(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Employment as a contractor under a contract with any Local or Public Authority for the construction, maintenance, improvement or repair of roads or other public works shall be deemed not to be employment within the meaning of the Act unless the employed person is mainly dependent for his livelihood on his earnings from this class of employment.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 10th day of December, 1929.

(L.S.)

H. W. Stockman,
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 10th day of December, 1929.

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John S. Godden,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Deposit Contributors.

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH FEBRUARY, 1929, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE, AND BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ACTING JOINTLY, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS, 1924 TO 1928.

1929. No. 14.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, and in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts, 1924 to 1928, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1929, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927 and 1928, and these Regulations and the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927 and 1928, may be cited together as the

National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927 to 1929.

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided, these Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1929.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

"The principal Regulations" means the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927 and 1928, (S.R. & O. of N.I., 1927, No. 50 and 1928, No. 89).

"The Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, as amended by the National Health Insurance Act, 1928, and applied to Northern Ireland by the National Health Insurance (Extension of Enactments) Order (Northern Ireland), 1928.

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

"Employment" means employment within the meaning of the Act.

3. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 5 of the principal Regulations :—

5. The provisions of Section 3 of the Act (other than proviso (*a*) to sub-section (1) thereof) shall apply to a deposit contributor as they apply to a member of a Society, subject to the following adaptations and modifications :—

(1) Where a deposit contributor being an employed contributor ceases to be employed within the meaning of the Act, he shall until the thirtieth day of June, or the thirty-first day of December, whichever next precedes the expiration of a period of two years from the end of the contribution week in which he ceases to be so employed, be treated for all purposes as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act ; but if on ceasing to be so employed he is rendered incapable of work by some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice is given within the period specified in paragraph (3) of this Article, the said period of two years shall be reckoned from the end of the contribution week in which he ceases to be so incapable of work :

Provided that a deposit contributor who, being an employed contributor, or treated as an employed contributor insured under the Act, is receiving such training as is referred to in proviso (*b*) to sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Act, shall remain for all purposes an insured person until the thirtieth day of June, or the thirty-first day of December, whichever next precedes the expiration of twelve months from the date on which he ceases to receive such training

or until the date on which he would have ceased to be an insured person had he not undergone such training, whichever date is the later.

The period during which a deposit contributor remains insured after ceasing to be employed, calculated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, is hereinafter referred to as the "free period of insurance."

(2) A deposit contributor being a voluntary contributor shall on ceasing to pay contributions continue to be treated as if he were a voluntary contributor insured under the Act until the thirtieth day of June, or the thirty-first day of December, whichever next precedes the expiration of a period of two years from the end of the contribution week in respect of which the last contribution paid by him as a voluntary contributor was paid:

Provided that where immediately after the contribution week in respect of which the last contribution paid by him as a voluntary contributor was paid he is rendered incapable of work by some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice is given within the period specified in paragraph (3) of this Article, the said period of two years shall be reckoned from the end of the contribution week in which he ceases to be so incapable of work.

The period during which a deposit contributor remains insured after ceasing to pay contributions as a voluntary contributor, calculated in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, is hereinafter referred to as the "free period of insurance."

(3) The period during which a deposit contributor may give notice for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article that he has been rendered incapable of work by some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement shall be the period ending on the date on which he would otherwise cease to be insured under the provisions of those paragraphs:

Provided that for any period during which the deposit contributor is incapable of work but notice is not given until after the expiration of the time aforesaid, such notice shall be deemed to have been given within the prescribed time if the Ministry is satisfied that the deposit contributor had a reasonable excuse for not giving notice before the date on which it was in fact given.

(4) In the case of a deposit contributor—

(*a*) who has up to the end of the contribution week in which he ceases to be employed been insured

as an employed contributor for a continuous period of two hundred and eight weeks, and by or in respect of whom at least one hundred and sixty weekly contributions have been paid, and

(*b*) who proves within the period specified in paragraph (5) of this Article that throughout the free period of insurance (except when incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement of which notice is given within the period specified in paragraph (6) of this Article) he was available for but unable to obtain employment;

he shall continue to be treated as an employed contributor insured under the Act until the expiration of a year, hereinafter referred to as the "extended year," from the date on which he would otherwise cease to be insured, subject to the modification that on and after the 6th day of January, 1930, the rates of sickness and disablement benefit payable to him during the extended year shall be half the ordinary rates specified in Section 13 of the Act.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4) of this Article the time within which a deposit contributor may prove that throughout the free period of insurance he was (except for such periods of incapacity as are mentioned in paragraph (4) (*b*) of this Article) available for but unable to obtain employment, shall be the period terminating six months after the date on which he would otherwise have ceased to be insured:

Provided that the Ministry, if satisfied that the deposit contributor had a reasonable excuse for failing to furnish proof within the period aforesaid, may extend the period by such further period, not exceeding six months, as the Ministry may determine.

(6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4) and of paragraph (9) of this Article the time within which a deposit contributor is required to prove that he was incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement, shall be the period ending on a date six months after the date on which he would otherwise have ceased to be insured in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations applicable to him at the time he became incapable of work:

Provided that for any period during which the deposit contributor was incapable of work but notice was not given until after the expiration of the period aforesaid, such notice shall be deemed

to have been given within the prescribed time if the Ministry is satisfied that the deposit contributor had a reasonable excuse for not giving notice before the date on which it was in fact given.

(7) If a deposit contributor, while remaining insured by virtue of paragraph (4) of this Article, again becomes employed, or becomes a voluntary contributor, he shall for the purposes of sickness, disablement and maternity benefits, be treated as if he had not previously been insured until he has been so employed for twenty-six weeks and twenty-six contributions have been paid in respect of him since he again became so employed, or until he has paid twenty-six contributions since becoming a voluntary contributor, as the case may be :

Provided that he shall not by reason of becoming so employed or becoming a voluntary contributor be deprived of any benefit to which he would otherwise have been entitled.

(8) Where a deposit contributor to whom paragraph (4) of this Article applies was at the date when he ceased to be employed within the meaning of the Act of the age of sixty or upwards, and had then been continuously insured for ten years or upwards then—

(*a*) if on ceasing to be insured under the provisions of that paragraph he proves that throughout the period during which his insurance was extended in accordance with those provisions he was, except when incapable of work, available for but unable to obtain employment, he shall continue to be treated as an insured person until the expiration of a year from the date on which he would otherwise cease to be insured ; and

(*b*) thereafter, if at the end of each succeeding year he furnishes similar proof with respect to the immediately preceding year, he shall continue to be treated as an insured person for a further year :

Provided that a deposit contributor who remains insured by virtue only of this Article shall not be entitled to sickness benefit or disablement benefit, and if he again becomes employed, he shall, for the purpose of determining his title to sickness benefit and disablement benefit, be treated as if he had not previously been an insured person.

(9) If at the date on which a deposit contributor would, under any of the foregoing provisions of this Article,

cease to be insured he is, or was within the period of four weeks preceding that date, incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or bodily or mental diasblement of which notice is or has been given within the period specified in paragraph (6) of this Article, he shall remain insured in accordance with the provisions of this Article applicable to him at the time he became incapable of work until he has for a continuous period of four weeks not been so incapable of work.

(10) In the case of a deposit contributor becoming a member of a Society, or of a member of a Society becoming a deposit contributor, on or after the commencement of these Regulations, he shall for the purposes of Section 3 of the Act be treated as if he had been a member of the Society or had been a deposit contributor, as the case may be, since his entry into insurance, save, however, that if he is an employed contributor and no contributions have been paid in respect of him for any week subsequent to the commencement of these Regulations, a contribution shall, for the purposes of Section 3 aforesaid, but for no other purpose, be deemed to have been paid for the week ending on the 6th day of January, 1929, if he was then an insured person.

(11) The provisions of Section 3 of the Act as applied as aforesaid shall, notwithstanding anything in Section 56 of the Act, apply to every woman being an insured person and a deposit contributor who ceases to be employed or to be a voluntary contributor, whether on marriage or at any other time, so however that, in the case of a woman who was an insured person at the date of her marriage, she shall be entitled to a maternity benefit in respect of her first confinement within two years of the date of her marriage whether or not she is then an insured person.

4. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 7 of the principal Regulations :—

7. The provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 22, sub-section (7) of Section 43, and Section 47 of the Act (so far as relates to the execution of instruments and giving acquittances) shall apply to a deposit contributor as they apply to a member of a Society, and the reference in sub-section (2) of Section 22 of the Act to a Society shall be construed as a reference to a Committee, and the reference in sub-section (3) of that Section to a Society as a reference to the Ministry or a Committee.

5. Proviso (ii) to Article 9 of the principal Regulations shall cease to have effect as from the 7th day of January, 1929.

6. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 10 of the principal Regulations :—

10. Section 46 of the Act shall apply in the case of a deposit contributor who ceases to be an insured person as set out and modified as follows :—

If an insured person being a deposit contributor ceases to be an insured person the amount of the balance in his account in the Fund shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (*d*) (iii) of sub-section (3) of Section 54 of the Act, and of proviso (i) to Article 9 of these Regulations, be transferred to the Reserve Suspense Fund.

7. Article 12 of the principal Regulations shall cease to have effect.

8. Subject as hereinafter provided the provisions of Article 5 of the principal Regulations, as amended by these Regulations, shall apply to a deposit contributor who, being insured on the 31st day of December, 1928, ceased to be employed or to pay contributions on or before that date as if the said Article had been in force on the date when he ceased to be employed or to pay contributions as a voluntary contributor :

Provided that—

(*a*) no person shall by virtue only of this Article become entitled to any benefit in respect of any period before the commencement of these Regulations ;

(*b*) in the case of a deposit contributor whose free period of full insurance was still continuing on the 31st day of December, 1928, by virtue of Article 12 of the principal Regulations, he shall not cease to be insured before the 30th day of June, 1929, and where before that date he proves that (except when employed or incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or bodily or mental disablement of which notice has been given) he was available for but unable to obtain employment throughout the contribution year ended on 1st day of July, 1928, he shall not cease to be insured before the 31st day of December, 1929 ;

(*c*) in the case of a deposit contributor insured on the 31st day of December, 1928 (other than a deposit contributor to whom the foregoing proviso applies) any period or periods of incapacity prior to that date and subsequent to the week in which he was last employed, or for which the last contribution paid by him as a voluntary contributor was treated as having been paid, shall be treated as having been continuous and as following immediately after the end of that week.

9. Article 23 of the principal Regulations shall have effect as if the words " to which, under Article 5 of these Regulations, he is treated for all purposes as if he were an employed contributor insured under the Act " were substituted for the words " of the expiration of the free period of full insurance."

10. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 24 of the principal Regulations : —

24.—(1) For the purposes of the Act (other than sub-section (5) of Section 7) a person who, having elected to become a voluntary contributor, is or becomes a deposit contributor shall be treated as a voluntary contributor from the commencement of the contribution week in which he gave notice of his desire to become a voluntary contributor :

Provided that for the purpose of payment of contributions, but for that purpose only, he may be treated as having become a voluntary contributor on such earlier date as will permit him to pay contributions in respect of any period prior to the date on which he gave such notice and subsequent to his being employed so long as such contributions are paid before the 30th day of November next following the end of the contribution year to which they relate or before such later date as the Ministry may in any particular case determine.

(2) For the purposes of sub-section (5) of Section 7 of the Act a person who, having elected to become a voluntary contributor, is a deposit contributor, shall be treated as a voluntary contributor :—

(*a*) where he was insured as an employed contributor immediately prior to becoming a voluntary contributor, either (i) as from the commencement of the contribution year following that in which he ceased to be employed, or (ii) if on ceasing to be employed he was rendered incapable of work by some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice was given, as from the commencement of the contribution year in which he ceased to be so incapable of work, or (iii) as from the commencement of the contribution year in which he gave notice of his desire to become a voluntary contributor, whichever is the later ; and

(*b*) in any other case, from the date on which he gave notice of his desire to become a voluntary contributor.

(3) In the case of a deposit contributor whose time for electing to become a voluntary contributor has been extended by virtue of Article 23 of these Regulations, the foregoing provisions shall have effect as if the notice of desire to become a voluntary contributor had been given immediately before he ceased to be insured as an employed contributor.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 4th day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

H. W. Vaughan Williams,
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 4th day of February, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

John S. Godden,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Deposit Contributors Insurance Section.

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH FEBRUARY, 1929, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE, AND BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ACTING JOINTLY UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS, 1924 TO 1928.

1929. No. 15.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, and in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts, 1924 to 1928, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Regulations :—

Short title and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors Insurance Section) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1929, and shall come into operation on the seventh day of January, 1929.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them :—

"The Act" means the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, as amended by the National Health Insurance Act, 1928, applied to Northern Ireland by the National Health Insurance (Extension of Enactments) Order (Northern Ireland), 1928, and "the Acts" means the National Health Insurance Acts, (Northern Ireland), 1924 to 1928 ;