has a dependant, at the rate of *seven shillings and sixpence* a week ; and

(*b*) for any other part of that period, at the rate of *fifteen shillings* a week.

5.—(1) Where, by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (2) or paragraph (3) of regulation 3, the weekly rate of any reduction of personal benefit is to be determined for any period in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, that reduction shall, subject to the following provisions of this regulation, be such (if any) as will reduce the rate of that personal benefit, where the beneficiary is a tuberculosis patient, to *twelve shillings and sixpence* a week, or, in any other case, to *seven shillings and sixpence* a week.

(2) For any part of the period referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation during which the beneficiary has a dependant and in respect of which an application has been made by the beneficiary to the Minister to pay on behalf of the beneficiary to that dependant, or to some other person who is approved by the Minister and satisfies the Minister that he will apply it for the benefit of that dependant, so much (if any) of the personal benefit as would, but for the provisions of these regulations, be payable to the beneficiary in excess, where the beneficiary is a tuberculosis patient, of *twenty shillings* a week, or, in any other case, of *fifteen shillings* a week, the reduction of personal benefit shall be at the rate of *seven shillings and sixpence* a week.

(3) (*a*) For any part of the period of free in-patient treatment which falls within the period of fifty-two weeks next following the first fifty-two weeks thereof, and during which the beneficiary has not a dependant or, if the beneficiary has a dependant, in respect of which any such application as is mentioned in paragraph (2) of this regulation has not been made, the reduction of personal benefit shall, subject to the provisions of the next following sub-paragraph, be at the rate of *fifteen shillings* a week.

(*b*) In addition to the reduction of benefit specified in the last foregoing sub-paragraph, so much (if any) of the personal benefit as would, but for the provisions of these regulations, be payable for the said part of the said period in excess, where the beneficiary is a tuberculosis patient, of *twenty-seven shillings and sixpence* a week, or, in any other case, of *twenty-two shillings and sixpence* a week, shall not be payable unless and until the beneficiary is discharged from the hospital or similar institution by and with the approval of a person authorised or empowered to discharge him and thereafter proves, in such manner as the Minister shall require, that he has been so discharged and is neither receiving free in-patient treatment nor residing in any prescribed accommodation, and in that event there shall be payable only so much thereof as is payable in accordance with the provisions of the next following sub-paragraph.

(*c*) Where a beneficiary satisfies the conditions for the receipt of any benefit to which the last preceding sub-paragraph applies, that benefit shall, during his lifetime, be payable to the beneficiary by instalments not exceeding *sixty shillings* a week unless, having regard to the circumstances of any particular case, the Minister decides that payment by other instalments or in one sum is desirable, and any benefit which, at his death, has not been paid in accordance with this provision shall not be payable:

Provided that—

(i) the payment of any benefit to which the last preceding sub-paragraph applies shall be suspended while the beneficiary is again receiving free in-patient treatment or is residing in any prescribed accommodation ; and

(ii) where a person again receives free in-patient treatment for any period in relation to which the provisions of sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph apply, the amount of any benefit which would be payable to him under those provisions in respect of that period shall be reduced or extinguished by the deduction therefrom of the amount of any benefit which, at the commencement of that period, either was payable to him under those provisions in respect of any earlier period and was unpaid, or would have been so payable to him under those provisions if he had then satisfied the conditions for the receipt thereof.

PART II Regulation 8

REGULATION 5 OF THE NEW ENTRANTS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Modification of provisions of the Act relating to retirement pensions in the case of certain widows

5.—(1) In the case of any person referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation 2 who was immediately before the appointed day an existing widow pensioner or prospective widow pensioner and over the age of fifty, the provisions of section 20 of the Act (which section relates to retirement pensions) shall, unless she has remarried on or after that day and before attaining pensionable age, apply subject to the modification that the contribution condition specified in sub-paragraph (1) (*a*) of paragraph 4 of the Third Schedule to the Act (which sub-paragraph makes the payment of not less than one hundred and fifty-six contributions of the appropriate class a condition for a retirement pension) shall be deemed to be satisfied.

(2) (*a*) Any widow to whom sub-paragraph (*b*) (i) of paragraph (2) of regulation 4 is applicable, and who on attaining pensionable age is in receipt of a dependants war pension of the kind referred to in the subsection specified in that sub-paragraph at a rate of less than *forty shillings* a week, may elect that that regulation shall not apply to her, and in that event the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall apply in her case, subject to the qualification that if the total amount of the weekly rates of the retirement pension (apart from any increase) and of the dependants war pension exceeds *forty shillings*, the weekly rate of the retirement pension shall be reduced by the sum by which that total amount exceeds *forty shillings*.

(*b*) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall also apply to any widow to whom sub-paragraph (*b*) (ii) of the said paragraph (2) is applicable, if, when she attains the age of sixty, she is not cohabiting with a man as his wife.

(3) In the case of any person—

(*a*) specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation who is in receipt of a dependants war pension to which the provisions of subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 would, but for the Act, have applied ; or

(*b*) specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of this regulation who elects that regulation 4 shall not apply to her ;

and who attains pensionable age within five years from the appointed day, the weekly rate of the retirement pension shall (without prejudice to the application thereto of the provisions of the said sub-paragraph (*a*)) be ascertained in accordance with regulation 14 of the Pensions, Existing Contributors Regulations and the Fifth Schedule thereto (which regulation and Schedule relate to reduced rates of pensions for certain existing contributors) as if she were a person included within the class of persons specified in paragraph (4) of Part I of that Schedule.

PART III Regulation 9

REGULATION 12 OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFIT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Increase of benefit for female person having care of child

12. For the purposes of paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of section 24 of the Act (which paragraph relates to increase of unemployment benefit or sickness benefit for a female person, not being a child, who has the care of a child or children of the beneficiary's family), the following further conditions shall apply in relation to any such female person:—

(1) A beneficiary shall not be entitled to an increase of benefit under the said subsection (2) in respect of any such female person unless—

(*a*) she is residing with the beneficiary and is wholly or mainly maintained by him; or

(*b*) she is employed by the beneficiary in an employment from which her weekly earnings (calculated or estimated in such manner and on such basis as is prescribed for the purposes of the said subsection (1) of section 24) are not less than *twenty-five shillings*, and was so employed by him before he became unemployed or incapable of work, as the case may be, subject to the qualification that the condition of employment before that event shall not apply in a case where the necessity for her employment first arose thereafter.

(2) A beneficiary shall not be entitled to an increase of benefit under the said subsection (2) in respect of any such female person for any period during which that female person—

(*a*) is undergoing penal servitude, imprisonment or detention in legal custody; or

(*b*) is engaged in any gainful occupation or occupations (other than her employment by the beneficiary) from which her weekly earnings (calculated or estimated in such manner and on such basis as is prescribed for the purposes of the said subsection (1) of section 24) exceed, in the case of such a person who is residing with the beneficiary, twenty shillings, or, in any other case, thirty shillings; or

(*c*) is absent from Great Britain, except in the case of sickness benefit for any period during which she is residing with the beneficiary outside Great Britain and for which, by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 7 of the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations, 1948, the beneficiary is not disqualified for receiving that benefit.

(3) A beneficiary shall not be entitled to an increase of benefit under the said subsection (2) in respect of any such female person unless the beneficiary is entitled to an increase of benefit in respect of a child of his family as specified in paragraph (*c*) of that subsection, or would be so entitled but for the provisions of any regulations for the time being in force under the Act relating to overlapping benefits.

PART IV Regulation 10

REGULATION 13 OF THE INCREASE OF BENEFIT REGULATIONS, 1951, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Limitation on reduction of widowed mother's allowance on account of earnings

13. As from the *25th April, 1955*, the total amount by which a widowed mother's allowance may be reduced under subsection (3) of section 17 of the principal Act, as amended by subsection (3) of section 2 of the Act of 1951 (which subsection of the principal Act, as so amended, requires the weekly rate of a widowed mother's allowance to be reduced by reference to the amount of any earnings of the widow in excess of sixty shillings) shall not, in a case where the allowance (apart from any increase in respect of any child or children other than the elder or eldest) is payable at a weekly rate of less than *fifty-one shillings and sixpence*, exceed the amount of that allowance (apart from any such increase) less *eleven shillings and sixpence*.

PART V Regulation 12

PARAGRAPH (1) OF REGULATION 6 OF THE WIDOW'S BENEFIT AND RETIREMENT PENSIONS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

(1) Where but for paragraph (*b*) of subsection (3) of section 23 of the Act (which paragraph, as amended by the National Insurance Act, 1951, prevents a man and his wife both being entitled for the same period to certain increases of retirement pension in respect of children), a man and his wife would both be entitled for the same period, by virtue of his insurance, to an increase of retirement pension in respect of the same child, or to such an increase at the weekly rate of *eleven shillings and sixpence* in respect of different children, the following provisions shall apply:—

(*a*) if and so long as the man and his wife are living together, the man shall, and his wife shall not, be entitled to the increase, or, as the case may be, to the increase at the weekly rate of *eleven shillings and sixpence;*

(*b*) if and so long as they are not living together, such one of them shall, and such other of them shall not, be entitled to the increase, or, as the case may be, to the increase at the weekly rate of *eleven shillings and sixpence,* as the Minister may in his discretion from time to time determine.

PART VI Regulation 13

PARAGRAPH (4) OF REGULATION 1 OF THE OVERLAPPING BENEFITS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

(4) For the purposes of these regulations, where any benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance is or may be payable to a widow by reason of her having a family which includes a child or children, that benefit (apart from any increase in respect of any child other than the elder or eldest) shall be deemed to consist of—

(*a*) dependency benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance payable to the widow in respect of that child or the elder or eldest of those children at the weekly rate of *eleven shillings and sixpence;* and

(*b*) personal benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance payable to the widow otherwise than in respect of any child at the weekly rate at which the first mentioned benefit is or may be payable reduced by *eleven shillings and sixpence* a week.

PART VII Regulation 13

REGULATION 7 OF THE HOSPITAL IN-PATIENTS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

Division of widowed mother's allowance into dependency benefit and personal benefit

7. For the purposes of these regulations, where any benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance is or may be payable to a widow by reason of her having a family which includes a child or children, that benefit (apart from any increase in respect of any child other than the elder or eldest) shall be deemed to consist of—

(*a*) dependency benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance payable to the widow in respect of that child or the elder or eldest of those children at the weekly rate of *eleven shillings and sixpence;* and

(*b*) personal benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance payable to the widow otherwise than in respect of any child at the weekly rate at which the benefit by way of widowed mother's allowance is or may be payable reduced by *eleven shillings and sixpence* a week.

PART VIII Regulation 14

PARAGRAPH (1C) OF REGULATION 5 OF THE OVERLAPPING BENEFITS REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THESE REGULATIONS

(1C) The dependency benefits referred to in paragraph (1A) of this regulation are:—

(*a*) dependency benefit by way of a guardian's allowance under section 19 of the Act,

(*b*) dependency benefit by way of an orphan's pension under the Act payable by virtue of the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations, 1948, and

(*c*) dependency benefit by way of a death benefit allowance at the rate of *eleven shillings and sixpence* a week under section 21 of the Industrial Injuries Act,

being in each case dependency benefit in respect of a child who is, for the purpose of determining the number of allowances payable under the Family Allowances Act, 1945, treated as excluded from the family.

SCHEDULE B Regulation 3

SHOWING (IN COLUMNS (2), (3), (4) AND (5)) INCREASED RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFIT PAYABLE AT REDUCED RATES BY REASON OF PARTIAL SATISFACTION OF CONTRIBUTION CONDITIONS

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 3 incorporated in the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations as the Second Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Second Schedule.)

"SECOND SCHEDULE Regulation 13 (2)

SHOWING REDUCED RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFIT AND OF INCREASE OF BENEFIT IN RESPECT OF ADULT DEPENDANTS*

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Number of contributions paid or credited in the relevant contribution year	Full weekly rate of benefit applicable under Part I of the Second Schedule to the Act			
	s. d. *40 0*	s. d. *30 0*	s. d. *25 0*	s. d. *23 0*
	Reduced rate at which benefit is payable			
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
48–49	*38 6*	*29 6*	*24 0*	*22 0*
46–47	*37 0*	*28 6*	*23 6*	*21 6*
43–45	*35 6*	*27 0*	*22 0*	*20 6*
40–42	*32 6*	*25 0*	*20 6*	*19 0*
37–39	*29 0*	*22 6*	*19 0*	*17 6*
34–36	*26 0*	*20 6*	*17 0*	*16 0*
30–33	*23 0*	*18 0*	*15 0*	*14 0*
26–29	*20 0*	*15 0*	*12 6*	*11 6*"

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

SCHEDULE C

Regulation 4

SHOWING (IN THE SECOND AND THIRD COLUMNS) THE INCREASED WEEKLY RATES OF A MATERNITY ALLOWANCE WHICH IS PAYABLE AT A REDUCED RATE BY REASON OF PARTIAL SATISFACTION OF THE CONTRIBUTION CONDITIONS AND THE INCREASED WEEKLY RATES OF ANY INCREASE OF SUCH AN ALLOWANCE IN RESPECT OF AN ADULT DEPENDANT*

(*Note* :—The following table is by regulation 4 incorporated in the Maternity Benefit Regulations in substitution for the existing table contained in regulation 13 of those Regulations.)

" Numbers including the number of contributions paid or credited in respect of the relevant period	Weekly rate	
	Of maternity allowance without increase	Of increase in respect of adult dependant
	s. d.	s. d.
48–49	*38 6*	*24 0*
46–47	*37 0*	*23 6*
43–45	*35 6*	*22 0*
40–42	*32 6*	*20 6*
37–39	*29 0*	*19 0*
34–36	*26 0*	*17 0*
30–33	*23 0*	*15 0*
26–29	*20 0*	*12 6*"

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

SCHEDULE D

Regulation 5

SHOWING IN COLUMNS (2), (3), (4) AND (5) INCREASED RATES OF WIDOW'S BENEFIT AND RETIREMENT PENSION AND OF INCREASE OF RETIREMENT PENSION PAYABLE AT REDUCED RATES BY REASON OF PARTIAL SATISFACTION OF CONTRIBUTION CONDITIONS

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 5 incorporated in the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations as the Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Schedule.)

"SCHEDULE

Regulation 7 (2)

SHOWING REDUCED RATES OF WIDOW'S BENEFIT AND RETIREMENT PENSION AND OF INCREASE OF RETIREMENT PENSION IN RESPECT OF A WIFE*

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Yearly average of contributions paid or credited	Full weekly rate of benefit applicable under Part I of the Second Schedule to the Act			
	s. d. *55 0*	s. d. *51 6*	s. d. *40 0*	s. d. *25 0*
	Reduced rate at which benefit is payable			
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
48–49	*52 6*	*50 0*	*38 6*	*24 0*
46–47	*50 6*	*48 6*	*37 0*	*23 6*
43–45	*48 0*	*47 0*	*35 6*	*22 0*
40–42	*44 6*	*44 0*	*32 6*	*20 6*
37–39	*40 6*	*40 6*	*29 0*	*19 0*
34–36	*36 0*	*37 6*	*26 0*	*17 0*
30–33	*32 0*	*34 6*	*23 0*	*15 0*
26–29	*27 6*	*31 6*	*20 0*	*12 6*
22–25	*23 0*	*28 6*	*17 0*	*10 0*
18–21	*19 0*	*25 6*	*14 0*	*8 6*
13–17	*14 6*	*22 6*	*11 0*	*7 0*"

SCHEDULE E

Regulation 16

SHOWING IN PART III INCREASED AMOUNTS TO BE REFUNDED IN RESPECT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEEKS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER 6TH JUNE, 1955

(*Note*:—The following provisions are by regulation 16 incorporated in the New Entrants Regulations as the Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Schedule, and in the Existing Contributors Regulations as the Third Schedule thereto in substitution for the existing Third Schedule.)

"Tables showing†:—

(1) at the head of columns (2), (3), (4), (6), (7) and (8), the portion of each contribution paid by a person as an employed, self-employed or non-employed person, to be refunded to that person if that person elects not to be qualified for a retirement pension; and

(2) in columns (1) and (5), the age of any such person at the date of the expiration of the period of currency of the contribution card on which any such contribution was paid; and

(3) in the said columns (2), (3), (4), (6), (7) and (8), the total amount, including interest, to be refunded.

* The figures substituted by these regulations are shown in italics.

† The words and figures added by these regulations are shown in italics.

PART I

(Applicable to contributions in respect of contribution weeks terminating before the 6th October, 1952)

Men				Women			
Age of man at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	Employed	Self-employed	Non-employed	Age of woman at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	Employed	Self-employed	Non-employed
	Portion of contribution to be refunded				Portion of contribution to be refunded		
	pence 19·6	pence 36·3	pence 35·4		pence 17·5	pence 33·2	pence 32·0
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution				Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution		
65 or over	20	37	36	60 or over	18	34	33
64	20	37	36	59	18	34	33
63	21	38	37	58	18	35	34
62	21	39	38	57	19	36	34
61	22	40	39	56	19	37	35
60	22	41	40	55	20	38	36
59	23	42	41	54	20	39	37
58	23	43	42	53	21	39	38
57	24	44	43	52	21	40	39
56	24	45	44	51	22	41	40
55	25	46	45	50	22	42	41

PART II

(Applicable to contributions in respect of contribution weeks commencing on or after the 6th October, 1952, *and terminating before the 6th June, 1955*)

Men				Women			
Age of man at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	Employed	Self-employed	Non-employed	Age of woman at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	Employed	Self-employed	Non-employed
	Portion of contribution to be refunded				Portion of contribution to be refunded		
	pence 23·1	pence 42·3	pence 41·5		pence 20·2	pence 38·2	pence 36·8
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution				Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution		
65 or over	24	43	42	60 or over	21	39	37
64	24	43	43	59	21	39	38
63	24	44	44	58	21	40	39
62	25	46	45	57	22	41	40
61	26	47	46	56	22	42	41
60	26	48	47	55	23	43	42
59	27	49	48	54	23	44	43

PART III

(Applicable to contributions in respect of contribution weeks commencing on or after the 6th June, 1955)

Men				*Women*			
Age of man at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	*Employed*	*Self-employed*	*Non-employed*	*Age of woman at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid*	*Employed*	*Self-employed*	*Non-employed*
	Portion of contribution to be refunded				*Portion of contribution to be refunded*		
	pence 38·9	*pence 62·0*	*pence 59·7*		*pence 32·3*	*pence 52·1*	*pence 48·7*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution				*Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution*		
65 or over	*39*	*62*	*60*	*60 or over*	*33*	*53*	*49*
64	*40*	*64*	*61*	*59*	*33*	*53*	*50*
63	*41*	*65*	*63*	*58*	*34*	*55*	*51*
62	*42*	*67*	*64*	*57*	*35*	*56*	*52*
61	*43*	*68*	*66*	*56*	*36*	*58*	*54*"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations, which are made in consequence of the National Insurance Act, 1954, and revoke and replace the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Provisional Regulations, 1955, increase the rates of benefit payable under certain regulations made under the National Insurance Act, 1946, in order to bring them into conformity with the higher rates of benefits payable directly under that Act by virtue of the Act of 1954. Provision is also made to increase the amount of a maternity grant payable under regulations in certain cases, for altering the requirement as to weekly earnings in the case of a female person having the care of a child, for relaxing the earnings rule in the case of a widowed mother's allowance (where the rate thereof is less than the full weekly rate), with regard to the basis on which claims in respect of additional benefit arising under the Act of 1954 are dispensed with, and for the refund of contributions (in respect of weeks commencing on or after the 6th June, 1955) to persons electing not to be qualified for retirement pension. Special provision is made in relation to the payment of additional benefit in the case of persons not residing in Great Britain. The remaining provisions are of a minor or consequential character.

The preliminary draft of these Regulations was submitted to the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, and their report thereon dated the 10th March, 1955, is contained in House of Commons Paper No. 102 (Session 1954-55) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

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The National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Transitional) Regulations, 1955

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The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Treasury, in exercise of powers conferred by section 65 of the National Insurance Act, 1946(a), paragraph 10 (2) of the Second Schedule to the National Insurance Act, 1953(b) and section 4 of the National Insurance Act, 1954(c), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Transitional) Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 15th January, 1955.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
"the principal Act" means the National Insurance Act, 1946;
"the Act of 1953" means the National Insurance Act, 1953;
"the Act of 1954" means the National Insurance Act, 1954;

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67. (b) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 29. (c) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 1.