

**THE NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ACT,
1969.**

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(PERSONS ABROAD AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTORS)
REGULATIONS, 1969.**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 11, 15, 48 and 51 of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, 1969, and by virtue and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in that behalf the following Regulations are hereby made :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Persons Abroad and Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, 1969 and shall come into operation on the appointed day. Citation and commencement.

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

“contribution week” means a period of seven days commencing immediately after twelve o’clock midnight on each Sunday and ending at twelve o’clock midnight on the Sunday next following;

“wage group” means the group set out in the first to third columns of the Schedule to the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1969.

3. (1) Where a person in insurable employment ceases to be so employed in Guyana but is employed (whether by the same or by a different employer) outside Guyana in continuation of such employment, that employment outside Guyana shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, be treated as insurable employment for the period for which contributions are payable under sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of this regulation: Payment of contributions in respect of periods abroad.

Provided that the employer has a place of business in Guyana and the insured person concerned is ordinarily resident in Guyana.

(2) Where under paragraph (1) of this regulation employment outside Guyana is treated as insurable employment the following provisions shall apply with respect to the payment of contributions —

(a) Contributions shall be payable at the appropriate rates specified in column 6 of the Schedule to the National Insurance and Social Security (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1969:

Provided that such contributions shall be payable in respect of such employment —

(i) during the period of twelve months from the commencement thereof; or

- (ii) until the employment outside Guyana ceases; or
- (iii) until either of the conditions set out in the proviso to paragraph (1) of this regulation ceases to be satisfied,

whichever event occurs first.

- (b) After the completion of the period for which contributions are payable under sub-paragraph (a), the insured person shall for any contribution week thereafter during the whole of which he is outside Guyana be entitled to contribute as a voluntary contributor.

4. Where a person is employed in employment outside Guyana immediately prior to the appointed day which would have been treated as insurable employment by virtue of the provisions of regulation 3 had the employment outside Guyana commenced on or after the appointed day, that employment outside Guyana shall be treated as insurable employment and the provisions of regulation 3 shall apply:

Provided that where any such person commenced the said employment outside Guyana on a date more than twelve months prior to the appointed day, the provisions of this regulation shall not apply to him.

5. Where an insured person to whom regulation 3 applies is throughout any contribution week outside Guyana and is not in that week gainfully occupied in insurable employment, he shall not be liable to pay any contribution as an insured person for that week:

Provided that he shall be entitled at his option to contribute as a voluntary contributor if he satisfied the conditions relating to voluntary insurance under these Regulations.

6. (1) A person who —

- (a) is sixteen years of age or over, but not sixty-five years of age; and
- (b) is ordinarily resident in Guyana; and
- (c) ceases to be liable for contributions in respect of employment; and
- (d) has paid or has had paid in respect of him at least one hundred contributions,

shall be entitled to become a voluntary contributor:

Provided that the condition of having paid or having had paid in respect of him at least one hundred contributions shall not apply to a person who, pursuant to regulation 3(2) (b) or by that regulation as applied by regulation 4 elects to be insured as a voluntary contributor.

(2) A certificate of voluntary insurance shall be given, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, to a person who makes application to the Board for such a certificate on a form approved by the

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Contribution as a non-employed person in respect of periods outside Guyana.

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Board before the end of the thirteenth contribution week after ceasing at any time to be employed in insurable employment.

(3) A certificate of voluntary insurance shall entitle the person to whom it is issued to pay voluntary contributions valid for old age benefit or survivor's benefit only, for any week not earlier than thirteen contribution weeks prior to the date of application, in respect of any contribution week for which no contribution is otherwise payable by him or on his behalf for that week.

(4) The contributions which a voluntary contributor shall pay under paragraph (3) of this regulation shall be determined by the Board by reference to the wage group in which the voluntary contributor has paid the greatest number of contributions during the two years immediately preceding the date of last cessation of insurable employment or such other period as the Board may, in the particular circumstances of the case, think fit.

(5) The Board shall notify the voluntary contributor of the contribution due and such contributions shall be paid by remittance to the Board not later than the thirty-first day of December of the year in which they are due:

Provided that the Board may in its discretion and if satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances allow payment within six weeks after the said date.

(6) A person holding a certificate of voluntary insurance shall cease to be entitled to pay voluntary contributions until he has re-qualified by the payment or the payment in respect of him of a further fifty contributions if he fails to pay within the period specified in paragraph (5) of this regulation, voluntary contributions for each contribution week for which a contribution is not otherwise payable.

Made this 26th day of August, 1969.

W. CARRINGTON,
Minister of Labour and Social Security.