STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# NATIONAL INSURANCE

## The National Insurance (Medical Certification) Amendment Regulations 1966

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The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 75(2) of the National Insurance Act 1965(a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, after considering the report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the preliminary draft submitted to them, hereby makes the following regulations :—

*Citation, interpretation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Medical Certification) Amendment Regulations 1966, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Medical Certification) Regulations 1948(b) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations "), as amended(c), and shall come into operation on 31st January 1966.

*Amendment of Part I of the Schedule to the principal regulations*

**2.**—(1) The rules for medical certification set out in section A of Part I of the Schedule to the principal regulations shall be amended by substituting for rules 7 to 13 inclusive the rules set out in Part I of the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) For the forms of certificates set out in section B of Part I of the Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the form of certificate set out in Part II of the Schedule to these regulations.

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Minister of Pensions and
National Insurance.

14th January 1966.

(a) 1965 c. 51. (b) S.I. 1948/1175 (Rev. XVI, p. 324: 1948 I, p. 2803).
(c) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1949/1981, 1952/992, 1965/900 (1949 I, p. 2730; 1952 II, p. 2180; 1965 I, p. 2382).

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(1) PART I

RULES SUBSTITUTED FOR RULES 7 TO 13 INCLUSIVE OF SECTION A OF PART I OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

7. The certificate shall be in the form set out in section B hereof.

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 28 days, or where at that date the incapacity has continued for not less than 28 days, 13 weeks.

10. Before resuming work, every claimant 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, Sunday shall not be disregarded.

Regulation 2(2) PART II

FORM OF CERTIFICATE SUBSTITUTED FOR FORMS OF CERTIFICATES SET OUT IN SECTION B OF PART I OF THE SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

B. *Form of Certificate*

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

In confidence to—

Mr.

Mrs.

Miss .....

I certify that I examined you $\frac{\text{today}}{\text{yesterday}}$ and that in my opinion—

1. you were incapable of work at the time of the examination by reason of

.....

.....

and

2. (*a*) you will be fit to resume work today/tomorrow/on ..... next ;* or

(*b*) you will remain incapable of work for a period of .....†

[Complete 2(*a*) or (*b*), whichever is appropriate.]

Doctor's signature .....

Date .....

Any other remarks by doctor .....

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* The day indicated must not be more than 7 days (Sundays included) after the date of the examination.

† The period entered must not exceed 28 days unless the incapacity has already continued for 28 days or more, in which case it must not exceed 13 weeks (Sundays included).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend Part I of the Schedule to the National Insurance (Medical Certification) Regulations 1948. A new form of certificate is substituted for the old forms of certificates. The Regulations provide that the certificate shall specify the day on which the claimant will become fit to resume work when that day is not later than the end of the 7th day after the date of the examination and in any other case shall cover up to 28 days from the date of the examination or, where the incapacity had then lasted for not less than 28 days, up to 13 weeks from that date.

The Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee dated 10th December 1965, on the preliminary draft of these Regulations, is contained in Command Paper (Cmnd. 2875) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.