EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further modify the provisions of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, in relation to mariners by reducing the amount of the contribution payable by an employer in respect of masters or members of the crew of ships other than home trade ships by one penny in the case of persons over the age of 18 and by one half-penny in the case of persons under that age.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

1957 No. 1879

The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Israel) Order, 1957

For the text of this order, *see* Part I, p. 1658 of this volume.

1957 No. 856

The National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Sweden) Order, 1957

For the text of this order, *see* Part I, p. 1667 of this volume.

NATIONAL SERVICE

1957 No. 180

The National Service (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) Regulations, 1957

Made - - - -	8*th February*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	12*th February*, 1957
Coming into Operation	13*th February*, 1957

The Minister of Labour and National Service by virtue of the powers conferred on him by sections 12 (5), 13 and 32 of the National Service Act, 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Service (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the 13th day of February, 1957.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 64. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

2. At the end of paragraph (2) of Regulation 13 of the National Service (Miscellaneous) Regulations, 1948(a) (which relates to appeals to the Umpire from determinations of Military Service (Hardship) Committees) there shall be added the following words:—

"Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, an appeal to the Umpire by an applicant who is aggrieved by a determination of a committee may, in a case where under proviso (*a*) to section 13 of the Act leave to appeal to the Umpire from a unanimous determination of a Committee has been granted by that Committee, be made within twenty-one days of the date on which such leave was granted by the Committee or within such further period as aforesaid."

3. For paragraph (2) of Regulation 14 of the said Regulations (which prescribes the principles to be applied, and the circumstances to which regard is or is not to be had, in granting or renewing postponement certificates) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(2) *Business responsibilities and interests*

An application based on business responsibilities and interests should be granted only if the circumstances are such that the business in respect of which the responsibilities and interests arise cannot be carried on in the applicant's absence unless and until alternative arrangements have been made with respect to the carrying on of the business in his absence and—

(*a*) it is not reasonable that such alternative arrangements should be made or that the business should be disposed of or discontinued; or

(*b*) where (*a*) is not applicable, the necessary arrangements either for carrying on the business or for its disposal or discontinuance cannot immediately be made."

4. For Regulation 15 of the said Regulations (which prescribes the period for which postponement certificates may be granted or renewed) there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"15. The period for which a postponement certificate may be granted or renewed shall as far as possible be adjusted—

(*a*) to the time which is reasonably required for the making of alternative arrangements with respect to the applicant's domestic position or for the carrying on of any business or to dispose of or discontinue any business or to deal with any other relevant matter, as the case may be; or

(*b*) where it is not reasonable for the applicant to make alternative arrangements with respect to his domestic position or the certificate is granted or renewed in the circumstances specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of Regulation 14 of these Regulations, to the probable duration of the circumstances which led to the grant or renewal of the certificate;

Provided that the period for which a certificate may be granted shall in no case exceed two years calculated from the date on which the applicant applied to the Minister for a certificate, and the period for which a certificate may be renewed shall in no case exceed one year calculated from the end of the period for which it was granted or last renewed."

Dated this 8th day of February, 1957.

Iain Macleod,

Minister of Labour and National Service.

(a) S.I. 1948/2683 (Rev. XVI, p. 607: 1948 I, p. 3076).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the provisions of the National Service (Miscellaneous) Regulations, 1948, relating to the postponement of call up on the ground of exceptional hardship.

The 1948 Regulations, in dealing with business responsibilities, provide for postponement of call up where it would involve alternative arrangements having to be made for the carrying on of the business. The postponement is at present related to the time required to make such alternative arrangements or to dispose of the business.

The new Regulations provide that if it is not reasonable for such alternative arrangements to be made or for the business to be disposed of or discontinued, a period of postponement may be granted for as long as the circumstances are likely to remain unchanged, subject to the maximum periods mentioned below.

Provision is also made for postponement in a case of domestic hardship to be granted for a similar period where it is not reasonable to expect alternative arrangements to be made.

The maximum period of postponement is extended to two years, with one year in the case of a renewal.

Under the 1948 Regulations an appeal to the Umpire from a determination of a Military Service (Hardship) Committee must be brought within twenty-one days of the determination, unless the period is extended by the Minister. The present Regulations enable an applicant, in a case where leave to appeal to the Umpire from a unanimous determination of a committee is granted by that committee, to appeal within twenty-one days of the date on which leave was granted or such further period as the Minister may allow.

NURSES, ENGLAND

1957 No. 1476

The Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1957

Made - - - -	14*th August*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	19*th August*, 1957
Coming into Operation	2*nd September*, 1957

Whereas the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have, in pursuance of their powers under sections 3, 10 and 17 of the Nurses Act, 1957(a), made rules amending the Nurses Rules, 1951(b), and have submitted them to the Minister of Health for his approval:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 32 of the Nurses Act, 1957, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby approves the said rules in the form set out in the schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1957, and shall come into operation on the second day of September, 1957.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 15. (b) Scheduled to S.I. 1951/1372 (1951 II, p. 105).