

# National Insurance & Contributory Benefits.

## Volume III.

### Part 1. - Unemployment Insurance and National Health Insurance

## Unemployment Insurance.

Two distinct types of National Insurance were introduced in July 1912. Although parts of the same Act of Parliament they did not use the same rules or definitions. For that reason I am treating them separately. This four page summary of the Unemployment Insurance Scheme was published in May 1912.

[LAB 2/1483/LE 2211/26/1912] (Item 1):



## NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911. PART ...

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

#### SUMMARY OF SCHEME.

**I.—INTRODUCTION.**—The scheme of insurance against unemployment which is contained in Part II. of the National Insurance Act is to be administered by the Board of Trade, and comes into operation on Monday, July 15th, 1912. The object of the scheme is two-fold.

In the first place provision is made for the payment of contributions by all employers and workpeople in the trades mentioned below, and for the payment of benefit to the workpeople when unemployed. This part of the scheme is compulsory. In the second place provision is made for the encouragement of voluntary insurance against unemployment by means of money grants from State funds to associations of persons, in all trades and occupations, which pay out-of-work benefits.

**II.—THE COMPULSORILY INSURED TRADES.**—On and after Monday, July 15th, 1912, all workpeople (whether men or women) over 16 years of age who are engaged wholly or mainly by way of manual labour in the following trades will be compulsorily insured against unemployment and have contributions towards the Unemployment Fund deducted from their wages:—

(1.) **Building**; that is to say, the construction, alteration, repair, decoration, or demolition of buildings, including the manufacture of any fittings of wood of a kind commonly made in builders' workshops or yards.

(2.) **Construction of Works**; that is to say, the construction, reconstruction or alteration of railroads, docks, harbours, canals, embankments, bridges, piers or other works of construction.

(3.) **Shipbuilding**; that is to say, the construction, alteration, repair or decoration of ships, boats or other craft by persons not being usually members of a ship's crew, including the manufacture of any fittings of wood of a kind commonly made in a shipbuilding yard.

(4.) **Mechanical Engineering**; including the manufacture of ordnance and firearms.

(5.) **Ironfounding**; whether included under the foregoing headings or not.

(6.) **Construction of Vehicles**; that is to say, the construction, repair, or decoration of vehicles.

(7.) **Sawmilling**; (including machine woodwork) carried on in connection with any other insured trade or of a kind commonly so carried on.

Foremen other than manual workmen, clerks, indentured apprentices, and persons under 16 years of age are excluded.

Special attention is directed to Section 107 (2) of the Act which provides that—

“ In determining any question as to whether any trade in which a workman is or has been employed is an insured trade or not, regard shall be had to the nature of the work in which the workman is engaged rather than to the business of the employer by whom he is employed.”

**On and after the 15th July, 1912, no employer may engage a workman in one of the insured trades unless the latter holds, or at once applies for, an Unemployment Book. An Unemployment Book can be obtained by making application after 1st June at any Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund. For the address of the nearest Labour Exchange or Local Office enquiries should be made after 1st June at any Post Office.**

**III.—UMPIRE TO DECIDE DOUBTFUL CASES.**—If there is doubt whether any workman is included in one of the insured trades or not, information can be obtained from a Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, and, if an employer or workman so desires, he or his representative can apply, on a form which can be obtained there, to the Umpire for a definite decision.

Post Office Notice 4668. Leaflet U.I.12A (Item 2):



NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

(1 & 2 Geo. V., cap. 55.)

**PART II.—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on or before Monday, 15th JULY, 1912, in accordance with the Regulations made by the Board of Trade, for giving effect to Part II. of the National Insurance Act, 1911, **EVERY WORKMAN** in the trades given in the Schedule below must obtain an Unemployment Book issued by the Board of Trade and **EVERY EMPLOYER** must obtain an Unemployment Book from every such workman in his employ on that date and from every such workman whom he may afterwards employ. Applications for Unemployment Books may be made **ON AND AFTER JUNE 1st** at a Labour Exchange or other local office of the Unemployment Fund, where full information as to the rates of benefits and contributions may be obtained. For the address of the nearest local office, apply at any Post Office.

**LIST OF INSURED TRADES.**

- (1) **BUILDING**; that is to say, the construction, alteration, repair, decoration, or demolition of buildings, including the manufacture of any fittings of wood of a kind commonly made in builders' workshops or yards.
- (2) **CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS**; that is to say, the construction, reconstruction, or alteration of railroads, docks, harbours, canals, embankments, bridges, piers or other works of construction.
- (3) **SHIPBUILDING**; that is to say, the construction, alteration, repair or decoration of ships, boats or other craft by persons not being usually members of a ship's crew, including the manufacture of any fittings of wood of a kind commonly made in a shipbuilding yard.
- (4) **MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**, including the **MANUFACTURE OF ORDNANCE AND FIREARMS**.
- (5) **IRONFOUNDING**, whether included under the foregoing headings or not.
- (6) **CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES**; that is to say, the construction, repair or decoration of vehicles.
- (7) **SAWMILLING (INCLUDING MACHINE WOODWORK)** carried on in connection with any other insured trade, or of a kind commonly so carried on.

**N.B.—SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO SECTION 107 (2) OF THE ACT WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:—“IN DETERMINING ANY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ANY TRADE IN WHICH A WORKMAN IS OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IS AN INSURED TRADE OR NOT, REGARD SHALL BE HAD TO THE NATURE OF THE WORK IN WHICH THE WORKMAN IS ENGAGED, RATHER THAN TO THE BUSINESS OF THE EMPLOYER BY WHOM HE IS EMPLOYED.”**

**INFORMATION ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS IS GIVEN IN OFFICIAL LEAFLETS WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED HERE FREE OF CHARGE.**

**U.I. 12A.**

## Leaflet containing a list of Labour Exchanges in 1915.

[Southampton University Library] (Item 3):

1915—1916.

### INSURANCE AND LABOUR EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, GREAT BRITAIN.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1912.**

The basic weekly contributions were 2½d. from the employer and 2½d. from the employee. This was payable for a period of employment greater than 2 days.

For those between 16 and 18 the weekly contributions were 1d. from the employer and 1d. from the employee.

For a single day or less the contributions were 1d. from the employer and 1d. from the employee.

For from one to two days the contributions were 2d. from the employer and 2d. from the employee.

Payments were made by the employer who fixed stamps into a book, and recovered the employee's contribution as a deduction from his wages..

The penalty for failure to make contributions was £10 plus three times the underpayment up to a maximum of £5.

Only three denominations of stamp were required 2d. 4d. and 5d. but there were situations in which arrears or multiple contributions had to be paid so higher valued overprinted stamps were produced 10d, 1/8d., 2/2d., 3/4d. and 5/5d.

There was also, later, a penny denomination to make up odd amounts..

Special overprinted stamps for juveniles and adults in casual work were produced for use under Section 99 of the National Insurance Act of 1911.

Post Office Notice 4675. (Item 4):

No. 5.



# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS

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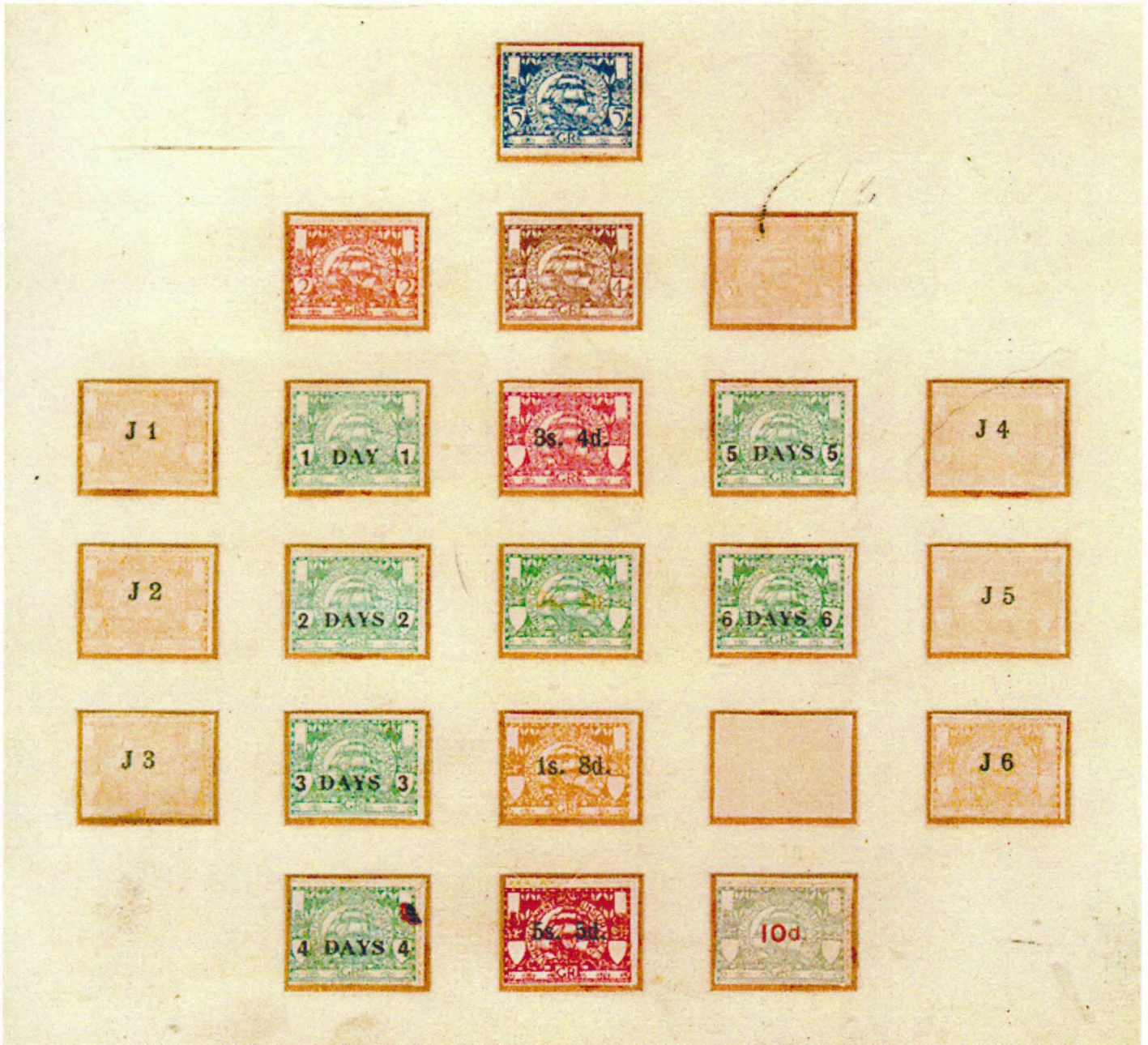
Unemployment Insurance Stamps of two denominations—2d. and 5d.—are now on sale at all Post Offices in the United Kingdom, and the remaining denomination—4d.—will be issued for sale at all Post Offices at an early date.

Unemployment Insurance Stamps are available solely for payment of contributions for Unemployment Insurance under Part II. of the National Insurance Act, and cannot be used in payment of Health Insurance contributions, or of postal or telegraph charges, or of charges of any other kind.

By Command of the Postmaster General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
25 June, 1912.

This framed collection of the first Unemployment Stamps belonged to Sir William Beveridge.  
[PRO Ref. PIN 10/8 (223604)] (Item 5):  
The vermilion stamps have faded with exposure to sunlight, as has the 2/2d. red overprint.  
One stamp has faded completely and may have been the 1d. value in myrtle green.



The information on the back of Sir William Beveridge's Framed Collection:

- 1d. stamp      Used for making up odd amounts in special cases of arrears.
- 2d. stamp      Used for (1) a juvenile contribution for any period of employment up to a week.
- (2) an adult contribution for a period of employment of 1 day.
- 4d. stamp      Used for an adult contribution for a period of employment of 2 days.
- 5d. stamp      Used for an adult contribution for periods of employment from 3 days to a week.
- 10d. stamp      }
- 1/8.      "      )
- 2/2.      "      ) Used for stamping at extended intervals.
- 3/4.      "      )
- 5/5.      "      )
- 1 day stamp    )
- 2 days      "      )
- 3      "      "      ) Used for adult contributions in cases of
- 4      "      "      ) Section 99 arrangements.
- 5      "      "      )
- 6      "      "      )
- J 1 stamp    )
- J 2 stamp    )
- J 3 stamp    )      Used for juvenile contributions in cases
- J 4 stamp    )      of Section 99 arrangements.
- J 5 stamp    )
- J 6 stamp    )

It was possible for larger employers to pay the Labour Exchange to administer the unemployment insurance scheme for them.

In the most difficult case, common in the ship-building industry, where men were hired on a daily basis by various employers, a complicated system for unemployment insurance was devised.

This was known as "Arrangements under Section 99."

Section 99 unemployment stamps had no denominations but bore an indication of the number of days worked.

### Section 99 of the 1911 National Insurance Act.

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*National Insurance Act, 1911.* 1 & 2 GEO. 5.

Provisions  
with respect  
to workmen  
engaged  
through  
labour ex-  
changes.

**99.**—(1) The Board of Trade may, in such cases and on such conditions as the Board may prescribe, make an arrangement with any employer liable to pay contributions under any part of this Act, whereby, in respect of workmen engaged by him through a labour exchange, or in his employ at the date of such arrangement, the performance of all or any of the duties required under any part of this Act to be performed by the employer in respect of those workmen, whether on his own behalf or on behalf of the workmen, shall be undertaken on behalf of the employer by the labour exchange, and whereby in respect of such workmen different periods of employment, whether of the same workmen or different workmen, may, for the purposes of the employer's contributions under this Part of this Act, but not for the purposes of a refund of any part of the employer's contributions, be treated as a continuous employment of a single workman.

(2) Where any such arrangement has been made, all the periods of employment during which a workman engaged through a labour exchange is employed by one or more employers with whom such an arrangement has been made, may, subject to regulations made by the Board of Trade, on the application of the workman, be treated for the purposes of his contributions under this Part of this Act as a continuous period of employment under one employer, and those regulations may provide for the refund of part of his contributions under this Part of this Act accordingly.



The draft plan for the arrangements, prepared around February 1912, consists of a typewritten cover and page, one side of a sheet (page 38) from a printed source and two specimen forms which are Appendices XXV and XXIV. mentioned on the page 38. (*Item 6*):

A R R A N G E M E N T S

. W I T H

E M P L O Y E R S .

(Section 99)

This transcript of an official leaflet of June 1912 (published in the book of Employment Exchange Circulars LAB 29/3 pages 301-307) attempts to explain the system. (Item 7):

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All Divisional Officers.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911, PART II., UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE.

Herewith are forwarded a number of copies of the official pamphlet concerning:—

- (1) Arrangements under section 99, and
- (2) Stamping of Unemployment Books at extended intervals.

Further copies are being printed and will be available in the course of a few hours.

Copies of this Circular have been sent from the Central Office to certain firms in your Division in response to requests from them for general information.

A copy of the letter which accompanied the pamphlet is sent herewith. In the case of firms asterisked, the last paragraph of the letter as to a local officer calling was omitted. In regard to the others, will you please see that some responsible person calls upon them in the course of a few days.

It is not necessary that these pamphlets should be distributed broadcast but copies should be available at any Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Fund and handed to persons who may make inquiries there in regard to either or both of the subjects dealt with in the pamphlet.

To employers who have written you or your Managers in regard to either or both of these matters, you should send a reply on the lines of the letter which went from this Office.

Please note that every member of the Engineering Employers' Federation has had a copy of the Circular.

26.6.12.

C. F. REY,  
General Manager.

L.E. 11477.  
C.O. Circ. 706.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF TRADE TO  
FACILITATE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

(1) Contributions both under Part I. (Health) and Part II. (Unemployment) of the National Insurance Act are payable by employers as a rule at each payment of wages. For example, where wages are paid weekly contributions must, as a rule, be paid weekly. With a view, however, to avoiding the necessity for such weekly stamping of contribution cards and unemploy-

This transcript of an official leaflet of August 1912 (published in the book of Employment Exchange Circulars LAB 29/4 pages 81-85) attempts to explain how refunds were made using calculations based on the overprinted stamps. (*Item 8*):

[I have not found any printed references to the Juvenile Stamps or the ordinary stamp overprinted 7 DAYS 7 of which exist as proofs in PIN 10/8, but I did not search diligently]

All Divisional Officers.

ARRANGEMENTS UNDER SECTION 99.

*Refunds to Workpeople.*

Workpeople engaged by employers having arrangements under Section 99 are entitled for the purpose of their contributions to count different periods of employment, whether with the same or with different employers, as a continuous period of employment with one employer (*see* Regulations 32-34). It may be noted that this provision includes not only workmen casually engaged, but also regular workmen not continuously in actual employment.

It has been decided in this connection—

- (1) That no refunds should be paid before 19th August, but that payments should commence as soon after this date as is practicable. A report upon the working of the system should be made by each Divisional Officer affected as soon after the first payment as possible. This report should include any suggestions which the Divisional Officer can offer for the improvement of the system.
- (2) That no fixed period will be laid down within which alone different periods of employment may be run together.

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## Section 94 of the Act.

To be even-handed refunds were also available to employers.

### Section 94 of the 1911 National Insurance Act.

Refund of  
part of con-  
tributions  
paid by em-  
ployer in the  
case of work-  
men con-  
tinuously  
employed

**94.**—(1) The Board of Trade shall, on the application of any employer made within one month after the termination of any calendar year, or other prescribed period of twelve months, refund to such employer out of the unemployment fund a sum equal to one-third of the contributions (exclusive of any contributions refunded to him under any other provisions of this Part of this Act) paid by him on his own behalf during that period in respect of any workman who has been continuously in his service through the period, and in respect of whom not less than forty-five contributions have been paid during the period.

(2) For the purpose of meeting any change in the period for which any refund of contributions is to be made under the foregoing provisions of this section, or for the purpose of making provision for any period which may elapse between the date on which contributions commence to be payable under this Part of this Act and the date on which the first period for the refund of contributions under the foregoing provisions of this section commences, the Board of Trade may, so far as necessary for the purpose, apply the provisions of this section to any period less than twelve months, subject to such proportionate reduction of the number of contributions required as they direct, and this section shall take effect as regards any such period of less than twelve months as so applied.

## Leaflet - Refunds to Employers - 1914. [purchased on e-bay.] (Item 9)

Applications for refunds under Sect. 94 must be made not later than 14th August, 1914; *see* paras. III & XVIII. No application made after that date can be entertained.

### NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

### PART II.—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

WITH REGARD TO

## REFUNDS TO EMPLOYERS UNDER SECTION 94.

#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

##### Section 94 (1).

I. Section 94 (1) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, provides as follows :—

The Board of Trade shall, on the application of any employer made within one month after the termination of any calendar year, or other prescribed period of 12 months, refund to such employer out of the unemployment fund a sum equal to one-third of the contributions (exclusive of any contributions refunded to him under any other provisions of this Part of this Act) paid by him on his own behalf during that period in respect of any workman who has been continuously in his service through the period, and in respect of whom not less than forty-five contributions have been paid during the period.

##### Regulation 23.

II. Regulation 23 of the Unemployment Insurance Regulations, 1912, defines the prescribed period of 12 months referred to in Section 94 (1) as follows :—

The period of twelve months within one month of the termination of which an application under Section 94 must be made shall be the period of twelve months ending on the 14th day of July in any year.

#### CONDITIONS ENTITLING EMPLOYER TO CLAIM REFUND.

##### Three conditions, all of which must be satisfied.

III. The following conditions must be satisfied in each case :—

- (1) Application for a refund must be made within one month after 14th July, 1914, *i.e.*, not later than 14th August, 1914.
- (2) Each workman in respect of whom the employer claims a refund must have been continuously in the service of that employer throughout the whole period of 12 months ending on 14th July, 1914.
- (3) Not less than 45 contributions must have been properly paid in respect of the workman by the employer claiming the refund during the period of 12 months ending on 14th July, 1914.

All three conditions must be satisfied in each case. Thus, it is not sufficient for the employer to have had the workman continuously in his service throughout the period without having paid at least 45 contributions in respect of him, nor is it sufficient for the employer to have paid 45 contributions or more in respect of the workman during the period without having had him continuously in his service through the period.

##### U.I. 220.

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of Application for a refund used in  
1914.** [purchased on e-bay.] (Item 10)

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT. PART II.—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF  
APPLICATION FOR REFUND UNDER SECTION 94.**

SIR,

I hereby acknowledge the receipt, on the \_\_\_\_\_, 1914,  
of your application for a refund under Section 94 of the National Insurance  
Act, 1911, amounting to £ \_\_\_\_\_ s. \_\_\_\_\_ d. in respect of \_\_\_\_\_ workmen.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient servant,

THE ABOVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY  
THAT THE APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED AS VALID OR COMPLETE  
IN ANY OF ITS PARTICULARS.

U.I. 236.

(91rs) (79477) W: G144 50000 7-13 W B & L  
(79150) 7808/417 75000 5.14

It was stamped with

**THE LABOUR EXCHANGE,  
26, BRIDGE STREET,  
✻ BRADFORD. ✻**

## Unemployment Books.

There have been many different unemployment books so here I illustrate some examples. I have not seen some of the later ones for Young Men, Young Women or Girls.

This is an Unemployment Book with a purplish-brown cover. [Based on a book in Walsall Local History Centre 170/7] (Item 11):

Upon unemployment the book was lodged at the Labour Exchange and Unemployment Benefit at the rate of 7/- per week was payable after a waiting period of one week and was paid for a maximum of fifteen weeks within any twelve month period.

No. of Book \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.

**Available from 13th July 1913  
to 18th July 1914.**

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. On obtaining employment in an insured trade the workman must give this book to his employer.
2. On becoming unemployed the workman must lodge this book at a Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, and leave it there till he again obtains employment in an insured trade.
3. The employer is bound to affix the necessary stamps to this book, and to cancel them as required by Regulation 3 (3) (see back of book); and on recovering the book on the termination of employment the workman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by his employer.
4. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
5. For the address of the nearest Labour Exchange or other Local Office inquire at any Post Office.
6. For further instructions see Regulations overleaf.

**U.I. 15**

(M2643) Wt. 4499./145 040M 4/13 H & S

## Another version of a book of the same period.

(Item 12):

No. of Book <sup>44</sup> D 54864 7154.

Name F. W. Bolton

### UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.

Available from 13 July, 1913, . . .  
to 18 July, 1914.

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. On obtaining employment in an insured trade the workman must give this book to his employer.
2. On becoming unemployed the workman must lodge this book at a Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, and leave it there till he again obtains employment in an insured trade.
3. The employer is bound to affix the necessary stamps to this book, and to cancel them as required by Regulation 8 (3) (see back of book); and on recovering the book on the termination of employment the workman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by his employer.
4. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
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6. For further instructions see Regulations overleaf.

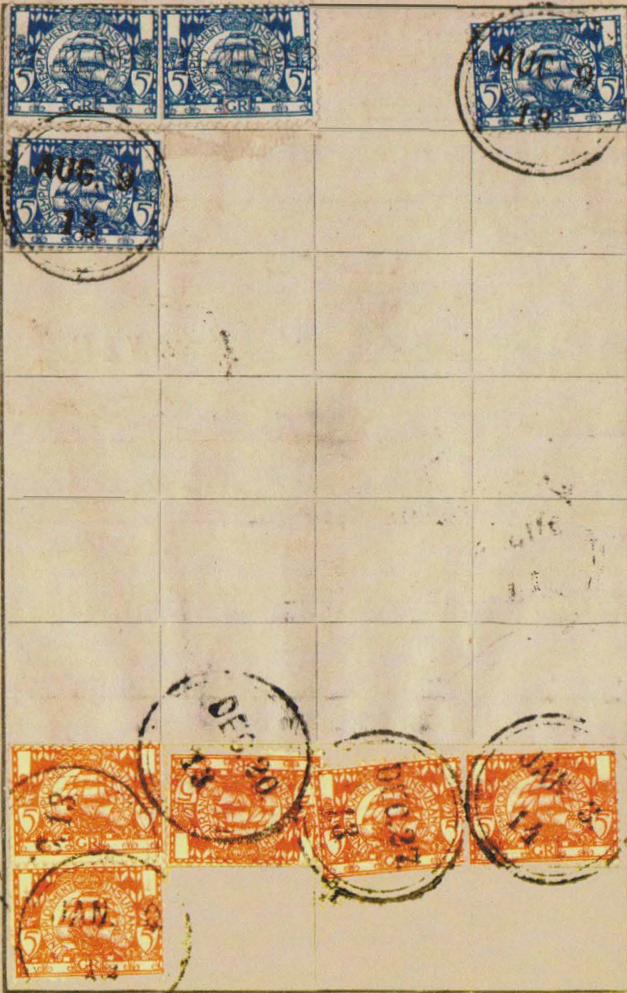
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Unemployment Insurance stamps only may be affixed in this book.

Affix stamps from left to right and not down the page.

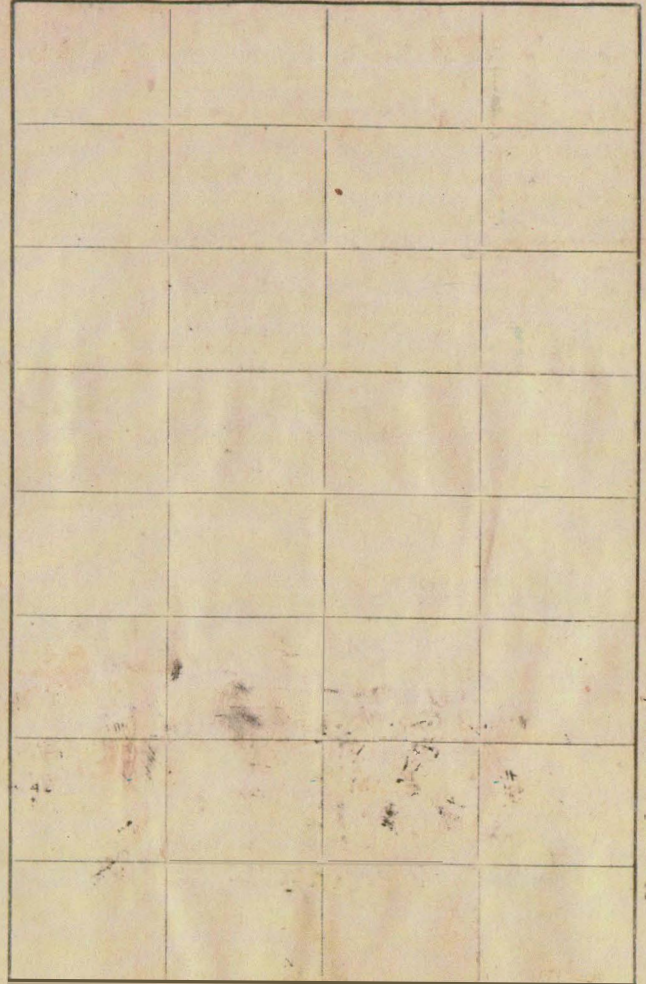


Do not affix stamps over official markings.

In accordance with Section 13 of the Stamp Duties Management Act, 1891, any person who fraudulently receives any stamp from this book for any use of any stamp removed from another book, is guilty of felony.

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Affix stamps from left to right and not down the page.



Do not affix stamps over official markings.

Unemployment Insurance stamps only may be affixed in this book.

## Juvenile Unemployment book used with Section 99 stamps.

The contributor, Bertie Charles Cannell of 14 Alston Road, Ipswich, date of birth 24<sup>th</sup> September 1896, was a Motor Fitter who probably ceased employment when he enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He was Member No. 870 of *the Ipswich Sons of Temperance Registered Approved Society (No. 417)* for Health Insurance.

The Unemployment book shows that *Juvenile* meant under 18. The Section 99 stamps were affixed to ordinary unemployment books at six monthly intervals and not week by week as the torn stamps at the bottom right hand corner of the first page had been se tenant. (*Item 13*):

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No of Book <sup>44</sup> E 47809  
Name B. C. Cannell

### UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.

Available from 19 July, 1914,  
to 17 July, 1915.

**Contributions in this book are payable at the juvenile rate  
until 24.9.14., and at the full rate thereafter.**

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. On obtaining employment in an insured trade the workman must give this book to his employer.
2. On becoming unemployed the workman must lodge this book at a Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, and leave it there till he again obtains employment in an insured trade.
3. The employer is bound to affix the necessary stamps to this book, and to cancel them as required by Regulation 8 (3) (see back of book); and on recovering the book on the termination of employment the workman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by his employer.
4. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
5. For the address of the nearest Labour Exchange or other Local Office enquire at any Post Office.
6. For further instructions see Regulations overleaf.

U.I. 16.(M)

Wt 1393 45,000—514 G.O. & Co.

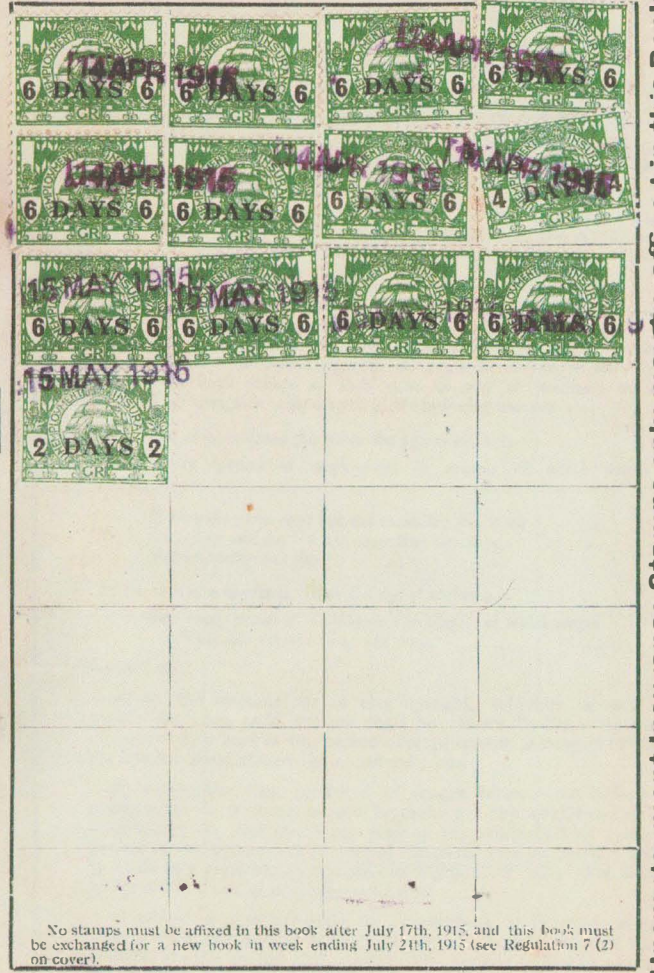
Cancel stamp with date only.

Unemployment Insurance Stamps only may be affixed in this Book.



In accordance with Section 13 of the Stamp Duties Management Act, 1891, any person who fraudulently affixes any stamp from this book or makes any stamp removed from another book, is guilty of felony.

Affix stamps from left to right and not down the page.



No stamps must be affixed in this book after July 17th, 1915, and this book must be exchanged for a new book in week ending July 24th, 1915 (see Regulation 7 (2) on cover).

Unemployment Insurance Stamps only may be affixed in this Book.

Contributions are payable at the juvenile rate until the date stated on the outside of the cover and at the full rate thereafter.

# Unemployment Book for a juvenile 9<sup>th</sup> July 1914 to 17<sup>th</sup> July 1915.

(Item 14):

No of Book .....

Name .....

## UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.

Available from 19 July, 1914,  
to 17 July, 1915.

Contributions in this book are payable at the juvenile rate  
until....., and at the full rate thereafter.

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. On obtaining employment in an insured trade the workman must give this book to his employer.
2. On becoming unemployed the workman must lodge this book at a Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, and leave it there till he again obtains employment in an insured trade.
3. The employer is bound to affix the necessary stamps to this book, and to cancel them as required by Regulation 8 (3) (see back of book); and on recovering the book on the termination of employment the workman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by his employer.
4. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
5. For the address of the nearest Labour Exchange or other Local Office enquire at any Post Office.
6. For further instructions see Regulations overleaf.

U.I. 16.(M)

WL 1393 45,000-5/14 G.O. & Co.

**Temporary Unemployment Book - 1917***(Item 15):*

No. of Book \_\_\_\_\_

Name } \_\_\_\_\_  
(in full) }

**UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK  
(TEMPORARY).**

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This book is only available until the date shown inside, on which it must be returned by the workman to the Labour Exchange or other Local Office from which it was issued, or to the Divisional Office if that Office so requires.

Any stamp affixed to the book after that date will not be deemed to be a payment of a contribution under Part II. of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

U.I. 17.

(M290) Wt. No. 6745-300,000 U.I. 17-2/17 J. H. Ltd. (114)

This book is the property of the Board of Trade, and any person finding it should either return it to a Labour Exchange or other Local Office, or drop it into a pillar-box, and all applications for lost books should be made to any Labour Exchange or other Local Office.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
[The holder should sign his name above on receipt of the book.]

Available only until \_\_\_\_\_

Unemployment Insurance Stamps only may be affixed in this book.



In accordance with Section 13 of the Stamp Duties Management Act, 1891, any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this book, or makes use of any stamp removed from another book, is guilty of felony.

Local Office of issue \_\_\_\_\_

SPACE FOR OFFICIAL USE.

Regular Book Issued No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_



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is bound to affix the necessary stamps and cancel them as required by Regulation (book); and on recovering the book on employment the workman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by his employer.

4. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.

5. For the address of the nearest Labour Exchange or other Local Office enquire at any Post Office.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGULATIONS.

8.—(1) For the purpose of making the proper payments required to be made by an employer in respect of contributions under Part II. of the Act, the employer shall, on or before the first payment of wages to a workman, and on or before each subsequent payment of wages in respect of the employment, affix to the book stamps of such value as may be necessary to make the total value of all stamps so affixed equal to the following amounts:—

- (I) In the case of a workman not below the age of eighteen—  
For every period of employment in respect of which wages are payable—  
    If exceeding two days but not exceeding one week.. 6d.  
    Exceeding one day but not exceeding two days.... 4d.  
    Not exceeding one day ..... 2d.
  - (II) In the case of a workman below the age of eighteen—  
For every period of employment in respect of which wages are payable not exceeding one week..... 2d.
- Provided that—  
(a) on the termination of employment, whether or not any wages are then paid, stamps shall be affixed by the employer in respect of any part of the period of employment in respect of which stamps have not already been affixed; and



## Unemployment Book for Munitions Workers. (Male.) 1916 - 1917.


In 1916 Munitions Workers were included in the scheme. This is a juvenile book of 1917. (Item 17):

No. of Book 9977

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (M.W.).

Available to 14 July, **1917.**

 Contributions in this book are payable at the juvenile rate until....., and at the adult rate thereafter.

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. This book is only to be used for Stamps affixed under the Act of 1916 (Munition Workers). The persons insured under that Act are all workpeople over 16 (not being insured against unemployment under the Act of 1911) engaged in munition work of any kind, or engaged in the trades scheduled in that Act (briefly ammunition, fireworks, explosives, chemicals, metals, rubber, leather, bricks, cement, &c., sawmilling, and wooden cases), or in any other trade to which the Act is extended by order of the Board of Trade.
2. On obtaining employment in an insured trade the workman must give this book to his employer.
3. On becoming unemployed the workman must lodge this book at a Labour Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, and leave it there till he again obtains employment in an insured trade.
4. The employer is bound to affix the necessary stamps to this book, and to cancel them as required by Regulation 8 (3) (see back of book); and on recovering the book on the termination of employment the workman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by his employer.
5. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
6. For the address of the nearest Labour Exchange or other Local Office inquire at any Post Office.

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The book contained a label on which to record the number of the Unemployment Book.  
(Item 18):

**NOTICE TO INSURED WORKPEOPLE.**

Number of } \_\_\_\_\_  
Book }

(1) Write the number of your Unemployment Book in the space above, and retain this slip in your permanent possession. It is important that you should have a record of the number of your book.

(2) Read the instructions on the outside of the book carefully.

(3) If for any reason this book is not being stamped by your employer, it should be taken or sent at once, with a statement of the reason for non-stamping, to the nearest Labour Exchange or other Local Office.

(4) No stamps may be affixed in respect of periods of unemployment.

**U.I. 409.**

(4449) Wt. 17929/350 of 21/7/16 McA. & W., Ltd. (Est. 231)

## Unemployment Book for Munitions Workers. (Woman.) 1917 - 1918.

This book of 1918 which was held by a woman was stamped at the standard rate of 5d.  
[purchased on eBay.] (Item 19):

1918

*No. of Book* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_  
(in full)

### UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (M.W.).

Available from 15 July, 1917 to 13 July, 1918.

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. This book is only to be used for Stamps affixed under the Act of 1916 (Munition Workers). The persons insured under that Act are all work-people over 15 (not being insured against unemployment under the Act of 1911) engaged in munition work of any kind, or engaged in the trades scheduled in that Act (briefly ammunition, fire-works, explosives, chemicals, metals, rubber, leather, bricks, cement, &c., sawmilling, and wooden cases), or in any other trade to which the Act is extended by order of the Minister of Labour.
2. On obtaining employment in an insured trade the workwoman must give this book to her employer.
3. On becoming unemployed or entering an uninsured trade the workwoman must lodge this book at an Employment Exchange or other Local Office of the Unemployment Fund, where, if unemployed, she may make a claim for Unemployment Benefit.
4. The employer is bound to affix the necessary stamps to this book, and to cancel them as required by Regulation 8 (3) (see back of book); and on recovering the book on the termination of employment the workwoman should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. Her claim to benefit depends upon the number of stamps affixed by her employer.
5. No stamps may be affixed for periods during which the workwoman is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
6. For the address of the nearest Employment Exchange or other Local Office inquire at any Post Office.

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# Unemployment Book - (Man). 1920 - 1921.

Man's Unemployment Book for 8<sup>th</sup> November 1920 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1921. From a photocopy in the Archives of the Museum of Rural Life at Reading University. [Ref. DUR 2/3/3] and the original in Durham County Record Office [Ref. D/X130/2-3]. (Item 20):

The original printed as a single green card was stamped with nineteen 8d. stamps.

This Book is the property of the Minister of Labour, and any person finding it should either return it to an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office or drop it into a pillar box. Application for lost books should be made to any Exchange or Branch Office.

## UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (Man).

Available from 8th November, 1920, to 3rd July, 1921.

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Book No. {	Local Office	Classification:
	Serial No.	

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Name of Insured Contributor (in full) }	
Signature of Insured Contributor }	

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### NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.

1. When the holder of this book obtains employment as an insured contributor this book must be given to his employer.
2. When the holder of this book becomes unemployed, this book must be lodged at an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office, where any claim for Unemployment Benefit may be made.
3. **THE EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY A CONTRIBUTION OF 8d. FOR EACH WEEK (commencing Monday) during the whole or any part of which the insured contributor is employed, by affixing an Unemployment Insurance stamp to this book not later than the time at which wages for that week are paid. HE MAY RECOVER 4d. BY DEDUCTION FROM THE WAGES THEN PAID.**
4. The employer must immediately after affixing the stamp to the book cancel the stamp by writing in ink or stamping with a metallic die with black indelible ink across the face of the stamp the date upon which it was affixed.
5. The employer is further required to stamp the book to date and return it to the insured contributor immediately on the termination of employment for whatever cause and whether with or without notice.
6. On recovering the book on the termination of employment the insured contributor should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends on the number of stamps affixed by the employer.
7. No stamp may be affixed for a week during the whole of which the contributor is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
8. Where the employer fails to pay the contribution and to deduct the insured contributor's share of it at the proper time he loses his right of deducting any part of the contribution.

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No Stamps are to be affixed on this page.

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The stamps are larger than the spaces provided so take up the full width of the card.



## Unemployment Book - (Woman). 1920 - 1921.

Woman's Unemployment Book for 8<sup>th</sup> November 1920 to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1921 on pink card.  
(from a private collection - Mr. D. Massey..) (Item 21):

This Book is the property of the Minister of Labour, and any person finding it should either return it to an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office or drop it into a pillar box. Application for lost books should be made to any Exchange or Branch Office.

### UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (Woman).

Available from 8th November, 1920, to 3rd July, 1921.

Book No. {	.....Local Office	Classification:
	Serial No. ....	
Name of Insured Contributor (in full) {	.....	
Signature of Insured Contributor {	.....	

**NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

1. When the holder of this book obtains employment as an insured contributor this book must be given to her employer.
2. When the holder of this book becomes unemployed, this book must be lodged at an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office, where any claim for Unemployment Benefit may be made.
3. **THE EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY A CONTRIBUTION OF 3d. FOR EACH WEEK (commencing Monday) during the whole or any part of which the insured contributor is employed, by affixing an Unemployment Insurance stamp to this book not later than the time at which wages for that week are paid. HE MAY RECOVER 3d. BY DEDUCTION FROM THE WAGES THEN PAID.**
4. The employer must immediately after affixing the stamp to the book cancel the stamp by writing in ink or stamping with a metallic die with black indelible ink across the face of the stamp the date upon which it was affixed.
5. The employer is further required to stamp the book to date and return it to the insured contributor immediately on the termination of employment for whatever cause and whether with or without notice.
6. On recovering the book on the termination of employment the insured contributor should make certain that the necessary stamps have been affixed. Her claim to benefit depends on the number of stamps affixed by the employer.
7. No stamp may be affixed for a week during the whole of which the contributor is unemployed, and any stamps affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.
8. Where the employer fails to pay the contribution and to deduct the insured contributor's share of it at the proper time he loses his right of deducting any part of the contribution.

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.**  
No Stamps are to be affixed on this page.

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## Receipt card 1920. (Item 22):

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920.**

Applicants are not to be taken as sent by an Employment Exchange unless they produce a green introduction card also.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Book \_\_\_\_\_ { Local Office  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

This card is a receipt for an Unemployment Book, and shows that the book has been deposited at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour. If the insured contributor obtains employment in an occupation insurable under the above Act the following particulars should be supplied either by the insured contributor or by the employer\* and the card should be posted to or handed in at the office named on the address side in order to obtain the Unemployment Book.

The holder of this card has obtained employment with \_\_\_\_\_  
as \_\_\_\_\_ commencing on \_\_\_\_\_

His check number is \_\_\_\_\_, Employer's business \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. where insured contributor is employed \_\_\_\_\_

The Unemployment Book should be sent to \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (Employer or Insured Contributor) \_\_\_\_\_

Date lodged \_\_\_\_\_  
For use at Local Office \_\_\_\_\_

\*An employer engaging for employment in an occupation insurable under the above Act an insured contributor, who for any reason has deposited his Unemployment Book at a Local Office, will on filling in the form above and sending this card to the Local Office, be deemed to have complied with the requirement of the regulations to obtain such book as soon as may be.

† This card should not be returned to the Local Office if the employment obtained is in an occupation NOT insurable under the above Act.

Unemployment Book 4<sup>th</sup> July 1921 – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1922 on grey card.  
(Item 23):

1921-1922. A

This Book is the property of the Minister of Labour, and any person finding it should either return it to an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office or drop it into a pillar box. Application for lost books should be made to any Exchange or Branch Office.

## UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (Man).

Available from 4th July, 1921, to 2nd July, 1922.

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Local Office: **REDGAR** Classification: **5/6c**

Book No. **2964**

Serial No. **2964**

The Insured Contributor should make a regular note of the Local Office & Serial No. of this Book.

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Names of Insured Contributor (in full): **Thomas Langley Walton**

Signature of Insured Contributor: *T. L. Walton*

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**CONTRIBUTION - 11d. a Week.**  
**EMPLOYER, 6d; WORKER, 5d.**

**NOTE AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK:**

- When the holder of this book obtains employment as an insured contributor this book must be given to his employer.
- When the holder of this book becomes unemployed the book must be lodged at an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office to secure an election for Unemployment Benefit when he is available.
- THE EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY CONTRIBUTION OF 11s. FOR EACH WEEK (including holidays) during the period of which the insured contributor is employed, by adding an Employer's Stamp to this book, of value not less than the sum at which wages for that week are payable. HE MAY REQUIRE 6d. BY DEDUCTION FROM THE WAGES HE PAID.**
- The employer or insured contributor may cancel the stamp by writing in ink on the stamp the date upon which it is cancelled.
- The employer or insured contributor is required to stamp the book in date and return it to the Insured Contributor immediately on termination of employment for whatever cause and whether full or part time.
- On receiving the book on the termination of employment the insured contributor should note whether the necessary stamps have been affixed. His claim to benefit depends on the amount of stamps affixed by the employer.
- Any stamp may be added for a week during the whole of which the contributor is unemployed, if any stamp is affixed in such circumstances will be disallowed in reckoning benefit.

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (KEY).**

Employment	Period	Schedule

Initials: ..... Date: .....

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A rubber stamp was applied in red because the Contribution Rates had changed. Also from 7<sup>th</sup> November 1921 4d extra was levied for the Dependents' Fund.?

**1s. 3d. REVISED WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION, 1s. 3d.**  
**EMPLOYER, 8d. WORKER, 7d.**

The used book shows the date of introduction of the Dependants' Fund supplement (5<sup>th</sup> November 1921.) and indicates that the holder did not have a paid holiday at Christmas.

REVISED WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION, 1s. 3d.  
 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS OF THE VALUE OF 1s. 3d. ONLY MAY BE AFFIXED TO THIS BOOK

<del>1st week commencing 1 July, 1921.</del>	<del>2nd week commencing 11 July, 1921.</del>	<del>3rd week commencing 18 July, 1921.</del>	<del>4th week commencing 24 July, 1921.</del>	<del>5th week commencing 1 August, 1921.</del>
<del>6th week commencing 8 August, 1921.</del>	<del>7th week commencing 15 August, 1921.</del>	<del>8th week commencing 22 August, 1921.</del>	1/3	1/3
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MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7
<del>26th week commencing 26 December, 1921.</del>	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7
MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	MAN 1/7	35th week commencing 27 February, 1922.
36th week commencing 6 March, 1922.	37th week commencing 13 March, 1922.	38th week commencing 20 March, 1922.	39th week commencing 27 March, 1922.	40th week commencing 3 April, 1922.

## Leaflet about Casual Employment Books.

Leaflet E.D Circ. 68/86 of April 1921 [PIN7/99] (Item 24):

Confidential.

E.D. Circ. 68/86.

E.D.C. 3835/1921—U.I. II.

TO ALL DIVISIONAL CONTROLLERS AND LOCAL OFFICERS.

One Appendix.

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

##### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920.

##### *Issue and Use of a new Unemployment Book called the Unemployment (Casual Employment) Book.*

1. Representations have been made to the Department by employers, trade unions and insured contributors to the effect that, in respect of persons who ordinarily follow casual or intermittent employments, the procedure whereby the insured contributor's regular book is lodged at a Local Office when a claim to benefit is made, results in the claimant not being able to obtain casual employment or prevents the employer from making proper contributions to the Unemployment Fund in respect of employees whom he engages casually without obtaining the regular book.

2. It has been decided, therefore, to issue a new form of unemployment book with the official title of the Unemployment (Casual Employment) Book. Supplies are being printed and will be distributed to all Local Offices as soon as received. In these instructions the new book is referred to as the Casual Employment Book.

3. The form of the book provides not only for the payment of contributions (four stamp spaces being given for that purpose), but also spaces in which the employer is requested to mark the days in each of four calendar weeks during which the insured contributor is employed. In order to bring the new procedure to the notice of employers a special letter has been prepared (see Appendix). A copy of this letter should be sent by Exchange and Branch Managers to each employer in their respective areas who is known to employ workers casually or intermittently.

4. *Issuc.*—The Casual Employment Book is to be issued only to persons who have made a claim to benefit and who ordinarily follow, or who at the time when the claim to benefit is made, are, in fact, following a casual or intermittent occupation. The

## Monthly Casual Employment book - 1921.

This is as mentioned in the preceding leaflet. (Item 25):

This book is the property of the Minister of Labour, and any person finding it should either return it to an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office, or drop it into a pillar-box. Application for lost books should be made to any Exchange or Branch Office.

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS, 1920 & 1921.

## UNEMPLOYMENT (Casual Employment) BOOK.

Available for four weeks only, when this book must be returned to the Employment Exchange by the Contributor. It must in any event be returned when regular employment is obtained.

Signature of Contributor.....

### NOTES AS TO USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT (CASUAL EMPLOYMENT) BOOK.

1. This book is issued to a casual employee when his/her regular book has been lodged at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and a claim to Unemployment Benefit has been made. It is also a receipt for the regular book, and the regular book will be forwarded in exchange for this Casual Employment Book to an employer or the contributor as desired.

2. The first employer in any of the weeks for which this book is available is required to affix an Unemployment Stamp in the appropriate space on the back of this card. He is also requested to insert a **X** in the spaces under "Record of Employment" indicating the days upon which he employed the contributor.

3. Subsequent employers of the contributor in any calendar week for which a stamp has already been affixed should insert a **X** in the space appropriate to the days upon which they engaged the contributor.

4. Unemployment Insurance stamps of the appropriate value in payment of contributions for each week (commencing Monday) during the whole or any part of which the person named hereon is employed are to be affixed to this book not later than the time at which wages are paid, as if this book were an unemployment book within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Regulations, 1920, and the employer having duly affixed such stamps within the period for which the book is available will be entitled to recover by deductions from wages then paid the amount of the contributions paid by him on behalf of the employed person, in accordance with the following table:—

For each calendar week:—	Total Contribution.	Amount recoverable from wages, &c.
(i) In the case of men of the age of eighteen and upwards ...	1s. 3d.	7d.
(ii) In the case of women of the age of eighteen and upwards ...	1s. 1d.	6d.
(iii) In the case of boys of the age of sixteen and below eighteen ...	7½d.	3½d.
(iv) In the case of girls of the age of sixteen and below eighteen ...	6½d.	3d.

5. The employer must immediately after affixing the stamp to the book cancel the stamp by writing in ink or stamping with a metallic die in black indelible ink across the face of the stamp the date upon which it was affixed.

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(3466) Wt.9419/I'369 6/21 50,000 Harrow G.160



# Experimental Quarterly Employment Card for Casual Workers. 6<sup>th</sup> October 1924 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 1925. - on green card [PIN 99] (Item 26):

**Unemployment (CASUAL EMPLOYMENT) BOOK**

Available from 6th October, 1924, to  
4th January, 1925.

Local Office. Book No.

Serial Number.

Occupational Number.

Casual Employment Book Number.

Office where Regular Book is lodged.

Name of Insured Contributor (in full).

Surname. Christian Name(s).

**ADDRESS**

Contributions.

Posted.

.....Initials.

.....Date.

Scheduled.

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (KEW)**

**GENERAL NOTES.**

1. If this book is lost or destroyed the Dept. cannot undertake to make any allowance for the value of the stamps affixed to the book. If it is lost while in the custody of the employer he may be called upon to restamp another book.
2. Any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this book or makes use of any stamps removed from a book is guilty of felony.
3. The insured contributor's address on the date of the expiry of the currency of this book should be inserted on page 3.
4. At the end of the currency period this book should be exchanged at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour for a new book.
6. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY, of the appropriate value, must be affixed.

**NOTES TO EMPLOYERS.**

6. CANCEL THE STAMPS IMMEDIATELY AFTER AFFIXING THEM BY WRITING IN INK OR STAMPING BY MEANS OF A METALLIC DIE WITH BLACK INDELIBLE INK THE DATES UPON WHICH THEY ARE AFFIXED.
7. ON THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURED CONTRIBUTOR'S EMPLOYMENT RETURN TO HIM THE BOOK STAMPED UP TO DATE WHATEVER THE REASON FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT.

**FOR FURTHER NOTES SEE BACK OF THIS BOOK.**

**U.I. 493.**

**NOTES TO EMPLOYERS (contd.).**

8. Affix the stamps before the payment of wages. The share of the contribution payable by the insured contributor may be deducted from the wages then paid. Failure to deduct at the proper time entails the loss of any legal right to make the deduction at all.
9. The first employer in a week (commencing Monday) should affix a stamp in the appropriate space on this book. He is requested also to insert a **X** in the spaces under "Record of Employment" indicating the days upon which he employed the contributor. Subsequent employers of the contributor in the same week should insert a **X** in the space appropriate to the days upon which they engaged the contributor.

**NOTES TO INSURED CONTRIBUTORS.**

10. MAKE A CAREFUL NOTE OF THE NUMBER OF THIS BOOK (i.e., NAME OF LOCAL OFFICE OF ISSUE AND SERIAL NUMBER AS ON PAGE 1). THIS IS TO PROTECT YOUR OWN INTEREST IN CASE THE BOOK IS LOST OR DESTROYED.
11. This book is issued to a casual employee when his/her regular book has been lodged at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and a claim to Unemployment Benefit has been made. It is also a receipt for the regular book, and the regular book will be forwarded in exchange for this Casual Employment Book to an employer or the contributor as desired.
12. See that your address is correctly inserted on page 1 and is revised when necessary. See also Note 3.
13. Hand the book to your employer as soon as you obtain employment.
14. When your employment is terminated obtain the book from your employer, look carefully to see that it is your own and make sure that it is CORRECTLY STAMPED.
15. No stamps must be affixed for any week during the whole of which you are unemployed or employed only in an uninsured trade. No stamps affixed in such circumstances will be treated as valid.

**For Officials Use Only (Kew)**

**NOTICE.**—This book is the property of the Minister of Labour. It must not be bought, sold, transferred or taken in pawn. Any person finding this book should either return it to an Employment Exchange or Branch Employment Office or drop it into a pillar box. If sent through the post in an envelope postage must be prepaid.

There are similar cards for 5<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July 1925 in the file.

## Fraud at the Canute Road Sub-office in Southampton - 1925.

[Ref: T161/263] (Item 27):

No. 2978.

Ref. 1/F.572/1925.

### LABOUR EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE.

#### P R O P O S A L.

To "write off" and charge to the Losses Subhead of the Vote for the Ministry of Labour the sum of £530.15.10d. representing losses by fraud in connection with claims to benefit originated at the Canute Road Sub-Office of the Southampton Employment Exchange.

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1. In November, 1924, a clerk at the Southampton Exchange reported that he was not satisfied with the authenticity of a claim on which he was computing benefit. The authorisation was repudiated by the Local Authorising Officer, and the Manager made a preliminary investigation into the suspected fraud.

2. In the middle of December, 1924, the Manager reported the matter to the Divisional Controller and a Joint Investigation was commenced. The investigation lasted until about the middle of September, 1925, the co-operation of the Solicitor, a handwriting expert and the police being necessary to unravel the intricacies of a series of complicated frauds which had occurred in the period September, 1922, to November, 1924.

3. The methods adopted by the perpetrators appear to have included :-

(a) the creation of ledger accounts in respect of fictitious persons by means of forged applications for unemployment books.

(b) The erasure of particulars from genuine Unemployment Books properly stamped and the insertion of fictitious particulars to correspond with the fraudulent Ledger accounts.

(c) The preparation of fictitious claims to benefit, the forgery of authorisations thereon, the inclusion of such claims with genuine claims passed forward for computation and the withdrawal of the claims after pay sheets and receipt forms had been written up.

(d) The insertion of the fictitious names as signatures on the receipt forms, the forgery of the signature clerk's initials thereon and the engagement of outside confederates to present the receipt forms for payment.

4. The investigation was hampered by the wholesale destruction of documents (presumably by persons incriminated) and, in the interests of economy, was confined to cases

/where

Unemployment Book 1926-1927 - (Man).

(Item 28):

1926-27. UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (MAN)		FOR OFFICIAL USE.	
AVAILABLE FROM 5th JULY, 1926 to 3rd JULY, 1927.		Occupational Number.	
SEVENOAKS		Local Office. } Book No.	Industry Letters.
473 Serial Number.			
BATEMAN		Surname (Block Capitals) } Christian Name(s) }	Name of Insured Contributor (in full.)
Harry			
Date of issue of book if not supplied in exchange for a book of a previous year.	ADDRESS East Cottage, Huns Hill, Worcesterham.		
POSTED.	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (KEM)	GENERAL NOTES.	
Inits.		1. IF THIS BOOK IS LOST OR DESTROYED THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO MAKE ANY ALLOWANCE FOR THE VALUE OF THE STAMPS AFFIXED TO THE BOOK. IF IT IS LOST WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE EMPLOYER HE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO RE-STAMP ANOTHER BOOK.	
Date.		2. Any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this book or makes use of any stamps removed from an unemployment book is guilty of felony.	
Contributions.		3. THE INSURED CONTRIBUTOR'S ADDRESS ON THE DATE OF THE EXPIRY OF THE CURRENCY OF THIS BOOK SHOULD BE INSERTED ON PAGE 3.	
		4. At the end of the insurance year this book should be exchanged for a new book. The book may be exchanged at any Local Office of the Ministry of Labour.	
		5. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY, of the appropriate value for men, must be affixed.	
<b>FOR FURTHER NOTES SEE BACK OF THIS BOOK.</b>			
<b>CONTRIBUTION: 1/3 a week—</b>			
<b>Employer 8d., Insured Contributor 7d.</b>			
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DATE-CANCEL STAMPS IMMEDIATELY. (See note 6.)  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY TO BE USED.

				
				
				15th WEEK commencing 1 OCT., 1926
16th WEEK commencing 18 OCT., 1926			19th WEEK commencing 8 NOV., 1926	20th WEEK commencing 15 NOV., 1926
21st WEEK commencing 22 NOV., 1926	22nd WEEK commencing 29 NOV., 1926			
	27th WEEK commencing 3 JAN., 1927	28th WEEK commencing 10 JAN., 1927	29th WEEK commencing 17 JAN., 1927	30th WEEK commencing 24 JAN., 1927
31st WEEK commencing 31 JAN., 1927	32nd WEEK commencing 7 FEB., 1927	33rd WEEK commencing 14 FEB., 1927	34th WEEK commencing 21 FEB., 1927	
	37th WEEK commencing 14 MAR., 1927	38th WEEK commencing 21 MAR., 1927	39th WEEK commencing 28 MAR., 1927	40th WEEK commencing 4 APR., 1927

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Serial Number 423

41st WEEK commencing 11 APR., 1927	42nd WEEK commencing 18 APR., 1927	43rd WEEK commencing 25 APR., 1927	44th WEEK commencing 2 MAY, 1927	45th WEEK commencing 9 MAY, 1927
46th WEEK commencing 16 MAY, 1927	47th WEEK commencing 23 MAY, 1927	48th WEEK commencing 30 MAY, 1927	49th WEEK commencing 6 JUNE, 1927	50th WEEK commencing 13 JUNE, 1927
51st WEEK commencing 20 JUNE, 1927	52nd WEEK commencing 27 JUNE, 1927	No stamps must be affixed to this book after July 3rd, 1927, and this book must be exchanged at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour for a new book in week ending July 9th, 1927.		

Personal Signature of Insured Contributor \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS to which future letters should be sent. (To be inserted immediately prior to the final surrender of this book. If address is as on page 1 write here "As on page 1.")  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF LODGING OF BOOK. (For Official Use Only).

LODGED.	REMOVED.	LODGED.	REMOVED.

CONTRIBUTION 1s. 3d. a week — EMPLOYER, 8d.; INSURED CONTRIBUTOR, 7d.

# Unemployment Book – (Boy) 1927-1928.

(Item 29):

**FOR USE IN GREAT BRITAIN ONLY.**

## 1927-28. UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (BOY)

**AVAILABLE FROM 4th JULY, 1927 to 1st JULY, 1928.**

Local Office. } Book No.		Occupational Number.
Serial Number.		Industry Letters.

Surname (Block Capitals)	} Name of Insured Contributor (in full.)
Christian Name(s)	

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_

Benefit Year Date.	Day.	Month.	Date of Issue of Book if not supplied in exchange for a Book of a previous year.
1926-27 Insurance Year			
1927-28 Insurance Year			

<b>POSTED.</b>	<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (KEW)</b>	<b>GENERAL NOTES.</b>
Initials.		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IF THIS BOOK IS LOST OR DESTROYED THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO MAKE ANY ALLOWANCE FOR THE VALUE OF THE STAMPS AFFIXED TO THE BOOK. IF IT IS LOST WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE EMPLOYER HE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO RESTAMP ANOTHER BOOK.</li> <li>2. Any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this book or makes use of any stamps removed from an unemployment book is guilty of felony.</li> <li>3. THE INSURED CONTRIBUTOR'S ADDRESS ON THE DATE OF THE EXPIRY OF THE CURRENCY OF THIS BOOK SHOULD BE INSERTED ON PAGE 3.</li> <li>4. At the end of the insurance year this book should be exchanged for a new book. The book may be exchanged at any Employment Exchange, Branch Employment Office or Juvenile Employment Bureau.</li> <li>5. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY, of the appropriate value, must be affixed.</li> </ol>
Date.		

**Contributions.**

**For further notes see back of this book.**

**WEEKLY RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Boy (until the age of 18 is reached) 7½d.	Man ... .. 1s. 3d.
Employer ... .. 4d.	Employer ... .. 8d.
Insured Contributor ... .. 3½d.	Insured Contributor ... .. 7d.

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**1927 – Card for use of claimants who followed a casual occupation.**

(Item 30):

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR.**  
**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS, 1920 to 1926.**

Card for the use of claimants who follow a casual occupation.

Name.....  
Classfn. No.....  
Book No. { L.O.....  
              { Ser.No.....

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**To be completed by claimants who obtain regular work.**

I have obtained employment with.....  
.....  
.....starting on.....(date)  
at..... (State time if night work).

If regular employment has been found, these spaces should be filled in and this card should be posted at once to the Employment Exchange; otherwise difficulties may arise in paying any benefit due. This card need not be posted if the unemployment is casual.

Date..... Signed.....  
293 M1175/1089 6/7/27 143,000 J.V.LtdO 74a

**1928 Notification card for the use of claimants holding quarterly Employment Books.**

(Item 31):

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS, 1920 to 1927.**

**NOTIFICATION CARD for use of Claimants holding Unemployment (Quarterly) Books who do not attend DAILY to prove unemployment.**

Classn. No.....  
Unemployment (Quarterly)  
Book No.....

Name: ..... Occupation: .....

Address .....  
(Change of Address should be notified at once to the Employment Exchange).

I have obtained employment with.....  
.....starting on.....(date)  
at..... (State time if night work).

If employment has been found, these spaces should be filled in and this card should be posted at once to the Employment Exchange; otherwise difficulties may arise in paying any benefit due.

Date..... Signed.....

Claimant should attend at	
o'clock on days marked X below if unemployed.	
Mon.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thu.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fri.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sat.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signing Box	

An Unemployment Book 1930-1931 - (Man).

(Item 32):

<p><b>UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.</b> FOR USE IN GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY.</p>		<p><b>1930-31</b></p>	<p>For Official Use.</p>
<p><b>MAN :</b> (age 21 but under 65).</p>			<p>Occupational No.</p>
<p><i>Dunstable</i> Local Office.</p>	<p>Book No.</p>	<p>Industry Letters.</p>	<p><b>NS</b></p>
<p><i>250, 70.</i> Serial Number.</p>	<p>Contributor's Surname (Block Capitals).</p>	<p>Postal at Ken.</p>	
<p><i>B. H. B. E. V. E.</i></p>	<p>Christian Name(s) in full.</p>		
<p>Contributor's Address</p>			
<p><i>60 Old Compton St.</i></p>			
<p><b>WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION - - - 8d. 7d. 1s. 3d.</b></p>			<p>By Employer. By Contributor. Total.</p>
<p><i>NOTE:—Contributions are payable for men aged 65 and over, employed in insured occupations, at the rate of 8d. per week by employers only. Special cards for the payment of the contributions are issued. If necessary they can be obtained at a Post Office.</i></p>			
<p>Date of Issue of this Book.</p>		<p>Benefit Year Date.</p>	
<p>On exchange.</p>	<p>Other than on exchange.</p>	<p>Ins. Year.</p>	<p>Date of Surrender of this Book.</p>
		<p>1929-30</p>	
		<p>1930-31</p>	
<p><b>GENERAL NOTES.</b></p>			
<p>1. If this book is lost or destroyed the Minister of Labour cannot undertake to make any allowance for the value of the stamps affixed to the book. If it is lost while in the custody of the employer he may be called upon to restamp another book.</p>			
<p>2. If the book is no longer required for payment of contributions, e.g., because the contributor is not employed, is working on his own account, or employed in an occupation for which contributions are not payable, the book should be immediately surrendered at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour. (See also notes 8 and 14).</p>			
<p>3. Any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this book or makes use of any stamps removed from an unemployment book is guilty of felony.</p>			
<p>4. The insured contributor's address on the date of the expiry of the currency of this book should be inserted on page 3.</p>			
<p>5. This book is current for the Insurance Year 7th July, 1930, to 6th July, 1931. At the end of this period it should be exchanged for a new book at ANY Local Office of the Ministry of Labour.</p>			
<p>6. Unemployment Insurance Stamps only must be affixed. (See also notes on back).</p>			
<p><b>U.I. 15 M.</b></p>			

## Agricultural Unemployment Scheme.

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 1936 A Special scheme was introduced for Agricultural workers. This had its own special stamps and rates of contribution, but used the same cards as the general scheme.

Extract from the Post Office Circular,

APRIL 8, 1936.

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### Agriculture Unemployment Insurance.

Unemployment Insurance Stamps for agricultural workers will be introduced for sale on and after the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 1936. The denominations will be as follows:—

9d.	Man.
8d.	{ Woman.
	{ Young man 18-20.
7d.	Young woman 18-20.
4½d.	Man exempt.
4d.	{ Boy 16-17.
	{ Woman exempt.
	{ Young man 18-20 exempt.
3½d.	Young woman 18-20 exempt.
3d.	{ Girl 16-17.
	{ Boy 14-15.
2d.	{ Girl 14-15.
	{ Boy 16-17 exempt.
1½d.	{ Girl 16-17 exempt.
	{ Boy 14-15 exempt.
1d.	Girl 14-15 exempt.

These stamps will, for the present, be of the same design as the current Unemployment Insurance Stamps, but the word "Agriculture" will be overprinted on each, and the value will be shown in black in a white circle.

A revised print of the requisition form used for obtaining Insurance stamps from the Stores Department, P 940G—(P 940(s)G for Scotland)—showing the new denominations of agricultural stamps, is being distributed by the Stores Department from the Mount Pleasant Depot and Russell Road Depot, Edinburgh. The following forms and records are also being revised—P 19B, P 88B, P 119B, P 210W, P 265G, P 383W, P 396W, P 441G, P 456G, P 658G, P 889W, P 1035B, P 1060G, P 2011W, P 2100W, P 2045W. On receipt of the revised prints, any copies of the old prints on hand should be made waste.

Postmasters who will require supplies of the Agricultural stamps should requisition them through the usual channels. Offices which obtain their supplies from the Stores Department, London or Edinburgh, should forward separate requisitions not later than the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. If the new requisition form is not available, the old form, suitably amended, should be used; but, in either case, the requisition should be clearly marked at the head "Agriculture". No other items should be included on the requisition.

Head Postmasters have already been circularised with a view to their ascertaining from local Employment Exchanges the quantities of these stamps which may be required at the Offices under their control, and their requisitions should be based on the information which they will have obtained. The quantities included in the initial demands should be those which it is estimated will be sufficient for two months. The sales during this period should be carefully noted, so that they may be used as a basis upon which to frame future requisitions. Where the quantities required are small, half or even quarter sheets may be requisitioned; and where the demand is very small, as will be the case in regard to the 4½d., 3½d., 2d., 1½d., and especially, 1d. stamps, requisitions for multiples of 12 will be accepted.

In meeting demands from the public for these stamps the instructions in Post Office Rules, C.I., 23 (b), should be observed.

The stamps will be despatched to Head Postmasters in England (except London), Wales and Northern Ireland on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, and to Head Postmasters in Scotland so as to reach them on or before that date. Head Postmasters, except in London, should arrange for the necessary distribution to the Branch and Sub-Offices under their control, having determined beforehand what quantities, if any, should be supplied to these Offices.

The supplies for London Offices as authorised by the Postmasters in charge of the respective District Offices will be despatched on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

**Accounting.**—Supplies should be charged in the Cash Account against the printed heading "Agricultural Unemployment Insurance Stamps" and their value included under "Cash, Stock and Vouchers actually in hand" in the space provided.



## An Unemployment Book 1936-1937 - (Man).

(Item 33):

Book No.	LOCAL OFFICE	LEICESTER		1936-37
	SERIAL NUMBER		48,765	
Contributor's Surname (Block Capitals)			T R U B S H A W	Industry <i>VR</i>
Christian Name(s) in full			George Claude	Occupational No.
Contributor's Address			17 Meredith Rd	Postal at Kent.
Date of Issue of this Book.		Benefit		
On exchange.	Other than on exchange.	Year	Date.	
Date of Surrender of this Book.				

**REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK—MAN**  
(Age 21 but under 65).

This Book is for use throughout the Insurance Year 6th JULY, 1936, to 6th JULY, 1937, in GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND only.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	By Employer.	By Contributor.	Total.
except for agricultural employment.	9d.	9d.	1s. 6d.
for AGRICULTURAL employment.	4½d.	4½d.	9d.

**SPECIAL NOTES.**

(a) If the contributor's employment terminates (whatever the reason) the employer must return the book to him stamped up to date. If for any reason the employer cannot hand the book to the contributor he must return it to the nearest Local Office of the Ministry of Labour.

(b) The contributor should look carefully to see that the book is his own and is correctly stamped. If he does not at once obtain employment, or if for any reason (e.g., because he is not employed, is waiting on his own account, or employed in an occupation for which contributions are not payable) the book is no longer required for payment of contributions, it must be immediately delivered to the nearest Local Office of the Ministry of Labour.

U.I. 15 M.

DATE-CANCEL STAMPS IMMEDIATELY AFTER AFFIXING, (See note on page 4)




RECORD OF LODGING OF BOOK. (For Official Use only.)

LODGED.	REMOVED.	LODGED.	REMOVED.

AFFIX UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY.

"AGRICULTURAL" UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE.

	For week commencing 4 JAN., 1937	For week commencing 11 JAN., 1937	For week commencing 18 JAN., 1937	For week commencing 25 JAN., 1937
27	28	29	30	31
For week commencing 1 FEB., 1937	For week commencing 8 FEB., 1937	For week commencing 15 FEB., 1937	For week commencing 22 FEB., 1937	For week commencing 1 MAR., 1937
31	32	33	34	35
For week commencing 8 MAR., 1937	For week commencing 15 MAR., 1937	For week commencing 22 MAR., 1937	For week commencing 29 MAR., 1937	For week commencing 5 APR., 1937
36	37	38	39	40
For week commencing 12 APR., 1937	For week commencing 19 APR., 1937	For week commencing 26 APR., 1937	For week commencing 3 MAY, 1937	For week commencing 10 MAY, 1937
41	42	43	44	45
For week commencing 17 MAY, 1937	For week commencing 24 MAY, 1937	For week commencing 31 MAY, 1937	For week commencing 7 JUNE, 1937	For week commencing 14 JUNE, 1937
46	47	48	49	50
No stamps must be affixed to this book after 4th July, 1937, and this book must be exchanged at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour for a new book in week ending 10th July, 1937.			For week commencing 21 JUNE, 1937	For week commencing 28 JUNE, 1937
			51	52
Personal Signature of Insured Contributor				
ADDRESS to which future letters should be sent. (To be inserted immediately prior to the final surrender of this book. If address is as on page 1 write here "As on page 1".)				
DATE				

In file PIN 10/3 a memorandum made in 1937 shows that there were to be eight varieties of Unemployment book printed with annual colour changes over a three year cycle.:

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THREE YEAR COLOUR CYCLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOKS.

<u>Year of Currency</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1938-39	M	Light Brown	Overprinted in black.
	YM	" "	" " red.
	B (16-18)	" "	" " red. Red vertical bands.
	B (under 16)	" "	" " royal blue. Royal blue vertical bands.
	W	Yellow	" " black.
	YW	" "	" " red.
	G (16-18)	" "	" " red. Red Vertical bands.
	G (Under 16)	" "	" " royal blue. Royal blue vertical bands.
1939-40	M	Pale Green	Overprinted in black.
	YM	" "	" " red.
	B (16-18)	" "	" " red. Red vertical bands.
	B (under 16)	" "	" " royal blue. Royal blue vertical bands.
	W	Pale Pink	" " black.
	YW	" "	" " red.
	G (16-18)	" "	" " red. Red vertical bands.
	G (under 16)	" "	" " royal blue. Royal blue vertical bands.
1940-41	M	Buff	Overprinted in black.
	YM	" "	" " red.
	B (16-18)	" "	" " red. Red vertical bands.
	B (under 16)	" "	" " royal blue. Royal blue vertical bands.
	W	Grey	" " black.
	YW	" "	" " red.
	G (16-18)	" "	" " red. Red vertical bands.
	G (under 16)	" "	" " royal blue. Royal blue vertical bands.

- Notes. (1) As from 1935/36 currency book number was not shown on page 5 of books.  
 (2) As from 1939/40 currency, all books except those for Juveniles under 16 will have white insides and the only pouched books will be those for Juveniles under 16.  
 (a) White inside was introduced first for 1937-38 books for Adult M and W and Y.M. and Y.W.  
 (b) White inside subsequently to be provided as from 1939-40 currency for Boys and Girls 16-18.  
 (c) Books for boys and girls under 16 are to be the only pouched books from 1938-39 currency.  
 (d) Books for Boys and Girls 16-18 for 1938-39 were not pouched and did not have white insides.

# An Unemployment Book 1940-1941 - (Man).

(Item 34):

BOOK NO.	Local Office			1940-41
	Serial Number			
Contributor's Surname. (Block Capitals)				Industry Letters.
Christian Name(s) in full.				Occupational No.
Contributor's Address.				Posted at C. & R. O.
Date of Issue of this Book.		Date of Claim No Year and or Benefit Year.		G.S.
On exchange.	Other than on exchange.			Ag.
Date and Local Office of Surrender of this Book.				

**REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**  
**MAN :** (age 21 but under 65).

This Book is for use throughout the Insurance Year 1st JULY, 1940, to 6th JULY, 1941, in GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND only.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	EMPLOYER	CONTRIBUTOR	TOTAL
* For employment under the <b>GENERAL SCHEME</b>	9d.	9d.	1s. 6d.
* For employment under the <b>AGRICULTURAL SCHEME</b>	3d.	3d.	6d.

\* See note at head of pages 2 and 3.

(a) If the contributor's employment terminates (whatever the reason) the employer must return the book to him stamped up to date. If for any reason the employer cannot hand the book to the contributor he must return it to the nearest Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

(b) The contributor should look carefully to see that the book is his own and is correctly stamped. If he does not at once obtain employment, or if for any reason *e.g.*, because he is not employed, is working on his own account, or employed in an occupation for which contributions are not payable) the book is no longer required for payment of contributions, should be immediately delivered to the nearest Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.


U.I. 21 M.

# Receipt for Unemployment Book – 1940-1941.

(Item 35):

**On His Majesty's Service.**

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE.**



Do NOT return this card if the work you have obtained is NOT insurable against unemployment.

**FOR OFFICIAL USE.**

Book	Handed to	Appt. or Employer	Initials	Date
	or	Posted to	Appt. or Employer	
CLAIM ACTION				
REGISTRATION ACTION				

**U.I.40 W.**

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**THE MANAGER,**  
*Local Office of the*  
**Ministry of Labour and National Service.**

**RECEIPT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**

**NOT an Introduction Card from the Exchange.**

Name _____ Book No. { L.O. _____ Serial No. <input type="checkbox"/> _____	(O or N)  (F or P)	w  yw	Classn. No. _____  Date lodged _____	If remaining unemployed you are required to attend and produce this card at _____ o'clock on days marked X below. If for any reason you do not attend on any day as required, you should attend on next day of unemployment.
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\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ If you obtain insurable work, fill up this card and take or post it to the Local Office to obtain your Unemployment Book.

**Be sure to give the date you started work correctly, as the Local Office may verify it; and give it IN FULL, i.e., give the date in the month, as well as the day of the week.**

Your employer should sign at below, but if this is impossible you should sign there yourself.

**WORK STARTED ON** \_\_\_\_\_ (day of week) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Nature of work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer's full name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name & Address to which book should be sent (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER** (or holder)

Mon.			
Tue.			
Wed.			
Thu.			
Fri.			

\*On Saturday attend at: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete when not appropriate

**Signing Box**

## An Unemployment Book 1945-1946 - (Man).

Green on the outside and white within. (Item 36):

BOOK NO.		Local Office	MENDIP		1945-46
		Serial Number			
Contributor's Surname (Block Capitals)					Industry Letters.
					XS
Christian Name(s) (in full)					Occupational No.
Contributor's Address					
					Posted at C. & R.D.
Date of Issue of this Book.		Date of Claim No. Year and/or Benefit Year.		G.S.	
On exchange.	Other than on exchange.				
Date and Local Office of Surrender of this Book.					At

**REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.**  
**MAN:** (age 21 but under 65.)

This Book is for use throughout the Insurance Year 2nd JULY, 1945, to 7th JULY, 1946, in GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND only.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION	EMPLOYER	CONTRIBUTOR	TOTAL
*For employment under the GENERAL SCHEME	10d.	10d.	1s. 8d.
*For employment under the AGRICULTURAL SCHEME	3½d.	3½d.	7d.

\*See note at head of pages 2 and 3.

(a) If the contributor's employment terminates (whatever the reason) the employer must return the book to him stamped up to date. If for any reason the employer cannot hand the book to the contributor he must return it to the nearest Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

(b) The contributor should look carefully to see that the book is his own and is correctly stamped. If he does not at once obtain employment, or if for any reason (e.g., because he is not employed, is working on his own account, or employed in an occupation for which contributions are not payable) the book is no longer required for payment of contributions, it must be immediately delivered to the nearest Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

U.I. 21 M.

**An Unemployment Book 1946-1947 - (Woman).**

It is printed on card buff on the outside and white within. (Item 37):

Verified Industry Letters.				1
BOOK NO.	Local Office	EALING		1946-47
	Serial Number	21	497	
Contributor's Surname (Block Capitals) (See Note 11)			Industry Letters.	
BRAY-ELPHICK.			ZH.	
Christian Name(s) (In full)			Occupational No.	
DORIS.				
Contributor's Address.			Posted at U.I.R.O.	
46, Greenford Rd. Greenford				
Date of Issue of this Book.		Date of Claim No. Year and/or Benefit Year.	G.S.	
On exchange.	Other than on exchange.			
Date and Local Office of Surrender of this Book.			Ag.	
<b>REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK:</b>				
<b>WOMAN:</b> (age 21 but under 60)				
This Book is for use throughout the Insurance Year 8th July, 1946, to 8th July, 1947, in GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND only.				
<b>WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION</b>				
	EMPLOYER	CONTRIBUTOR	TOTAL	
*For employment under the GENERAL SCHEME	9d.	9d.	1s. 6d.	
*For employment under the AGRICULTURAL SCHEME	3d.	3d.	6d.	
*See note at head of pages 2 and 3.				
For Official Use.		For Official Use.		
U.I. 21 F.				

U.I. 21 F. (1946-47).

Affix Unemployment Insurance Stamps for Employment under the General Scheme and "Agricultural" Unemployment Insurance Stamps for Employment under the Agricultural Scheme.

U.I. 21 F. (1946-47).



For week commencing 3 FEB. 1947	For week commencing 10 FEB. 1947	For week commencing 17 FEB. 1947	For week commencing 24 FEB. 1947	For week commencing 3 MAR. 1947
31	32	33	34	35
For week commencing 10 MAR. 1947	For week commencing 17 MAR. 1947	For week commencing 24 MAR. 1947	For week commencing 31 MAR. 1947	For week commencing 7 APR. 1947
36	37	38	39	40
For week commencing 14 APR. 1947	For week commencing 21 APR. 1947	For week commencing 28 APR. 1947	For week commencing 5 MAY 1947	For week commencing 12 MAY 1947
41	42	43	44	45
For week commencing 19 MAY 1947	For week commencing 26 MAY 1947	For week commencing 2 JUNE 1947	For week commencing 9 JUNE 1947	For week commencing 16 JUNE 1947
46	47	48	49	50

RECORD OF LODGING OF BOOK. (For Official Use only.)

LODGED	REMOVED	LODGED	REMOVED

No stamps may be affixed to this Book after 6th July 1947.

For week commencing 23 JUNE 1947	For week commencing 30 JUNE 1947
51	52

Personal Signature of Insured Contributor  
 ADDRESS to which letters should be sent. (Complete immediately before final surrender of this book. If address is as on page 1, write here "As on page 1".)  
 If book is finally surrendered by post, state BUSINESS OF EMPLOYER.  
 Date: 194

Date-cancel stamps immediately after affixing (See Note 7 on page 4)



### Unemployment Book (Man). 1947-1948

Yellow on the outside and white within. This one was used for Agricultural Unemployment stamps. (Item 38):

Verified Industry Letters.			
<b>BOOK NO.</b>	Local Office	NORF	
	Serial Number	482966	
Contributor's Surname (Block Capitals)			Industry Letters.
LEWIS D. JONES			ZTF
Christian Name(s) (In full)			Occupational No.
Thomas Jones			
Contributor's Address.			Posted at U.I.R.O.
St. Marys W			
Date of Issue of this Book.		Date of Claim No. Year and/or Benefit Year.	
On exchange.	Other than on exchange.		
1/10/47			
Date and Local Office of Surrender of this Book.			G.S.
			Ag.
<b>REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK.</b>			
<b>MAN :</b> (age 21 but under 65)			
This Book is for use throughout the Insurance Year 7th July, 1947, to 4th July, 1948, in GREAT BRITAIN and NORTHERN IRELAND only.			
<b>WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION</b>	EMPLOYER	CONTRIBUTOR	TOTAL
*For employment under the GENERAL SCHEME	10d.	10d.	1s. 8d.
*For employment under the AGRICULTURAL SCHEME	3½d.	3½d.	7d.
*See note at head of pages 2 and 3.			
<b>A</b>	For Official Use.		<b>B</b>
U.I. 21 M.			

U.I. 21 M. (1947-48).

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**Affix Unemployment Insurance Stamps for Employment under the General Scheme and "Agricultural" Unemployment Insurance Stamps for Employment under the Agricultural Scheme.**

For week commencing 7 JULY 1947	For week commencing 14 JULY 1947	For week commencing 21 JULY 1947	For week commencing 28 JULY 1947	For week commencing 4 AUG. 1947
1	2	3	4	5
For week commencing 11 AUG. 1947	For week commencing 18 AUG. 1947	For week commencing 25 AUG. 1947	For week commencing 1 SEP. 1947	For week commencing 8 SEP. 1947
6	7	8	9	10
For week commencing 15 SEP. 1947	For week commencing 22 SEP. 1947	For week commencing 29 SEP. 1947	For week commencing 6 OCT. 1947	For week commencing 13 OCT. 1947
11	12	13	14	15
For week commencing 20 OCT. 1947	For week commencing 27 OCT. 1947	For week commencing 3 NOV. 1947	For week commencing 10 NOV. 1947	For week commencing 17 NOV. 1947
16	17	18	19	20
For week commencing 24 NOV. 1947	For week commencing 1 DEC. 1947	For week commencing 8 DEC. 1947	For week commencing 15 DEC. 1947	For week commencing 22 DEC. 1947
21	22	23	24	25

**RECORD OF LODGING OF BOOK. (For Official Use only.)**

LODGED	REMOVED	LODGED	REMOVED

U.I. 21 M. (1947-48).

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For week commencing 29 DEC. 1947	For week commencing 5 JAN. 1948	For week commencing 12 JAN. 1948	For week commencing 19 JAN. 1948	For week commencing 26 JAN. 1948
26	27	28	29	30
	For week commencing 9 FEB. 1948	For week commencing 16 FEB. 1948	For week commencing 23 FEB. 1948	For week commencing 1 MAR. 1948
31	32	33	34	35
For week commencing 8 MAR. 1948	For week commencing 15 MAR. 1948	For week commencing 22 MAR. 1948	For week commencing 29 MAR. 1948	For week commencing 5 APR. 1948
36	37	38	39	40
				
			For week commencing 7 JUNE 1948	For week commencing 14 JUNE 1948
46	47	48	49	50
No stamps may be affixed to this Book after 4th July 1948.			For week commencing 21 JUNE 1948	For week commencing 28 JUNE 1948
51	52			

Personal Signature of Insured Contributor .....

ADDRESS to which letters should be sent. (Complete immediately before final surrender of this book. If address is as on page 1, write here "As on page 1.")

If book is finally surrendered by post, state BUSINESS OF EMPLOYER.

Date ..... 194

Date-cancel stamps immediately after affixing (See Note 7 on page 4)

## Cards Post 1948.

When Comprehensive National Insurance Cards were introduced in 1948 they more closely resembled the preceding Unemployment cards than they did the Health Cards. I have not investigated these but this is an interesting example from 1954/55. [offered on ebay.] (Item 39):

<b>54/55</b> (Pink)	Z.A.	51.	54.	41.	<b>D</b>
National Insurance Number					
<b>WOMAN</b> <small>(age 18 and under 65, or age 60 and under 65 not retired)</small>	<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b>				
For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland					
From 6th DEC. 1954 To 4th DEC. 1955					
SURNAME <small>(Block letters)</small>		HER ROYAL HIGHNESS			
CHRISTIAN NAME(S) <small>(Block letters)</small>		THE PRINCESS MARGARET			
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS		St. James's House			
		St. James's		London	
		(TOWN)		(COUNTY) SW1.	
<small>This part to be filled in before final surrender of card.</small>					
SIGNATURE of insured person		<i>Margaret</i>			
<b>IMPORTANT</b>		FILL IN THE ADDRESS TO WHICH LETTERS SHOULD BE SENT IF DIFFERENT FROM ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE			
		(TOWN)		(COUNTY)	
<b>This card must be exchanged through a local Pensions and National Insurance Office for a new card immediately after 4th Dec., 1955, and not later than 10th Dec., 1955.</b>					
<small>For ordinary contribution rates — see page 2.</small>					
<small>For special contribution provisions — see page 4.</small>					
State your National Insurance number (as above) whenever you write to a local Pensions and National Insurance Office.					
<b>IN THE EVENT OF MARRIAGE, WIDOWHOOD OR DIVORCE NOTIFY A LOCAL PENSIONS AND NATIONAL INSURANCE OFFICE AT ONCE AND TAKE OR SEND THIS CARD TO THAT OFFICE.</b>					
<small>This card is the property of the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.</small>					
C.1.2D		Page 1			

The colour of the card printed in brackets in the box at the top left was, I think, used to determine the day of attendance at the Labour Exchange for signing on for receipt of benefit.

Issued other than on exchange	Initia.	Date	I.O. Code No.	<b>FOR STAMPING FROM</b>
Continuation				

**THIS CARD STARTS AT** ★

ENDS HERE

**WARNING.** Do not remove a stamp from this card. Any person who does so (including a used stamp) on an insurance card is liable to a heavy fine or imprisonment or both.

**DATE-CANCEL THE STAMPS**  
(See paragraph 5 on page 4)

For official use

I.O. Code No.  
**15505**

Reason for surrender if before date due

**SON'S**

Contributing rate

Page No.

Age	Rate	Ret. official use
12 and under 40	2s.	
40 and under 65 (not retired)	4s. 6s.	

COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS Ordinary Rates					
AGE	EMPLOYED (CLASS 1)			SELF-EMPLOYED (CLASS 2)	NON-EMPLOYED (CLASS 3)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
12 and under 40				6s. 2d.	4s. 5d.
40 and under 65 (not retired)	3s. 11d.	4s. 6d.	8s. 5d.		
* Non-employed women are not liable for compulsory contributions after age 60.					

## Unemployment Insurance Stamps 1912 -1919.

The dates of issue (or of theoretical introduction when the issue date was not known) above the stamps are those given in list PIN 10/6. The dates in brackets are the dates of the first printing taken from PIN 10/10.

15 July 1912  
( 5 October 1914 )



1 myrtle green.  
odd amounts of arrears.

15 July 1912  
(18 June 1912 )



2. vermilion.  
juvenile week or 1 adult day.

15 July 1912  
(25 June 1912)



3 dark brown.  
2 adult days.

15 July 1912  
(8 June 1912)



4 dark blue .

April 1913  
(19 August 1913)



5 orange.  
3-7 adult days.

August 1914  
(21 September 1914)



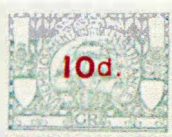
6 turquoise blue.

A 2½d. value for exempt workers is listed, but as no examples were known when the list was made it was probably a logical invention by the compiler as the concept of exemption does not appear until 1920.

### Multiple Rate values.

The three dates above these illustrations are the theoretical date of issue given in the list, the date of the first printing of the stamp and the date of overprinting.

15 July 1912  
10 April 1913  
11 April 1913



7 red on  
silver-grey.  
2@5d.

15 July 1912  
8 October 1912  
9 October 1912



8 black on.  
deep biscuit.  
4@5d

15 July 1912  
4 October 1912  
7 October 1912



9 red on  
myrtle lake.  
13@2d.

15 July 1912  
4 October 1912  
7 October 1912



10 black on  
purple.  
8@5d

15 July 1912  
3 October 1912  
5 October 1912



11 black on  
dahlia lake.  
13@5d

The first 5d. stamp (July 1912) was dark blue:



In August 1913 it was changed to orange, the same as the 5d. Health Insurance stamp..



By April 1914 the Post Office Circular reports:

21 APRIL, 1914

#### Insurance Stamps.

5d. Health Insurance Stamps are sometimes supplied at Post Offices in mistake for 5d. Unemployment Insurance Stamps, which are of similar colour. The colour of the 5d. Unemployment Stamps will be altered. Meanwhile Counter Officers should do their best to avoid confusion between these two kinds of Stamps.

So the colour was again changed - to turquoise.. (September 1914.)



# Stamps issued for use under Section 99 of the Unemployment Act.

The dates are dates of printing.

## FOR JUVENILES

Blank vermilion stamps printed 30<sup>th</sup> September 1912

10 October 1912



12 black on vermilion.

10 October 1912



13 black on vermilion.

11 October 1912



14 black on vermilion.

11 October 1912



15 black on vermilion.

12 October 1912



16 black on vermilion.

14 October 1912



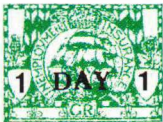
17 black on vermilion.

It appears that youngsters were not permitted to work a seven-day week.

## FOR ADULTS

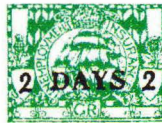
Blank myrtle lake stamps printed 15 July 1912.

19 July 1912



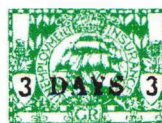
18 black on myrtle lake.

19 July 1912



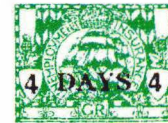
19 black on myrtle lake.

19 July 1912



20 black on myrtle lake.

19 July 1912



21 black on myrtle lake.

16 July 1912



22 black on myrtle lake.

16 July 1912



23 black on myrtle lake.

16 July 1912



24 black on myrtle lake.



multiple U I watermark.

## Single-rate Stamps 1920.

The rules for contributions were changed in 1920 to include gender and the exemption from payment by employees with very low wages. Three new stamp values were printed using the original design. The old 2d and 4d. values remained in use..

8 November 1920  
continued use



**2a** vermilion.  
exempt boy or girl  
aged under 18.

8 November 1920



**25** light brown  
girl aged under 18 or  
exempt woman  
aged 18 or over.

8 November 1920  
continued use



**3a** dark brown  
exempt man.  
aged 18 or over  
or boy under 18.  
2 @ 2d.

8 November 1920



**26** yellow.  
Woman aged  
18 or over.

8 November 1920



**27** green.  
man aged 18  
or over.  
2 @ 4d.

## 1920 High Values.

The upper date is the theoretical date of use, The date in brackets is the date of printing.  
High value stamps were not required until some time after the rates changed.

8 November 1920  
(24 December 1920)



**28** black on  
vermilion  
2 @ 3½d.

8 November 1920  
{31 December 1920)



**29** black on  
turquoise blue.  
2 @ 6½d.

8 November 1920  
(31 December 1920)



**30** black on  
yellow.  
4 @ 3½d. 2 @ 8d.; 4 @ 4d or 8 @ 2d.

8 November 1920  
(31 December 1920)



**31.** black on  
light brown.

8 November 1920  
(22 December 1920)



**32** black on  
bronze green.  
13 @ 2d.

8 November 1920  
(21 December 1920)



**33** black on  
mauve.  
8 @ 3½d.

April 1921  
(24 December 1920)



**34** black on  
fawn.  
4 @ 8d. or 8 @ 4d.

8 November 1920  
(22 December 1920)



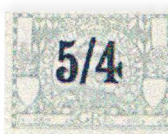
**35** black on  
sky blue.  
13 @ 3½d

8 November 1920  
(21 December 1920)



**36** black on  
orange.  
8 @ 6½d. or 13 @ 4d..

April 1921  
(22 December 1920)



**37** black on  
silver-grey.  
8 @ 8d.

8 November 1920  
(30 December 1920)



**38** black on  
turquoise blue  
13 @ 6½d..

8 November 1920  
(30 December 1920)



**39** black on  
green.  
13 @ 8d.

I have not found the way in which contributions were split between employer and employee after 1919. It is probable that the exempt rate was the same as the employer's contribution.

It seems that from 1920 high-value stamps were only issued to ship-owners or companies who fulfilled certain conditions.



A form used by ship's masters or owners to apply for high-value stamps to stamp cards at eight-week intervals. (Item 40):

**M. 142.**  
(New 214696/20).

The Postmaster

Address

or

Ship

.....

I hereby apply for the undermentioned Unemployment Insurance stamps and undertake that they will only be used for the purpose of stamping the Unemployment Insurance books of masters, seamen and apprentices to the sea service employed on foreign going ships.

Signature.....

Rank.....

Owners of Vessel.....

Date.....

Classes of Stamp	Number required	Cost.		
2s. 8d. to be used only in respect of eight weeks contributions for boys under eighteen years of age.				
5s. 4d. to be used only in respect of eight weeks contributions by men.				

Above mentioned stamps issued

Postmaster.....

This form must be forwarded at the close of each month to the

Accountant General,  
Ministry of Labour (F.D. 5),  
Queen Anne's Chambers,  
Westminster, S.W. 1.

## Extracts from Post Office Circulars about rate changes in 1922.

29 MARCH, 1922.

### Unemployment Insurance Stamps.

TO POSTMASTERS IN ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND.

Certain alterations in the rates of Unemployment Insurance contributions will come into operation on the 6th of April.

10d. stamps	will take the place of	8d.
8d.	"	"
5d.	"	"
4½d.	"	"
		7d.
		4d.
		3½d.

Postmasters should submit within the next few days requisitions for supplies of the 10d., 5d., and 4½d. stamps. These will be printed in red and overprinted in black with the value. The present pattern of 8d. stamps will remain in use. Instructions as to the disposal of surplus stocks will be issued next week.

The alterations will not affect the 1s. 7d., 1s. 3d., 9½d., and 8½d. stamps.

5 APRIL, 1922.

### Unemployment Insurance Stamps.

TO POSTMASTERS IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES.

The new Stamps described in the notice under this head in the Post Office Circular of the 29th of March, 1922, will not be available for sale on the 6th of April, 1922. Due notice will be given when they are ready.

Meanwhile, Postmasters who have not already done so should submit requisitions for the new denominations **on separate forms**. These, together with requisitions already received, will be retained in the Stores Department pending the issue of the new stamps.

19 APRIL, 1922.

### Unemployment Insurance Stamps.

TO POSTMASTERS IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES.

The stamps referred to in the notice in the Post Office Circular of the 29th of March, 1922, viz., 10d., 5d. and 4½d., are now being distributed, and should be at once placed on sale.


The sale of the superseded denominations, viz., 7d., 4d., and 3½d., should be continued until the 13th of May, 1922, inclusive.

### Single-rate Values 1921-1922.



4 July 1921	4 July 1921	19 April 1922	April 1922	4 July 1921	4 July 1921
					
40 black on vermilion. exempt girl under 18	41 black on vermilion. exempt boy under 18	42 black on vermilion. exempt girl under 18 rate increase	43 black on vermilion. exempt boy under 18 rate increase	44 black on vermilion. girl under 18	45 black on vermilion. exempt woman 18 or over
4 July 1921	4 July 1921	April 1922	4 July 1921	4 July 1921	4 July 1921
					
46 black on vermilion. boy under 18	47 black on vermilion. exempt man 18 or over	48 black on vermilion. exempt man 18 or over rate increase	49 black on vermilion. woman 18 or over but under 65	50 black on vermilion. man 18 or over	51 black on vermilion. Does not exist. possibly planned but not printed as the value is listed without detail.

### The Unemployed Workers' Dependants (Temporary Provision) Act, 1921.

Stamps issued in connection with the Unemployed Workers' Dependants (Temporary Provisions) Act were used between November 1921 and April 1922. The red stamps included the levy.

7 November 1921	7 November 1921	7 November 1921	7 November 1921	
				
52 black on vermilion. girl under 18	53 black on vermilion. boy under 18	54 black on vermilion. woman 18 or over	55 black on vermilion. man 18 or over	
November 1921	28 November 1921	30 November 1921	24 November 1921	18 November 1921
				
56 Vandyke brown. levy for a woman boy or girl.	57 Vandyke brown. levy for a man	58 Vandyke brown. 2 or 4 weeks levy	59 Vandyke brown. 8 or 16 weeks levy	60 Vandyke brown. 16 or 32 weeks levy

### Purpose unknown. (Perhaps for arrears connected with the Prolongation of Insurance Acts.)

26 May 1921	27 May 1921
	
61 black on turquoise.	62 black on turquoise.

The Unemployed Workers' Dependants (Temporary Provision) Act, 1921.

(Item 41):

**CHAPTER 62.**

An Act to make temporary provision for the payment of grants to unemployed workers towards the maintenance of their wives, dependent husbands, and dependent children, and to suspend the operation of section twenty-seven of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

[8th November 1921.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present

**SCHEDULE.**

Section 2.

**RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**PART I.**

**BY INSURED PERSONS AND EMPLOYERS.**

From the insured person for each week :—

In the case of men - - - - - 2d.  
 In the case of women, boys, and girls - - - - - 1d.

From the employer for each week :—

In the case of an insured person being a man - - - - - 2d.  
 In the case of an insured person being a woman, boy, or girl - - - - - 1d.

**PART II.**

**OUT OF MONEYS PROVIDED BY PARLIAMENT.**

For every contribution paid in respect of a man - 3d.  
 For every contribution paid in respect of a woman, boy, or girl - - - - - 2d.

## Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund.

I think the four categories of unemployed person paid with a brown stamp (4d by men and 2d by boys, girls and women) but each of the four categories of employed person paid with a red stamp which included both a contribution to the General Unemployment Fund and the levy for the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund which posed an accounting problem for the Ministry of Labour and the Treasury.

This correspondence between H. L. M. Bebb of the Ministry of Labour and F. Phillips of the Treasury during the second week of November 1921 shows how they eventually came up with a mathematical formula to overcome the difficulty. (*Item 42*):

M. 121.

In any reply please quote

F/1/F.385A...../19.2.1.

Telephone No.  
VICTORIA 8020 (9 Lines).  
Telegrams:—  
FINANCE, LABEX, LONDON.



MINISTRY OF LABOUR,

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

QUEEN ANNE'S CHAMBERS,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

10<sup>th</sup> November, 1921.

F. Phillips Esq.,  
H.M. Treasury,  
S.W.1.

Dear Phillips,

With regard to clause 2(1) and 2(2) of the Unemployed Workers' Dependants (Temporary Provision) Act I mentioned to you the other day - and I rather gathered that you saw no objection to the proposal - that we are very anxious to keep a clean line week by week in regard to cash, and month by month in regard to sales accounts between the Unemployment Fund and the Unemployed Workers' Dependants Fund.

What we propose is as follows. We know that at the beginning of November that there are X unemployed men and Y unemployed women, boys and girls. If we deduct these figures from the total number of insured men and insured women, boys and girls respectively (including the special scheme) we shall get a figure representing separately the number of men and the number of women, boys and girls who will be paying contributions.

Men will be paying contributions at the rate of nineteen pence, being fifteen pence insurance and fourpence levy.

Women will be paying contributions at fifteen pence, being thirteen pence insurance and twopence levy.

Boys will be paying contributions at ninepence halfpenny, being sevenpence halfpenny insurance and twopence levy.

Girls will be paying contributions at eightpence halfpenny, being sixpence halfpenny insurance and twopence levy.

I want to take the fraction which this calculation will give and apply it to the sales of stamps and cash  
/receipts

**1921 High Values.**

4 July 1921



85 mauve on blue.

4 July 1921



86 orange on green.

4 July 1921



87 maroon on myrtle.

4 July 1921



88 rubine on Faience green.(sic)

4 July 1921



89 grey on Capri lake.

2 @ 1/1d or 4 @ 6 1/2d. 2 @ 1/3d. or 4 @ 7 1/2d. 4 @ 1/1d or 8 @ 6 1/2d. 4 @ 1/3d. or 8 @ 7 1/2d. 13 @ 6 1/2d.

4 July 1921



90 green on brown.  
13 @ 7 1/2d.

4 July 1921



91 red on grey.  
8 @ 1/1d.

4 July 1921



92 blue on orange.  
8 @ 1/3d.

4 July 1921



93 red on maroon.  
13 @ 1/1d.

4 July 1921



94 maroon on red  
13 @ 1/3d.

**Additional Contributions under Unemployed Workers' Dependants' Act.**

(Stamps not on list)

1921



95 dark blue.  
exempt girl under 18

January 1922



96 mauve.  
exempt boy under 18.

1921



97 dull green.  
exempt woman 18 or over

19 December 1921



98 brown.  
exempt man 18 or over

The following stamps were issued after the DF scheme was absorbed into the general scheme in April 1922.

May 1922



99 dark blue.  
exempt girl under 18

May 1922



100 dull green.  
exempt boy under 18  
(not listed)

August 1922



101 orange.  
girl under 18

August 1922



102 light green.  
boy under 18

June 1922



103 light blue  
woman 18 or over

6 Apr 1922



104 red.  
man 18 or over.

8 March 1923



105 mauve  
exempt boy under 18  
(not listed and may only have been issued with the Erse overprint)

July 1923

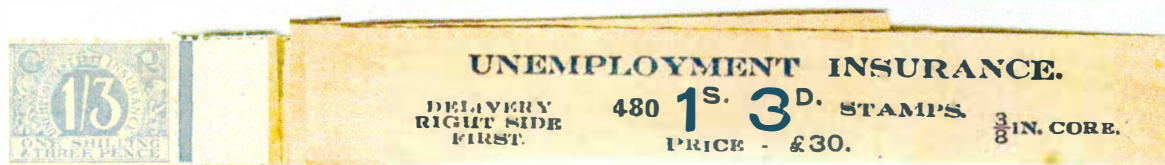


106 dark green.  
exempt man aged 18 or over.

## Coils.

Some of the most frequently used stamps were issued in coils made up from sheets.

These are some coil leaders.



**Erse overprints.** These are not in the list but these examples were found in file PIN 10/10.

At about this time the Irish Free State had been formed and 4½d, 5d (mauve) and 8d stamps were overprinted in Erse.

19 May 1922



63 red on blue.

19 May 1922



64 black on mauve.

19 May 1922



65 black on brown

The Vermilion stamps with black overprints also bore this overprint.

22 May 1922



66 black on vermilion..

22 May 1922



67 black on vermilion..

24 May 1922



68 black on vermilion..

26 May 1922



69 black on vermilion..

26 May 1922



70 black on vermilion..

These stamps were found with a different Erse overprint.

5 July 1923



71 black on brown

16 May 1923



72 black on orange.

5 July 1923



73 black on light green.

7 July 1923



74 black on dull green.

16 May 1923



75 black on light blue.

16 May 1923



76 black on red.

7 July 1923



77 black on green &amp; brown.

7 July 1923



78 black on red &amp; rubine.

28 February 1924



79 black on blue &amp; orange.

7 July 1923



80 black on orange &amp; blue.

7 July 1923



81 black on turquoise &amp; magenta.

28 February 1924



82 black on maroon &amp; red.

7 July 1923



83 black on brown &amp; green.

There was a 10d., with this overprint

7 July 1923



84 black on vermilion.



## 1922 High Values.

6 April 1922



107 mauve on blue

2 @ 8½d.

6 April 1922  
re-issue

86 orange on green.

2 @ 1/3d.

6 April 1922



108 maroon on green.

4 @ 8½d.

6 April 1922



109 green on brown. 88 rubine on Faience

2 @ 1/7d. or 4 @ 9½d.

6 April 1922  
continued use

4 @ 1/3d

6 April 1922



110 grey on orange.

8 @ 8½d.

6 April 1922



111 rubine on red (sic)

4 @ 1/7d. or 8 @ 9½d.

6 April 1922



112 orange on grey.

13 @ 8½d.

6 April 1922  
continued use

92 blue on orange.

8 @ 1/3d.

6 April 1922



113 orange on blue.

13 @ 9½d.

6 April 1922

114 magenta on  
turquoise blue (sic).

8 @ 1/7d.

6 April 1922



115 maroon on red.

13 @ 1/3d

6 April 1922



116 brown on green.

13 @ 1/7d.

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 1923 it was recorded that the following stamps were never issued.



117 dark blue.



118 mauve.



119 brown.



120 light blue.



121 red.

## 1926 rate changes.

Rates of Contribution were changed by the Unemployment Insurance Act of 1925 and new stamps were issued on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

Rates were	1/3d for men	(8d employer, 7d employee)
	1/1d for women	(7d. employer, 6d. employee)
	7½d. for boys 16-17	(4d. employer, 3½d. employee)
	6½d for girls 16-17	(3½d. employer, 3d. employee)

4 January 1926



122 dark blue.  
exempt girl under 18.

4 January 1926



123 purple.  
exempt boy under 18.

4 January 1926



124 orange.  
girl under 18.

4 January 1926



125 brown.  
exempt woman 18 or over.

From 2 January 1928 the 7d stamp was for an exempt woman 18 or over but under 65 or for a woman over 65.  
From 2 July 1928 the 7d. stamp was for an exempt woman 21 or over but under 65 and for an exempt young man aged 18, 19 or 20.

4 January 1926



126 green.  
boy under 18.

4 January 1926



127 dark green.  
exempt man over 18.

From 2 January 1928 this 8d. stamp was for a man 65 or over and exempt man 18 or over but under 65.  
From 2 July 1928 the 8d. stamp was for an exempt man 21 or over but under 65.

4 January 1926



128 light blue.  
woman 18 or over.

From 2 January 1928 this 1/1d. stamp was for a woman aged 18 or over but under 65.

From 2 July 1928 the 1/1d. stamp was for a woman aged 21 or over but under 65 or a young man aged 18, 19 or 20.

4 January 1926



129 red.  
man 18 or over.

From 2 January 1928 this 1/3d. stamp was for a man aged 18 or over but under 65.

From 2 July 1928 the 1/3d stamp was for a man aged 21 or over but under 65.

## 1926 High Values.

4 January 1926



**130** orange on light green. 2 @ 1/1d. or 4 @ 6½d.

4 January 1926



**131** chocolate on dark green. 2 @ 1/3d. or 4 @ 7½d.

4 January 1926



**132** grey on orange. 4 @ 1/1d.; 8 @ 6½d. or 13 @ 4d.

4 January 1926



**133** green on chocolate brown. 4 @ 1/3d.; 8 @ 7½d. or 15 @ 4d.

4 January 1926



**134** blue on magenta. 13 @ 6½d.

4 January 1926



**135** orange on dark blue. 15 @ 6½d. or 13 @ 7½d.

4 January 1926



**136** green on brown. 13 @ 8d.; 26 @ 4d.; 8 @ 1/1d. or 16 @ 6½d.

4 January 1926



**137** magenta on light blue. 30 @ 4d.; 15 @ 8d. 8 @ 1/3d. or 16 @ 7½d.

4 January 1926



**138** agate on red. 26 @ 6½d. or 13 @ 1/1d.

4 January 1926



**139** red on grey. 30 @ 6½d.; 26 @ 7½d. or 13 @ 1/3d.

A special rate for young women aged 18 19 and 20 was introduced. in 1928 in connection with the Widows. orphans and Old Age Pension act of 1925. .

2 July 1928



**140** umber. exempt young woman. aged 18, 19 or 20

2 July 1928



**141** yellow. young woman. aged 18, 19 or 20

8 June 1928



**142** green on maroon. 2 @ 11d

21 May 1928



**143** red on agate. 4 @ 11d.

5 June 1928



**144** mauve on bronze green. 8 @ 11d.

24 May 1928



**145** brown on violet (or fawn on mauve). 11 @ 11d.

## Half-yearly or Quarterly Stamping of Unemployment Cards.

This four page leaflet of 1928 Ref: PIN7/92 describes the arrangement for half-yearly and quarterly stamping of Cards. (*Item 43*):

### MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS, 1920 TO 1927.

#### Half-Yearly or Quarterly Stamping of Unemployment Books.

*The arrangements set out below apply only to employees in Great Britain. As regards employees in Northern Ireland see note at the end of this memorandum.*

#### GENERAL.

1. The Minister of Labour is prepared to consider applications from employers for permission to adopt an arrangement by which they may stamp the Unemployment Books of their regular employees at half-yearly or quarterly intervals. The Minister reserves the right to withhold permission in any particular case.
2. The minimum deposit which can be received from employers under this special arrangement will be in respect of 100 employees. Where the number of employees is less than 100, applications to adopt Methods 1, 2 or 4 (but not 3 or 5) (see para. 9) will be considered, providing the employer is willing to make deposits in respect of 100.
3. The arrangement must be applicable to all regular employees in respect of whom contributions are payable by the employer under the Acts.
4. The employer must keep such records as will readily show, week by week, as regards employees to whom the arrangement applies, the contributions payable, and the reason for the non-payment in weeks where no contribution is payable.
5. If at any time it is found upon inspection that the number of books in the custody of the employer on which stamps have not been affixed at the due date exceeds the number of employees in respect of whom the arrangement was made, the permission of the Minister for half-yearly or quarterly stamping will forthwith be withdrawn.
6. An employer desiring to adopt an arrangement for the half-yearly or quarterly stamping of the Unemployment Books of his employees should complete and sign the form of application enclosed, and return it, together with the first deposit (see para. 7 below), to the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Insurance Department, Montagu House, London, S.W.1., in an envelope marked "Stamping Arrangement".
7. The employer will be required to deposit with the Minister, either in one sum or by instalments, an amount sufficient to cover the contributions for the quarter or half year in respect of the maximum number of employees to whom the arrangement applies. For the purpose of calculating the deposit, contributions should be reckoned to be payable at the full rate of 1s. 3d. per week for men or 1s. 1d. per week for women, whether adults, young persons or juveniles.
8. (a) The expression "Quarter" in these rules means a period of thirteen (in some cases fourteen) weeks ending on the Sunday next before the first Monday in April, the first Monday in July, the first Monday in October, or the first Monday in January.  
(b) The expression "Half-Year" means any period of twenty-six (or twenty-seven) weeks ending on the Sunday next before the first Monday in July or the first Monday in January.

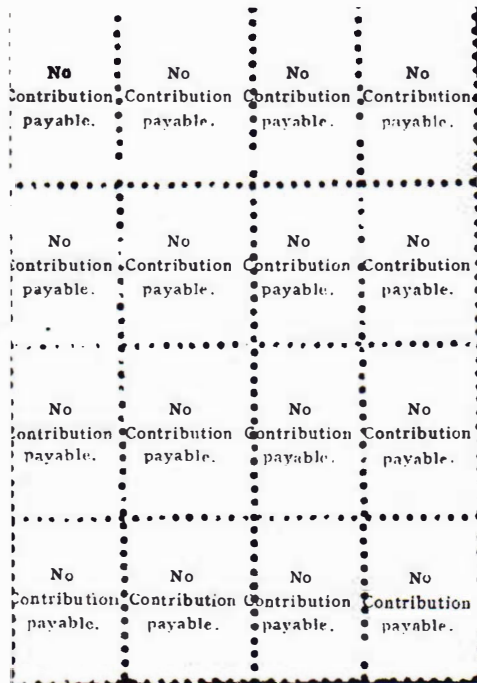
#### ALTERNATIVE METHODS.

9. The methods by which the deposits may be made are as follows:—

*Method 1.—Applicable in all cases.—The employer may deposit not later than four days before the first pay day in the quarter or half-year an amount sufficient to cover the contributions payable during the quarter or half-year, in respect of the maximum number of employees to whom the arrangement applies.*

In paragraph 17 of this leaflet it mentions that official labels bearing the words *No Contribution Payable* could be supplied.

The only labels I have seen which fit this description do not look very 'official'. The typesetting and perforating are crude and they are on unwatermarked gummed paper. They are in the format of the Health & Pensions stamps and are mentioned in Roger Booth's Catalogue as having been used between 1945 and 1948. (Item 44):



**Eire continued the Unemployment Insurance system by producing its own stamps from 1926.**

These are some examples.



## Use of Franking Machines.

In 1926 it was suggested that money might be saved if firms and Employment Exchanges could hire franking machines to stamp cards instead of using adhesive stamps. There was much correspondence with the firm Neopost who designed a machine for this purpose. The Ministry was very slow to make up its mind and they were worried about forgery.

Experimental impressions of such a franking mark were made on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1927 and as a safeguard against forgery the value tablet was embossed.

Forgery was not the only problem with Insurance Stamps as this press cutting from the Sunday Express of 15<sup>th</sup> July 1928 indicates.

### “WASHING” STAMPS.

#### POLICE STORY OF FINDS IN A BEDROOM.

Eight hundred unemployment insurance stamps, which, it was alleged, had been fraudulently mutilated, figured in an accusation at Old-street yesterday against Judah Bogard, aged twenty-seven, a photographer, and Martin Beckett, aged twenty-seven, a canvasser.

Detective Sergeant Halliday said that he went with other policemen to Bullen House, Bethnal Green, and on the floor of a bedroom occupied by Bogard found four sheets of paper on which were a quantity of unemployment insurance stamps which had been through a process of washing, and from which the cancellation marks had been removed.

Thirteen bottles containing liquids for removing ink were on a table. There were also 416 unemployment insurance cards on the bed, containing 21,833 cancelled stamps.

It was at about this time that a franking machine suitable for use with Insurance stamps was perfected. This is an early example of a franking mark prepared by Neopost for the Ministry. The white frame of the value panel is embossed. Ref: PIN 7/192



enlargement



*Specimens of  
impression  
produced  
18/1/27*

On 7<sup>th</sup> April 1927 – The design was modified at the suggestion of Mr S. L. Besso of the Ministry of Labour



In 1928 the machine was used to stamp a card with a full year of Unemployment stamps. The design of the stamp was closely based on the actual stamp and had the value embossed.

Front of the card showing the embossing. [PIN 7/192] (Item 45):

**UNEMPLOYMENT BOOK (BOY)**  
**1924-25.**  
 AVAILABLE FROM 7th JULY, 1924, to 5th JULY, 1925.

Occupational Number: *Handwritten*

Local Office: *Specimen* Book No. *Handwritten* Industry Letters: *Handwritten*

Serial Number: *Handwritten*

Surname: *Handwritten* Name of Insured Contributor (in full): *Handwritten*

Occupation (Name & No.): *Handwritten*

Date of Birth: *Handwritten*

ADDRESS: *Handwritten*

Contributions: *Handwritten*

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (NEW)

Posted: *Handwritten*

..... Initials: *Handwritten*

..... Date: *Handwritten*

Scheduled: *Handwritten*

**GENERAL NOTES.**

1. If THIS BOOK IS LOST OR DESTROYED THE DEPT. CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO MAKE ANY ALLOWANCE FOR THE VALUE OF THE STAMPS AFFIXED TO THE BOOK. If IT IS LOST WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE EMPLOYER HE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO RE-STAMP ANOTHER BOOK.
2. Any person who fraudulently removes any stamp from this book or makes use of any stamps removed from a book is guilty of felony.
3. The insured contributor's address on the date of the expiry of the currency of this book should be inserted on page 3.
4. At the end of the insurance year this book should be exchanged at an Employment Exchange, Branch Employment Office or Juvenile Bureau, for a new book.
5. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY, of the appropriate value, must be affixed.

**NOTES TO EMPLOYERS.**

6. BE CAREFUL TO SEE THAT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE ADULT RATE ARE PAID AS SOON AS THE INSURED CONTRIBUTOR REACHES THE AGE OF 18. THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE INSURED CONTRIBUTOR IS STATED ABOVE.
7. CANCEL THE STAMPS IMMEDIATELY AFTER AFFIXING THEM BY WRITING IN INK OR STAMPING BY MEANS OF A METALLIC DIE WITH BLACK INDELIBLE INK THE DATES UPON WHICH THEY ARE AFFIXED.

FOR FURTHER NOTES SEE BACK OF THIS BOOK.

**WEEKLY RATES OF CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Boy (until the age of 15 is reached)	9d.	Man	1s. 7d.
Employer	5d.	Employer	10d.
Insured Contributor	4d.	Insured Contributor	8d.

U.I. 18. M. (1169) W.L. 96408/F.D.80—325,000—5/24 L. & M. Ld. (R. 531)



Machines were used from 1932 until 1948, as described in this extract from the Approved Societies Handbook. Paragraphs 196 and 733-737

*Cards Bearing Impressed Stamps.*

**[Section 8(1)(a) ; Contributory Pensions Act, 1929, Section 25 ;  
Collectn. of Contbn. Regns., 1932, Art. 9.]**

196. Employers are also allowed, under certain conditions, to use approved machines for impressing stamps on cards, and Societies may therefore receive cards bearing impressed stamps instead of the ordinary adhesive stamps.

The impressed stamps are of the same colours as the corresponding adhesive stamps and of a similar, though slightly simplified, design. Although the impressions are designed to be as distinct as possible from "franks," there is some risk of the two kinds of impressions being confused at a superficial glance and care in this matter is therefore necessary.

The ordinary contribution cards are used for stamp-impressing, and are issued by and surrendered to Societies in the normal manner, but the conditions upon which machines may be used include a provision that before a card bearing impressed stamps is returned to an insured person by his employer, the card must have been produced and date-stamped at the appropriate Post Office. This condition applies not only to employees who remain in the same employment to the end of the half-year but also to those who leave the employment—or attain the age of 65—during the half-year.

The date-stamping of impressed cards at the Post Office is an important feature of the safeguards which are applied in connection with the use of stamp-impressing machines, and Societies should refer at once to the Central Department any impressed cards not bearing a Post Office date-stamp.

## II.—PROOF OF GENUINE UNEMPLOYMENT.

**[Sections 15 (4) and 132 (1 a).]**

*Franking Arrangements.*

733. The normal method of obtaining evidence of genuine unemployment (*i.e.*, of having been "available for but unable to obtain employment") is by registration at an Employment Exchange, or other Local Office of the Ministry of Labour, where an employed contributor can have his health insurance contribution card franked for each contribution week (Monday to Sunday) during the whole of which he proves that he was available for but unable to obtain employment within the meaning of the Acts. Full information as to the procedure to be followed is given in posters which are exhibited at Employment Exchanges and Local Offices of the Ministry of Labour. In order to take advantage of these arrangements, the insured person must follow the procedure in force at the particular Exchange or Office concerned, and must attend at the appropriate time to get his contribution card franked. The Ministry of Labour cannot undertake to frank the contribution cards of insured persons who attend at other than the appointed times.

734. In the ordinary case, an insured person who has proved his unemployment for a complete week (Monday to Sunday) can have his card franked for that week on the day appointed for franking (normally Wednesday) in the following week. If he has resumed work and cannot attend on the appointed day, his card will be franked when he attends at the Exchange (normally on Friday evening) to draw the balance of his unemployment benefit.



**735.** The frank is a stamp impressed on the appropriate week space of the contribution card. The stamp bears at the top the letters "N.H.I." and at the bottom a variable cipher consisting of two letters and a figure, or of a letter and two figures, so that there is a distinction between impressions made at different Exchanges.

**736.** The franking arrangements are available for employed contributors who are not insurable under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (e.g., agricultural workers or persons employed in private domestic service), or who, though insured under those Acts, are treated as non-claimants for unemployment benefit, provided that they register in person week by week at the Employment Exchange for employment. Such persons should, if they have proved unemployment during the whole of a week (Monday to Sunday), present their cards for franking on the day fixed for their registration in the following week.

**737.** Every convenient opportunity should be taken by Societies of urging their unemployed members, whether or not they are insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, to avail themselves of these arrangements. Thus, rural workers who live within a reasonable distance of an Employment Exchange or other Local Office of the Ministry of Labour, and who are genuinely unemployed, should be encouraged to register for work week by week at the Local Office and to present their contribution cards for franking at the appropriate times.

It would have been very expensive to create separate embossed dies for every value of both Health & Unemployment stamps so it is probable that this or a design similar to it was chosen. However security measures were so good that, although such stamps were used until at least the mid 1950s I have seen no real example. This illustration is taken from printed Neo-post Notepaper.



The same embossed shape making a frame around the value was present on a version of the Health and Pensions stamp was depicted on the same notepaper.

TELEPHONE: HOLBORN 4933.4934. TELEGRAMS: ROMOSAFE, LONDON.

**RONEO-NEOPOST**  
LIMITED

324-325, HIGH HOLBORN,  
LONDON,  
W.C.1.

## Emergency Issue of 1931. Printed at short notice.

(Item 46):

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (NATIONAL ECONOMY) ORDER, 1931

#### Change in Rates of Contributions

On and from 5th October, 1931, increased contributions will be payable as set out in the table below. The first contributions at the new rates will be due in respect of the week ending Sunday, 11th October.

Stocks of Unemployment Insurance stamps of the old denominations will be withdrawn from Post Offices on 5th October, and employers should therefore take care to see that all books are stamped up to date in the preceding week.

Class	Old Rates		New Rates		Amount which may be deducted from Wages
	s.	d.	s.	d.	
Man ... ..	1	3	1	8	10
Young Man ... ..	1	1	1	6	9
Boy ... ..		7½		10	5
Woman ... ..	1	1	1	6	9
Young Woman ... ..		11		4	8
Girl ... ..		6½		9	4½
<i>Exempt persons and Persons aged 65 and over</i>					
Man ... ..		8		10	
Young Man ... ..		7		9	
Boy ... ..		4		5	Nil.
Woman ... ..		7		9	
Young Woman ... ..		6		8	
Girl ... ..		3½		4½	

Unused Unemployment Insurance stamps of the obsolete denominations which have not been affixed to any material will be accepted at Post Offices in payment or part payment for stamps of the new denominations during the period 5th October to 5th November. They cannot be exchanged for cash.

5 October 1931

**146** black on mauve.From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 for an exempt girl aged 16 or 17.

5 October 1931

**147** black on light yellow.From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 for an exempt boy aged 16 or 17.**148** black on bright green.From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 for an exempt young woman aged 18, 19 or 20.

5 October 1931

**149** black on navy blue.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 for a girl aged 16 or 17.  
 Also for an exempt young man aged 18, 19 or 20.  
 Also for an exempt woman aged 21 or over but under 65.  
 Also for a woman aged 65 or over.

5 October 1931

**150** black on orange..

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 for man aged 65 or over.  
 Also for an exempt man aged 21 or over but under 65.  
 Also for a boy aged 16 or 17.

5 October 1931



**151** black on brown.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 it was for a young women aged 18, 19 or 20.

5 October 1931



**152** black on red.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 it was for a young man aged 18, 19 or 20.  
Also for a woman aged 21 or over but under 65.

5 October 1931



**153** black on blue.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 for a man aged 21 or over but under 65.

## Single-rate stamps from December 1931.

Some were used up to 4<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

In 1934 National Unemployment Insurance was extended to include all able bodied workers from the age of 14.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 women were considered elderly at the age of 60 instead of 65.

3 September 1934



154 green.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1934 for an exempt boy or girl aged 14-15.

3 September 1934



155 black (sic)  
some specimens are virtually black

From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1933 for a boy or girl aged 14-15.

6 July 1936



156 chocolate.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1936 for an exempt young woman aged 18, 19 or 20.

21 July 1936



157 bright green

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1936 for an exempt woman 21 or over but under 65.

Also for an exempt young man 18, 18 or 20.

Also for a woman aged 65 or over.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 for a woman aged 60 or over.

Also for an exempt woman aged 21 or over but under 60.

From 5<sup>th</sup> August 1940 for an exempt young woman aged 18, 19 or 20.

December 1931



158 navy blue.

14 March 1932



159 yellow

11 September 1934

continued use



159a yellow

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 this value was for a girl aged 16 or 17.  
 Also for an exempt young man aged 18, 19 or 20.  
 Also for an exempt woman aged 21 or over but under 65.  
 Also for a woman aged 65 or over.

5 January 1932



160 orange.

26 September 1934

continued use



160a orange.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 this value was for man aged 65 or over.  
 Also for an exempt man aged 21 or over but under 65.  
 Also for a boy aged 16 or 17.  
 From 5 August 1940 the value was for a man aged 65 and over.  
 Also for an exempt man aged 21 and over but under 65.

6 July 1936



161 blue.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1936 for a young woman aged 18, 19 or 20.  
 This stamp was also used as a fee stamp on certain Dental Benefit forms. [PIN 10/7]

23 November 1932



162 brown.

5 September 1934

continued use



162a brown.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 it was for a young women aged 18, 19 or 20.  
 From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1936 the 1934 stamp was for a woman aged 21 or over but under 65.  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a woman aged 21 or over but under 60.

December 1931

**163** red.10 July 1934  
continued use**163a** red.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 it was for a young man aged 18, 19 or 20.

Also for a woman aged 21 or over but under 65.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1936 the 1934 stamp was for a man aged 21 or over but under 65.

From 5<sup>th</sup> August 1940 it was for a woman aged 21 or over but under 60 or young man aged 18, 19 or 20.

December 1931

**164** blue.2 August 1934  
continued use**164a** blue.

5 August 1940

**165** bright green.

From 5<sup>th</sup> October 1931 this value was for a man aged 21 or over but under 65.

From 5<sup>th</sup> August 1940 it was for a man aged 21 or over but under 65.

## 1931 Multiple Rate Stamps.

15 December 1931



166 green on maroon  
2 @ 1/4d. or 8 @ 4d.

5 October 1931



167 orange on light green  
2 @ 1/6d. or 4 @ 9d..

5 October 1931



168 Faience green on rubine (sic)  
2 @ 1/8d. or 4 @ 10d..

perhaps September 1934



169 black on mauve  
not listed.  
13 @ 4d

6 July 1936



170 black on yellow  
4 @ 1/2d.

15 December 1931



171 red on agate  
4 @ 1/4d.

15 December 1931



172 mauve on  
grey green.  
4 @ 1/6d.

5 October 1931



173 green on  
chocolate brown.  
4 @ 1/8d. or 8 @ 10d.

15 December 1931



174 turquoise blue  
on magenta  
13 @ 9d.

15 December 1931



175 mauve on  
bronze green  
8 @ 1/4d.

15 December 1931



176 orange on  
dark blue.  
13 @ 10d.

15 October 1931



177 green on  
brown.  
8 @ 1/6d.

5 October 1931



178 magenta on  
light blue.  
8 @ 1/8d

6 July 1936



179 red on green.  
13 @ 1/2d.

15 December 1931



180 brown on violet  
13 @ 1/4d.

15 December 1931



181 black on red.  
13 @ 1/6d.

February 1935



182 red on grey.  
13 @ 1/8d

These were withdrawn when the next issue was made.

In June 1934 the printing of the unemployment insurance stamps was no longer entrusted to Waterlows of Watford but became the responsibility of His Majesty's Stationery Office.



## Multiple Rate Stamps on wide paper 17<sup>th</sup> June 1935.

17 June 1935



183 green on maroon.  
2 @ 1/4d or 8 @ 4d.

17 June 1935



184 orange on light green  
2 @ 1/6d. or 4 @ 9d.

17 June 1935



185 Faience green on rubine (sic)  
2 @ 1/8d or 4 @ 10d.

30 December 1935



186 black on mauve.  
13 @ 4d.

19 June 1935



187 black on yellow.  
8 @ 7d. or 4 @ 1/2d.

19 June 1935



188 red on agate.  
4 @ 1/4d. or 8 @ 8d

17<sup>th</sup> June 1935

189 mauve on grey green.  
4 @ 1/6d. or 8 @ 9d.

17 June 1935



190 green on chocolate brown.  
4 @ 1/8d. or 8 @ 10d.

17 Jun 1935



191 turquoise blue on magenta.  
13 @ 9d.

17 June 1935



192 mauve on bronze green.  
8 @ 1/4d.

17 June 1935



193 orange on dark blue.  
13 @ 10d.

17 June 1935



194 green on brown.  
8 @ 1/6d.

19 June 1935



195 magenta on light blue.  
8 @ 1/8d.

17 June 1935



196 red on green.  
13 @ 1/2d.

17 June 1935



197 brown on violet.  
13 @ 1/4d.

17 June 1935



198 black on red.  
13 @ 1/6d.

17 June 1935



199 red on grey.  
13 @ 1/8d.

## Re-designed Multiple Rate Stamps 19<sup>th</sup> June 1939.

19 June 1939



200 agate on red.  
8 @ 4d and 2 @ 1/4d.

19 June 1939



201 orange on light green.  
4 @ 9d. and 2 @ 1/6d

19 June 1939



202 Faience green on rubine. (sic)  
4 @ 10d. and 2 @ 1/8d.

19 June 1939



203 black on mauve.  
13 @ 1/4d.

19 June 1939



204 black on yellow.  
4 @ 1/2d

19 Jun 1939



205 red on agate.  
4 @ 1/4d.

19 June 1939



206 mauve on grey green.  
8 @ 9d and 4 @ 1/6d.

19 June 1939



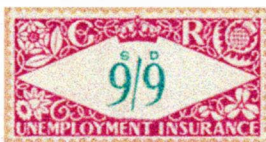
207 green on chocolate brown.  
8 @ 10d and 4 @ 1/8d.

19 June 1939



208 blue on orange.  
8 @ 1/2d.

19 June 1939



209 turquoise blue on magenta.  
13 @ 9d.

19 June 1939



210 mauve on bronze green.  
8 @ 1/4d.

19 June 1939



211 orange on dark blue.  
13 @ 10d.

19 June 1938



212 green on brown.  
8 @ 1/6d.

1 October 1940



213 dark blue on orange.  
8 @ 1/8d.

19 June 1939



214 red on green  
13 @ 1/2.

19 June 1939



215 brown on violet.  
13 @ 1/4d

19 June 1939



216 magenta on turquoise blue.  
13 @ 1/6d.

1 October 1940



217 red on grey.  
13 @ 1/8d.

In late 1939 it is recorded that "... the issue of our high value stamps has been suspended for the time being on account of the war, but it is most unlikely that they will be dropped for ever." [PIN 10/7]

## Agricultural Unemployment Insurance Stamps.

These were introduced on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1936 .

4 May 1936



1 black on green.  
exempt girl 14 or 15

4 May 1936



2 black on brown.  
exempt boy 14 or 15  
exempt girl 16 or 17

4 May 1936



3 black on fawn.  
exempt boy 16 or 17  
girl 14 or 15

4 May 1936



4 black on violet  
boy 14 or 15  
girl 16 or 17

4 May 1936



5 black on bronze green.  
exempt young woman  
aged 18, 19 or 20.

4 May 1936



6 black on red.  
boy 16 or 17  
exempt woman 21 to 64.  
exempt young man 18, 19 & 20.  
woman 65 or over.

4 May 1936



7 black on magenta.  
exempt man aged 21 to 64  
man over 65.

4 May 1936



8 black on grey.  
young man aged  
18, 19 or 20.

4 May 1936



9 black on blue.  
woman aged 21 to 64.

4 May 1936



10 black on green.  
man aged 21 to 64.

## Agricultural Unemployment stamps - New Design of 1938.

1 April 1938



11 bronze green.

1 April 1938



12 violet.

1 April 1938



13 green.

1 April 1938



14 magenta.

1 April 1938



15 brown.

1 April 1938



16 orange.

5 August 1940



17 myrtle green.

1 April 1938



18 red.

1 April 1938



19 magenta.

3 July 1939



20 orange.

4 July 1938



21 grey.

1 April 1938



22 grey.

4 July 1938



23 blue.

1 April 1938



24 blue.

4 July 1938



25 myrtle green.

1 April 1938



26 myrtle green.

Rather than writing them below the stamp illustrations rate changes for Agricultural Workers are displayed on the following pages.

## Rate changes for the various categories of worker from 5<sup>th</sup> May 1936 until 4<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

### exempt boy aged 14 or 15



4 May 1936



1 April 1938 (withdrawn 13 November 1943)

### Boy aged 14 or 15



4 May 1936



1 April 1938

### exempt girl aged 14 or 15



4 May 1936



1 April 1938 (withdrawn 30 January 1943)

### girl aged 14 or 15



4 May 1936

### exempt girl aged 16 or 17



4 May 1936



1 April 1938 (withdrawn 13 November 1943)

Girl aged 16 or 17



4 May 1936

exempt boy aged 16 or 17



4 May 1936

boy aged 16 or 17



4 May 1936



1 April 1938

exempt young woman aged 18, 19 or 20



4 May 1936



1 April 1938



3 July 1939



4 July 1938



5 August 1940

young woman aged 18, 19 or 20



3 July 1939



4 July 1938



5 August 1940

**exempt young man aged 18, 19 or 20**



4 May 1936



1 April 1938



4 July 1938



3 July 1939



5 August 1940

**young man aged 18, 19 or 20**



4 May 1936



1 April 1938



4 July 1938



4 July 1938



3 July 1939



5 August 1940

**exempt woman aged 21 to 64**



4 May 1936



1 Apr 1938



1 July 1940

**woman aged 21 to 64**



4 May 1936



1 April 1938



4 July 1938



3 July 1939

**exempt woman aged 21 to 59**



1 July 1940



1 July 1940



5 August 1940

woman aged 21 to 59



1 July 1940



5 August 1940

woman aged 65 or over



4 May 1936



1 April 1938



4 July 1938



3 July 1939

woman aged 60 or over



1 July 1940



1 July 1940



5 August 1940

exempt man aged 21 to 64



4 May 1936



1 April 1938



4 July 1938



3 July 1939



5 August 1940

man aged 21 to 64



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