Subsection (1) of section 5.	Applications for membership in approved societies by boys and girls who have not become juvenile contributors.	As from the 1st July, 1947, subsection (1) shall cease to have effect.

PART II

PROVISIONS OF REGULATIONS MODIFIED

Provisions modified.	Subject matter.	Modification.
National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1939		
Regulations 6 and 6a as amended.	Time for joining a society.	As from the 1st July, 1947, regulations 6, 6a and 7 shall be revoked.
Regulation 7 as amended.	Time for re-joining a society.	

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH OCTOBER, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1947 No. 170

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations (No. 2) (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them—

" the Act " means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 ;

" the Insurance Act " means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations and expressions shall have the same meaning as in that Act ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland ;

" society " means an approved society ;

" branch " means a branch for the purposes of the Insurance Act ;

" committee of management " means the committee of management or other governing body of a society or branch ;

"the Approved Societies Regulations" means the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations, 1939, as subsequently amended.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) If by reason of the passing of the Act it appears to the Ministry that it is expedient, for the purpose of facilitating the introduction of the system of insurance established by the Act, that the engagements under the Insurance Act of a society or branch should be transferred either to a society or to a branch, it may, subject to the provisions of these regulations, and after such enquiry and consultation as it may deem necessary, transfer such engagements.

(2) No transfer shall be made under the foregoing paragraph unless, in the opinion of the Ministry, the insured members of the society or branch whose engagements are proposed to be transferred will, after the transfer, be entitled to such benefits under the Insurance Act as are not less favourable than those to which they would have been entitled but for the said transfer.

3.—(1) If the Ministry is of opinion that, having regard to the passing of the Act, it is expedient in the interests of the insured members that the business of a society or branch should be carried on by a manager, it may, after such enquiry and consultation as it may deem necessary, appoint a person to be manager of the said society or branch for such period and with such powers and duties and under such conditions as it may direct, and any person so appointed may, notwithstanding anything in the rules of the society or branch, do all things necessary for the purpose of exercising the powers and performing the duties so conferred upon him.

(2) The powers and duties which may be conferred by the Ministry on any manager appointed under this regulation shall include the powers and duties of the society or branch in general meeting.

(3) The procedure for appealing against any decision given by the manager for and on behalf of the society or branch affecting any insured member, or person who has ceased to be an insured member, or person claiming through such member or person, shall be in accordance with the rules set out in the schedule to these regulations.

4. The following provisions shall apply to every society or branch of a society of which a manager is appointed under regulation 3 of these regulations (other than a society or branch to which the Ministry directs that they shall not apply) as from the date of such appointment or such later date as the Ministry may direct :—

(i) The society or branch of a society shall be relieved of any duty to keep as a society or branch any books or accounts relating to its business under the Insurance Act other than the following :—

(*a*) a membership register ;
(*b*) a contribution register ;
(*c*) an inventory of the property of the society or branch, not being money or securities ;
(*d*) a record of overpayments of benefits and administration expenses ;
(*e*) a record of compensation advances to members ; and
(*f*) such books and accounts as may be necessary in order to determine what additional benefits are payable to or in respect of any person who is a member of the society or branch.

(ii) The books and accounts of the society or branch of a society shall be made up as at the date on which the provisions of this regulation become applicable to the society or branch, and any unexpended cash balance in the hands of the society or branch as at that date shall be paid into the Northern Ireland National Health Insurance Fund in such manner as the Ministry may direct ;

(iii) Where the society or branch of a society has investments arising out of its business under the Insurance Act which have been made in the names of its trustees or in the joint names of its trustees and the Ministry, any such investments so held on behalf of the society or branch at the date on which the provisions of this regulation become applicable to the society or branch shall be transferred by the registered holders thereof into the name of the Ministry and shall be held by the Ministry in the same manner as an investment made by it on behalf of and at the request of the society or branch as provided in subsection (3) of section 143 of the Insurance Act, and any sums by way of interest or dividend accruing on an investment to which this provision applies shall, pending such transfer, be applied by the registered holders in such manner as the Ministry may direct ;

(iv) Where the society is a society with branches, the head office of the society shall be relieved of the duty of keeping any records or accounts relating to any branch to which the provisions of this regulation apply as from the date of their application thereto.

5.—(1) All payments on account of benefits made by and the administration expenses of a society or branch of a society (being such benefits and administration expenses as are mentioned in section 199 of the Insurance Act) during the period after the date of the application of regulation 4 of these regulations to the society or branch shall, subject to the provisions of that regulation, be recorded in an account kept for that purpose by the Ministry which shall be known as the Northern Ireland Grouped Societies (Benefits and Administration) Account.

(2) The said account shall be kept in such manner as the Ministry may determine and shall be audited as if it were an account of a society :

Provided that the amount to be entered in the said account in respect of the administration expenses of the society or branch shall be such an amount as the Ministry shall determine represents those expenses.

6. The provisions of the Insurance Act and the regulations, rules and orders made thereunder shall have full force and effect subject to the modifications contained in the foregoing regulations, but where the Ministry deems it expedient, it may, in any case in which it exercises any powers under these regulations, dispense with any of the requirements of the Approved Societies Regulations, subject to the qualification that, in exercising any powers under regulation 2 of these regulations, it shall not dispense with so much of regulations 75 and 76 of the Approved Societies Regulations as requires the committee of management of the society or branch, to which it is proposed to transfer the engagements of another society or branch, to pass a resolution offering to accept such engagements and, in the case of a transfer of the engagements of a branch, the consent of the committee of management of any society.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 6th day of October, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.) *William Allen,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 6th day of October, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

RULES AS TO THE PROCEDURE FOR APPEALING.

1. If any insured member or person who has ceased to be an insured member, or person claiming through such member or person, notifies to the manager his dissatisfaction with any decision given by the manager for and on behalf of the society or branch of a society affecting him, it shall be the duty of the manager to inform him forthwith as to the procedure for appealing against such decision in accordance with these rules.

2. A person desiring to appeal under these rules shall give notice, in writing, to the manager within four weeks of the date on which he is notified of the decision against which he desires to appeal, but the manager may, if he thinks fit, extend the time within which notice of appeal must be given under this rule.

3. On receipt of such notice, the manager shall inform the appellant of the name of some suitable person to act as arbitrator, and the appeal shall be decided by such arbitrator, unless within 14 days the appellant elects to nominate another arbitrator and informs the manager of the name and address of the person so nominated, in which case the two arbitrators shall agree upon an umpire, or, in the event of failure to agree, an umpire shall be chosen by lot, and the appeal shall be decided by the arbitrators and umpire.

4. The arbitrators and umpire shall not be officers of the society or branch or persons directly or indirectly interested in the funds of the society or branch.

5. A hearing shall take place before the arbitrator or arbitrators and umpire in every case, unless the parties otherwise agree in writing. Such hearing shall be held at a place, to be fixed by the arbitrator or by the umpire, within reasonable proximity and accessibility to the appellant. A convenient time shall be arranged, and the manager shall give not less than five days' notice in writing to the appellant of the date and place of hearing. The appellant shall be entitled to be accompanied at the hearing by one other person, in addition to any witnesses whom he may call. The award of the arbitrator or umpire shall be communicated by the manager to the appellant within 14 days of the date of the hearing.

6. The society or branch shall in the first instance pay all the expenses of the arbitration, other than the fee (if any) payable to the arbitrator nominated by the member ; and the expenses of the parties shall, in the first instance, be borne by the parties themselves. The award may, however, direct the unsuccessful party to pay all or any part of the expense of the arbitration and of the other party's expenses, except that the sum which the member is so directed to pay shall not exceed 10s. 0d. in all, or, in any case in which the arbitrator certifies that the member's case was clearly frivolous or vexatious, 20s. 0d.

Contributory Pensions

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST JANUARY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1947 No. 27

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947, and shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ").

2. In the proviso to paragraph (2) of regulation 9 of the principal regulations (which regulation contains provisions relating to retirement) a reference to the 30th September, 1947, shall be substituted for the references in paragraph (*a*) thereof to the 31st December, 1946, and the 31st January, 1947, wherever those dates occur.