(*iv*) *that, although the confinement took place in the course of transit to accommodation of a description falling within the said paragraph (b), her transit to such accommodation was not thereupon completed, or, if it was, she was not then admitted.*

(2) In the preceding paragraph, the expressions "voluntary organisation" and "local authority" have the same meanings as in section 26 of the last-mentioned Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Under the National Insurance Act, 1946, a woman is not entitled to a home confinement grant in respect of a confinement which took place in, or in the course of transit to, accommodation of certain descriptions. The National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1954, specify cases in which a confinement which took place in, or in the course of transit to, such accommodation is to be treated as if it had not so taken place; and these Regulations amend those Regulations by adding to the list of such cases.

The preliminary draft of these Regulations (described on its publication as the preliminary draft of the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations, 1954) 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 21st February, 1955, is contained in the House of Commons Paper No. 103 (Session 1954-55) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

1955 No. 983

The National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*4th July*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*8th July*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*11th July*, 1955

The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Treasury, in exercise of powers conferred by section 29 of the National Insurance Act, 1946(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations, 1955, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations, 1948(**b**), as amended(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on the 11th July, 1955.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 67.
(**b**) S.I. 1948/1275 (Rev. XVI, p. 88 : 1948 I, p. 2864).
(**c**) S.I. 1950/1264, 1946, 1952/1407 (1950 II, pp. 24, 27 ; 1952 II, p. 2205) ; reg. 21 and Second Schedule, National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1954 (S.I. 1954/189 (1954 I, p. 1387)).

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

2. Sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations (which paragraph relates to disqualification for the receipt of widow's benefit, guardian's allowance and retirement pension by reason of absence from Great Britain) shall cease to have effect, and accordingly there shall be substituted for the said paragraph (2) the following paragraph:—

"(2) A person shall not be disqualified for receiving widow's benefit, a guardian's allowance or a retirement pension by reason of being absent from Great Britain."

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3. The provisions of the foregoing regulation shall not affect a person's right to any benefit in respect of a period before the date of the coming into operation of these regulations during which he was absent from Her Majesty's dominions.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1955.

Osbert Peake,
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

Dated this 4th day of July, 1955.

Martin Redmayne,
Edward Heath,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations, 1948. They remove the statutory disqualification for the receipt of widow's benefit, guardian's allowance and retirement pension for periods of absence from Great Britain which hitherto has applied (with certain exceptions) in the case of persons outside Her Majesty's dominions. The Regulations also contain a transitional provision preserving any right to benefit to which persons would have been entitled but for the amendment.

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 24th June, 1955, is contained in House of Commons Paper No. 28 (Session 1955–56) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

1955 No. 144

The National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) (Transitional) Amendment Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*27th January*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*2nd February*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*3rd February*, 1955

The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Treasury, in exercise of powers conferred by section 65 of the National