

Subsidiary Legislation made under s.4(3).

## **Voluntary Contributors Regulations**

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Amending enactments	Relevant current provisions	Commencement date
reg. of 19.5.1966	—	
LN. 1973/063	—	
1974/110	r. 3(1)	
1975/143	—	
1976/109	—	
1983/105	r. 6	
2007/053	r. 6(1)	30.3.2007
2008/043	r. 6(1)	1.7.2008
2017/059	r. 6(1)	1.4.2017

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**Title.**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Voluntary Contributors Regulations.

**Interpretation.**

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

“period of grace” in relation to any contribution year, means the period beginning with the end of that year and ending on the 30th June next following or such later date as the Director may in any particular case determine ;

“voluntary contributor” has the meaning assigned to that expression by regulation 3.

**Persons entitled to be voluntary contributors.**

3.(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the persons not in employed contributor's employment or self-employed contributor's employment who are entitled to pay contributions under the Act (in these regulations referred to as “voluntary contributors”) include all persons who, having been engaged in employed contributor's employment or self-employed contributor's employment for a period, whether continuous or not, of one hundred and four weeks or upwards, have ceased to be so engaged.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, insurable employment before the appointed day (that is, the 3rd day of October, 1955) under the Social Security (Employment Injuries Insurance) Act, up to a maximum of one hundred weeks, shall be deemed to be employed contributor's employment.

**Time for giving notice of desire to become a voluntary contributor.**

4. The time within which a person shall give notice that he desires to be a voluntary contributor shall be the period of twelve months after the contribution week during which he was last engaged in employed contributor's employment or self-employed contributor's employment, or such longer period as the Director, having regard to the circumstances of the particular case, may allow.

**Form of application to become a voluntary contributor.**

5. The application to become a voluntary contributor in pursuance of the provisions of these regulations shall be in writing addressed to the Director, and a person making such application shall furnish such information in relation thereto as the Director may require.

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6.(1) Voluntary contributors shall pay at the rate of £0.50 each week.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), voluntary contributors who opted under section 2 of the Social Insurance (Amendment) Act, 1966, to pay contributions at the rates in force prior to 1st January, 1968, shall continue to contribute at those rates.

#### **Payment of contributions.**

7. Where at the end of any contribution year the number of contributions paid for that contribution year by a person insured as a voluntary contributor is less than forty-five, then, unless within the period of grace he pays such further contributions as will bring the total number of contributions for that year up to forty-five, he shall cease to be entitled to pay contributions as a voluntary contributor:

Provided that,

- (a) where a person has, on attaining the age of sixty in the case of a man or fifty-five in the case of a woman, been insured for a period of ten years this regulation shall in respect of that person apply as if for the references to forty-five contributions these were substituted references to twenty-six contributions; and
- (b) this regulation shall not apply in relation to the contribution year in which the insured person becomes a voluntary contributor.