SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

NATIONAL INSURANCE (BENEFITS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2002

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

2002 NO.33

(Gazetted 2002)

Citation and Commencement

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sections 28 and 53 of the National Insurance Act, Cap. 229 the

Minister makes the following Regulations:

NATIONAL INSURANCE (BENEFITS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2002

1. (1) These Regulations maybe cited as the National Insurance (Benefits) (Amendment)
Regulations, 2002.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July 2002, except regulation 2 (a) which shall come into force on the 1st day of January 2003.

Amendment of regulation 2 of No. 13 of 1994 (Click here for 2005 Amendment)

2. Regulation 2 of the National Insurance (Benefits) Regulations, in these Regulations referred to as the "principal Regulations", is amended as follows:

(a) by repealing in the definition of "insurable earnings" "$600.00 weekly or $2,600.00 monthly"

and substituting the following:

"$870.00 weekly or $3,770.00 monthly";

(b) by repealing the full stop at the end of the definition of "medical practitioner" and substituting a semi colon; and

(c) by inserting after the definition of "medical practitioner" the following definitions:

"Non-contributory Assistance Age Pension" means a pension granted pursuant to regulation 37A;

'Non-contributory Assistance Age Pensioner" means a beneficiary under regulation 37A".

Amendment of regulation 23 (Click here for 2005 Amendment)

3. Regulation 23 of the principal Regulations is amended in paragraph (I) by repealing three hundred dollars and substituting the following:

"five hundred dollars".

Amendment of regulation 35 (Click here for 2005 Amendment)
4. Regulation 35 of the principal Regulations is amended in paragraph (2) by repealing "fifty dollars"

and substituting the following:

"fifty-five dollars".

Inserting of regulation 37A ([Click here for 2005 Amendment](#))

5. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 37 the following new regulation:

"Non contributory Assistance Age Pension"

37A. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part a pension of twenty
dollars per week to be known as the Non-Contributory Assistance Age Pension

may be granted to persons who are residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines who satisfy the following conditions:

(a) were of the age of 57 years or older

on the 5th of January, 1987;

(b) are not engaged in remunerative employment

(c) do not have income equivalent to the Non-

contributory Assistance Age Pension

benefit or a regular income from any other source;

(d) are not in receipt of any pension income from the National Insurance Scheme;
(e) were actively employed for a significant number of continuous years prior to the 5th day of January, 1987;

(f) satisfies the following residency requirement:

(i) is at the date of claim a resident of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

(ii) has been so resident for at least five of the last eight years;

(iii) has been a resident of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for at least twenty-five years since his twentieth birthday.

(2) No contribution is required from a Non-contributory Assistance Age Pension beneficiary"

Amendment of regulation 39

6. Regulation 39 of the principal Regulations is amended by repealing "Funeral" at the beginning of the regulation and substituting the following:

"Subject to regulation 39A funeral".

Insertion of regulation 39A

7. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 39 the following new regulation:

"
Funeral grant to Non-contributory Assistance Age Pensioner the death of a Non-contributory Assistance Age Pensioner or the spouse or child of a Non-contributory Assistance Age Pensioner as prescribed in the Third Schedule

Amendment of regulation 51 (Click here for 2005 Amendment)

8. Regulation 51 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following new subsection:

"(3) Pensions awarded prior to the 1st day of January, 2002 in accordance with regulations 28, 33, 37 and 42 are increased three per centum for every year (or part of a year) from the 31st day of December, 1999 or the date of the award, whichever is the later, up to a maximum increase of six per centum."
(c) with respect to the death of a dependant child of a Non-contributory Assistance Age Pensioner, based on the age of the child at death;

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B. General

The amount of a funeral grant shall be

(a) with respect to the death of an insured person, an invalidity pensioner, or an age pensioner $3,600.00;

(b) with respect to the death of the spouse of an insured person, an invalidity pensioner, or an age pensioner $1,800.00;

(c) with respect to the death of a dependent child of an insured person, an invalidity pensioner or an age pensioner based on the age of the child at death;

Age at death | Amount of Grant |
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under 3 years | $360            |
3 years       | $540            |
4 years       | $720            |
5 years       | $900            |
6 years       | $1080           |
7 years       | $1260           |
8 years       | $1440           |
9 years       | $1620           |
over 9 years  | $1800           |
Validation

10. (1) In 1997 and 1999 amendments to the principal Regulations, making increases in benefits to beneficiaries, were effected in principle but were never formally signed and *Gazetted*, the National Insurance Scheme has distributed benefits in accordance with those amendments and this Regulation now validates the amendments made in 1997 and 1999.

(2) All monies received by the National Insurance Scheme and distributed to beneficiaries on behalf of the National Insurance Scheme under the principal Regulations from the 1st day of January 1997 and the 315 day of July, 1999 to the 1st day of July, 2002 are declared to have been validly, properly and lawfully received and distributed and all persons acting on behalf of the National Insurance Scheme in receiving monies and distributing benefits under the principal Regulations are freed, acquitted, discharged and indemnified as well against the Queen of Most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors as against all other persons from proceedings of any kind in respect of or consequent on receiving monies and distributing benefits on behalf of the National Insurance Scheme under the principal Regulations.

Dated the day of 2002.