

# National Insurance & Contributory Benefits.

## Volume III.

### Part 2 – Stamps, Approved Societies, Insurance Committees and Contributory Benefits.

#### The 1928 Act – Four page pamphlet. [PIN 5/12] (Item 137):

*This Circular is issued on behalf of the Ministry of Health for England and Wales, the Scottish Board of Health, and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.*

Circular A.S. 267.

#### NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1928.

1. The above Act, which received the Royal Assent on 2nd July, 1928, will materially affect the work of Approved Societies in a number of ways. Societies will be aware that to a large extent the Act is based upon the recommendations in the majority report of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance, but it also deals with certain other matters of importance, notably the repeal of the National Health Insurance (Prolongation of Insurance) Act, 1921, and the adoption of permanent provisions relating to the date of termination of members' insurance. For the most part, the Act will come into operation on 1st January, 1929, but certain of its provisions relating to benefits will commence to operate on Monday, the 7th January, 1929, the first day of the new benefit year. This Circular is issued in order to give preliminary information to Societies as to the more important changes that will follow the passing of the Act.

2. Most of the sections of the new Act are drafted in the form of amendments to particular provisions of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924. This will make it possible for that Act to be reprinted with the amendments inserted in their proper places and this will be done in due course. Societies will recognise the convenience to all concerned of having a single Act to refer to.

3. Several of the new provisions cannot be brought into effect until Regulations have been made. It will be appreciated that the preparation of these Regulations will necessarily occupy some time and that discussions at meetings of the Consultative Council must take place before the Regulations can be promulgated. It is clear, therefore, that at the present time complete guidance cannot be given to Societies on the changes affecting their work, but it is intended at a later stage to issue comprehensive instructions in good time to enable Societies to make the necessary administrative arrangements. In the meantime Societies will no doubt refrain from addressing enquiries to the Department on any matter that is not material for the purposes of current work.

##### Free Period of Insurance.

4. Section 1 replaces, by entirely new provisions, the present arrangements relating to the "free year" of insurance of employed contributors and voluntary contributors and its extension for certain of the former under the Prolongation of Insurance Act and Regulations. The last named Act was due in any case to expire on 31st December, 1928. The precise application of the new provisions, in the various circumstances that arise, will depend upon Regulations, but the normal position under the new conditions will be that insurance, and the title to all benefits, of a member of a Society will continue from the last week of employment (or in the case of an illness immediately following employment, from the termination of the illness) up to the end of the period for which the title to medical benefit\* now ordinarily extends. In the case of members who prove that since ceasing work they have been available for but unable to obtain employment, insurance will, under certain conditions, be extended for a further year, but during that year the rate of sickness benefit and of disablement benefit may be reduced by an amount not exceeding one half of the benefit. In addition, if the insured person was on ceasing employment of the age of 60 or over and had then been continuously insured for ten years, he will have the right to remain in insurance (but without a title to sickness or disablement benefit) after the end of this further year, and up to age 65, on his proving from year to year that he has, except when incapable of work, remained genuinely unemployed. Finally, if a person is incapable of work at any time within the four weeks immediately before his insurance would otherwise cease, he will remain insured until he has had a continuous period of four weeks free from incapacity.

For voluntary contributors the section provides the same ordinary free period of insurance as for employed contributors from the end of the week in respect of which the last contribution was paid, but the provisions for extension on account of unemployment will, of course, generally be inapplicable to voluntary contributors.

A person who is insured on attaining age 65 will continue to be insured throughout life, but no one can enter or re-enter insurance when over age 65.

##### Transitional Arrangements.

5. Section 23 of the Act authorises the making of Regulations to provide for transition from the old conditions to the new in the case of persons who are insured or entitled to medical benefit\* on the 31st December, 1928. Among the most important transitional provisions will be those relating to the period for continuance in insurance, particularly where insurance has been kept alive hitherto under the Prolongation of Insurance Act. Full particulars of the transitional Regulations will be given later, but it may here be mentioned that persons who, though not seeking work, have remained insured under the prolongation arrangements may be well advised, in view of the new Act, to consider the question of becoming voluntary contributors, if qualified, as from 2nd July, 1928, so as to retain full insurance and pension rights.

##### Arrears.

6. An important change will be made under Section 1 (5) of the Act, which authorises the waiving of penalties under the Arrears Regulations in cases where arrears have accrued for a

\* In Northern Ireland—Sanatorium benefit.

## The Stamps - Summary

Originally there were single-rate stamps ranging in value from 1½d to 7d in halfpenny increments, excluding 6½d. A Voluntary contribution Scheme was also introduced with rates of contribution based on age. This required two additional stamp values 1/- and 1/2d. Later a 1d. value was issued to make up odd amounts.. There were also overprinted stamps for paying three months' contributions at once for rates of 3d., 4½d., 5d., 5½., 6d and 7d. (3/3d., 4/10½d., 5/5d. 5/11½., 6/6d. and 7/7d.). There were more overprinted stamps for paying other numbers of contributions such as for 10 weeks, 11 weeks or 12 weeks. In the latter case it was to prevent the date of issue of the cards from creeping forwards.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 contribution rates were changed and the income barrier which had been £160 raised to £250. The stamps were modified so as to have a white space around the value so that it would be easier to see that they had been cancelled.

A major change took place on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 when a new Contributory Scheme for Old Age Pensions was combined with the existing Health Insurance Scheme and the stamps were re-issued to include the words *Health and Pensions* .[The shilling stamp remained for Health insurance only.] Contribution rates were raised again at this time. The 9d stamp became redundant so when it was reintroduced in 1927, for a very minor category of contributor, no multiple rate stamps (9/9d.) had been printed for Health and Pensions. Therefore the old 9/9d. stamp was overprinted *Health and Pensions*.

During 1928 the design of the stamps was modified but as there was no related change in contribution rates the new stamps just gradually replaced the old.

At around this time experiments were made for the use of franking machines instead of adhesive stamps. Companies could use this method after about 1932.

More values were required when the contribution rates changed on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 and further values when the Voluntary Contributors' Scheme was modified on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 and the age barrier lowered to 14.

Rates were changed on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 and on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 the income barrier was raised to £420. with further rate changes.

There were two changes in rates during 1946. One on 7<sup>th</sup> January and the other on 30<sup>th</sup> September. As an example the rate for a man rose from 2/2d in January to 4/- in September. Some of the stamps issued in September had the values in a rather rounded typeface. These were redrawn by November with the numbers more closely resembling those of earlier issues.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 a new Comprehensive National Insurance Scheme was introduced. with newly designed stamps. I abandon the subject at this point as by some oversight specimens of the multiple-rate stamps were not deposited in the National Archives. It should be pointed out that there have been a very large number of stamps and the designs and values changed frequently. The National Archives does not hold many stamps issued after 1975.

It is hoped that the British Library can make up this deficiency.

The major Health, or Health and Pensions, rate changes for Class A (man) and Class E (woman), before 1948 seem to have been as follows:

<b>Date of Introduction</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class E</b>
15 July 1912	7d.	6d.
5 July 1920	10d.	9d.
4 January 1926	1/6d.	1/1d
6 January 1936	1/8d.	1/2d,
1 July 1940	1/10d.	1/5d.
5 January 1942	2/-	1/7d.
7 January 1946	2/2d.	1/8d.
30 September 1946	4/-	3/4d.

Post Office Notice about Health Insurance Stamps. The 1d. value is not mentioned (as it did not exist at that time).

[Post Office Notice 4674] (*Item 136*):

No. 4.



# HEALTH INSURANCE STAMPS.

**HEALTH INSURANCE STAMPS** of the 13 denominations shown below will be issued for sale at Post Offices:—

1½d.	3½d.	5½d.	1s. 2d.
2d.	4d.	6d.	
2½d.	4½d.	7d.	
3d.	5d.	1s.	

Some of these denominations are already on sale and the others will be issued at an early date. Health Insurance Stamps will be sold at all Post Offices in the British Islands, although at the smallest Offices only the denominations in largest use will be regularly kept in stock, any other denominations asked for being obtained on two days' notice.

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

By Command of the Postmaster General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
14 June, 1912.



## Health Insurance Stamps.

The following is based on the list PIN 10/6 and the illustrations are mostly taken from those overprinted *specimen*. The date above each illustration is reputedly either the date of issue where this was recorded or the date of introduction. I suspect that the dates of issue are dates of issue to the Post Office Stores Department and not to the public. The colours written under the stamp are probably the official description. In some cases they do not agree well with the expected colour. I suspect that the compiler(s) sometimes provided his or their own colour descriptions.

They split the stamps into two kinds - Single rate and High value, which I have re-named multiple rate. I have additionally grouped them to indicate some changes in rates or design. My numbering has been provided for convenience to indicate where I have repeated a stamp illustration in attempt to make sense of the contribution rates.

### Definitions:

#### “Elderly Contributor”

- An employed contributor or voluntary contributor who had on attaining the age of 60 (55 in the case of a woman), inter alia, been continuously insured for ten years..

#### “Voluntary Contributor”

- From 1912 - 1925, the term Voluntary Contributor covers contributors for Health Insurance only.
- From 1926 - 1937, the term Voluntary Contributor covers Health and Pensions as contributions under the two schemes were indivisible.
- From 1938 until 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948, detailed descriptions are given, as insurance under the two schemes was separately available.

#### “Special Voluntary Contributor”

- This was a person entitled to become a Voluntary Contributor under the extended provisions of the Widows, Orphans & Old Age Pensions (Voluntary Contributions) Act of 1937 with certain conditions of residence and income.

#### “Special Voluntary Contributor (Initial Entrant)”

- This was a person who applied to become a Special Voluntary Contributor not later than twelve months after the date of the Voluntary Contributions Act 1937. i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938, and was born on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1883 or later.

#### “Special Voluntary Contributor (Post-initial Entrant)”

- This was a person who applied to become a Special Voluntary Contributor more than twelve months after 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 and who was under forty at the date of application.

## Single rate stamps 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 until 4<sup>th</sup> July 1920.

The colour descriptions are those given in the archives and not by observation. In some instances wide shade variations exist.

10 January 1913

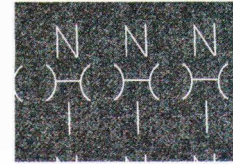


1 blue on  
emerald green.

4 July 1912



2 emerald green  
on brown.



watermark  
Used up to mid 1924.

From 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913 these values were used as supplementary stamps for a Voluntary Contributor aged 17 or over entering insurance after 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913 who wished to increase contributions in order to secure full benefits.

2 July 1912



3 blue on  
brown.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this value was for a woman employed in Ireland who was a low wage-earner for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit. It was also the contribution paid by the employer of a mercantile mariner in a foreign-going ship for the remainder of a year after 42 full contributions had been paid.

From 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913 it was used as a supplementary stamp for a Voluntary Contributor aged 17 or over entering insurance after 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913 who wished to increase contributions in order to secure full benefits.

8 July 1912



4 Salmon red  
on brown.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this value was for a man employed in Ireland who was a low wage-earner for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit. It was also for an exempt man or woman employed in Ireland.

From 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913 it was used as a supplementary stamp for a Voluntary Contributor aged 17 or over entering insurance after 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913 who wished to increase contributions in order to secure full benefits.

8 June 1912  
watermark multiple cypher sideways



5 mauve on  
emerald green

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this value was for a woman employed in Ireland for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit.

It was also used by the Army.

It was also for a married woman suspended from ordinary benefits who became a Voluntary Contributor.

It was also for an exempt man or woman.

The stamp remained in use after rates changed in 1920.

24 June 1912



6 black on  
magenta

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this was for a man employed in Ireland for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for which the Society paid no benefit.

Also for a woman employed in Ireland earning less than 1/6d or 2/- per working day. (The total contribution was 4½d. but the Government contributed 1d and the employer/employee split varied according to the amount earned.)

Also for a woman who was a low wage earner for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit.

27 June 1912



7 fawn on  
magenta

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this was for a man who was a low wage earner for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit.

It was also for a female in the mercantile marine permanently resident in Ireland and not a member of the Seamen's National Insurance Society.

18 June 1912  
watermark multiple cypher sideways



8 blue.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this was for a man earning less than 1/6d or 2/- per working day employed in Ireland. . (The total contribution was 5½d, but the Government contributed 1d and the employer/employee split varied according to the amount earned.).

It was also for a woman employed in Ireland

It was also for a woman for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit.

The stamp was theoretically used again in 1927 and 1928.

18 June 1912  
watermark multiple cypher sideways



9 salmon red

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this was for a man for whom the employer was liable to pay wages during the first 6 weeks of sickness and for whom the Society paid no benefit.

It was also for a woman aged 21 or over earning less than 1/6d or 2/- per working day. . (The total contribution was 6d, but the Government contributed 1d and the employer/employee split varied according to the amount earned.).

It was also for a male in the Mercantile Marine permanently resident in Ireland and not a member of the Seaman's National Insurance Society.

It was also for a female in the Mercantile Marine

The stamp was still used after rates changed in 1920

13 June 1912



10 pansy lake

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this was used for a man employed in Ireland.



12 June 1912  
watermark multiple cypher sideways



11 blue.

20 March 1913



12 steel grey.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this value was for a man aged 21 or over who was earning less than 1/6d or 2/- per working day. (The total contribution was 7d, but the Government contributed 1d and the employer/employee split varied according to the amount earned.).

It was also for a woman aged 16 or over.

It was also for a female Voluntary Contributor entering insurance before or after 13<sup>th</sup> October 1913. The rate of contribution was according to age.

It was also for a male in the Mercantile Marine.

It was also a rate for cancelling arrears.

22 May 1912 \*  
watermark multiple cypher sideways



13 magenta.

4 October 1912  
watermark NHI (vert.)



13a magenta.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this value was for a man aged 16 or over.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor entering insurance before or after 13<sup>th</sup> October 1913., The rate of contribution was according to age.

\* The sheet of stamps registered on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1912, using plate 2/2 was not consistent in shade throughout the sheet so another sheet, also printed on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1912, but from plate 7/7 was supplied on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1912. This has a note on the reverse:

*"A further sheet was taken for registration on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1912 when the Contractors had become more successful in obtaining proper 'distribution' of the colour of the stamps."*

18 June 1912  
watermark multiple cypher sideways



**14** emerald green  
on rubine.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this was for a Voluntary Contributor of either sex - rate according to age at entry. It was also a rate for cancelling arrears. It was also used as a multiple rate stamp to pay 2 contributions @ 6d or 4 contributions @ 3d.

4 July 1912



**15** Capri lake.

17 September 1913



**16** bronze green.

From 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 this value was for a Voluntary Contributor of either sex - rate according to age at entry. It was also used as a multiple rate stamp to pay two contributions @ 7d.

The watermarks, when mentioned, are those of the registration sheets. It is probable that the paper with the special Nation Health Insurance watermark was normally used.

## High Value or Multiple rate stamps 1912 to 1920.

24 September 1912



17 fawn on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 3d.

1 July 1914



18 black on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 3d.

24 September 1912



19 fawn on  
geranium red.  
9 @ 5d.; 10 @ 4½d.  
and 15 @ 3d.

3 October 1912



20 fawn on  
geranium red.  
11 @ 5d.

24 November 1915



21 black on  
geranium red.  
11 @ 5d.

27 September 1912



22 mauve on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 4½d.

28 January 1912  
overprint in words

23 mauve on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 4½d.

30 September 1912



24 mauve on  
geranium red.  
10 @ 6d.; 12 @ 5d.  
& 20 @ 3d.\*

20 December 1912



25 emerald green  
on geranium red.  
13 @ 5d.

17 January 1913  
overprint in words

26 emerald green  
on geranium red.  
13 @ 5d.

20 October 1912



27 emerald green  
on geranium red.  
10 @ 7d.  
or 14 @ 5d.

21 September 1912



28 emerald green  
on geranium red.  
13 @ 5½d.

1 February 1913  
overprint in words

29 emerald green  
on geranium red.  
13 @ 5½d.

26 September 1912



30 blue on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 6d.

13 January 1913  
overprint in words

31 blue on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 6d.

7 March 1913  
on basted paper  
watermarked multiple cypher

32 blue on  
on geranium red  
13 @ 6d.

7 October 1912



33 Vandyke brown  
on geranium red  
13 @ 7d.

13 January 1913  
overprint in words

34 Vandyke brown  
on geranium red.  
13 @ 7d.

6 March 1913  
on basted paper

33a Vandyke brown  
(sic)  
13 @ 7d.

## Extract from the Post Office Circular.

13 JANUARY, 1914.

### NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

Note: I have invented the term "Multiple Rate Stamps". They are invariably referred to as "High Value Stamps" in the archives.

**High Value Stamps.**—The Insurance Half-Year which began on the 12th instant will last only 25 weeks. Employers who use high value stamps which are available for payment of 13 weekly contributions should, in respect of the current Half-Year, affix one stamp representing 13 contributions and make up the remaining contributions by using a number of stamps of lower denominations, each representing one or two weekly contributions. Any person asking for information on this subject should be informed accordingly. Any purchaser of High Value Stamps should be required, as hitherto, to fill in a Form 378. Future Insurance Half-Years will consist of 26 weeks.

This instruction was premature as no problem would have arisen until towards the end of the period so there was time to produce this emergency issue, for the final twelve-week quarter.

20 May 1914



35 black on  
geranium red.  
12 @ 4½d.

21 May 1914



36 black on  
geranium red.  
12 @ 5½d

20 May 1914



37. black on  
geranium red.  
12 @ 6d

18 May 1914



38 black on  
geranium red  
12 @ 7d

Mint sheets of 120 (12 along, 10 down) of each of these stamps both perforated and imperforate are held in the British Library as well as a single specimen set on an album page with other issues..

[Ref: Board of Inland Revenue Stamping Department Archive Page 5, List 4, Volume 7.]

## Extract from the Post Office Circular of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1920.

### NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

#### Increase in Rates of Contributions and Benefits.

##### POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND NOTICE CARDS.

The Ministry of Health are about to issue posters, leaflets and notice cards calling attention to the increased rates of contributions and benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts, and the Postmaster General has agreed to their exhibition at all Post Offices in Great Britain.

The posters should be exhibited as conspicuously as possible. The leaflets should be available for supply to the public on demand, and the notice card should be attached to the grille at the counter.

The posters and leaflets will be distributed as follows:—

For English Offices—by the Controller, Post Office Stores Department, Studd Street, N. 1.

For Scotch Offices—by the Controller, Post Office Stores Department, Russell Road, Edinburgh, and for Welsh Offices—by the Stationery Office Depot, Cardiff.

The notice cards for the grille will be distributed at a later date to English, Scotch and Welsh Offices by the Controller, Post Office Stores Department, Studd Street, N. 1.



## Single Rate stamps 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 until 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

The earnings restriction for Voluntary Contributors was raised from £160 to £250 per annum.

Originally issued 8 June 1912  
Later sheet watermarked NHI (vert.)



5 mauve on  
emerald green.

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 the old 3d. stamp was used for a female with a war occupation.

Also for a man or woman not domiciled in Great Britain or Northern Ireland employed on vessels trading between British and foreign ports.

Originally issued  
7 June 1912



7 fawn on  
magenta

29 November 1920



39 orange

15 May 1922  
Erse overprint



40 orange

4 July 1923  
an overprint not described.



41 orange

18 March 1925  
central dividing space  
omitted. New watermark.



39a orange

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 this value was for a male with a war occupation.

Also for an exempt man or woman in Northern Ireland or the Irish Free State.

Originally issued  
18 June 1912  
watermark GRv



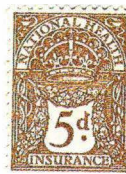
9 salmon red

18 Jun 1920  
IOM overprint



42 orange

31 May 1923



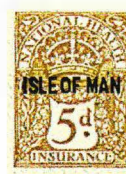
43 umber

6 May 1924  
central dividing space  
omitted. New watermark



44 bronze green

11 August 1924  
IOM overprint



45 bronze green

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 this value was for an exempt man or woman.

Also for a man or woman not domiciled in Great Britain or Northern Ireland employed on British vessels on home trade only.

The registration sheet of the 5d 'umber' looks the same as bronze green, but a brown shade exists.

"Central Dividing Space omitted" refers to sheet layout and not to individual stamps.  
A central gutter with security markings is the dividing space referred to.

Originally issued  
20 March 1913



12 steel grey.

18 June 1920  
IOM overprint



46 steel grey .

9 July 1920



47 steel grey.

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 this value was for a female in the Mercantile Marine employed on Irish Free State registered ships or with a permanent address in Northern Ireland and not in the Seaman's National Insurance Society. Also for an exempt man or woman who is a low wage earner - that is exceeding 3/- but not exceeding 4/- per day.

It was also a rate for cancelling arrears.

18 June 1920  
IOM overprint  
On old stamp



48 purple.

9 July 1920



49 purple. ‡

13 May 1922  
Erse overprint



50 purple

5 May 1924  
central dividing  
space omitted



49a purple

16 June 1924  
other Erse overprint.



51

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 this value was for a woman aged 16 or over in Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State. Also for a female Voluntary Contributor in Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.

Also for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships.

Also for a male in the Mercantile Marine employed in Irish Free State registered ships or with a permanent address in Northern Ireland and not in the Seaman's National Insurance Society.

Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of £250 or over.

[overprinted stamps used in appropriate places.]

22 May 1920



52 faience green.

18 June 1920  
IOM overprint



53 emerald green.

13 May 1922  
Erse overprint



54 emerald green.

19 June 1924  
Erse overprint  
new wording



55 emerald green

24 October 1924  
central dividing  
space omitted.



56 emerald green

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 this value was for a man aged 16 or over in Northern Ireland or the Irish Free State.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor in Northern Ireland or the Irish Free State.

Also for a man in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of £250 p.a. or over.

[overprints used in appropriate places.]

‡ I would not describe the specimens I have seen as purple.

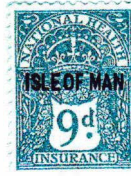


2 June 1920



57 azure blue.

19 June 1920  
IOM overprint



58 azure blue.

2 March 1925  
central dividing space omitted



57a azure blue.

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 this value was for a woman aged 16 or over.  
Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of under £250 p.a.  
[overprints used in appropriate place.]  
The value was also used in 1927.

2 May 1920



59 vermilion red.

19 June 1920  
IOM overprint



60 vermilion red.

13 October 1924  
central dividing space omitted



59a vermilion red.

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 used for a man aged 16 or over.  
Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of under £250 p.a.

18 June 1920  
IOM overprint



61 green on red.

20 July 1920  
new design



62 pansy lake.

15 May 1922  
Erse overprint



63 pansy lake.

8 July 1924  
central dividing space omitted

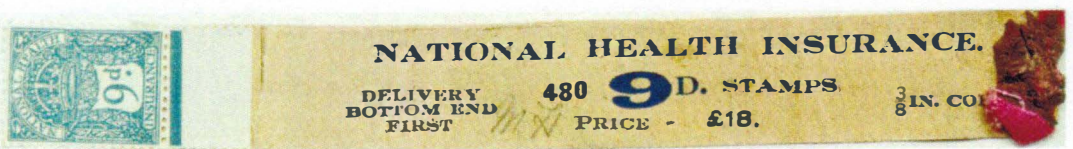


62a magenta  
(perhaps same as pansy lake.)

From 5<sup>th</sup> July 1920 it was a rate for cancelling arrears.  
It was also used to pay 2 contributions @ 6d.

### Coil headers.

Sheets with the central dividing space omitted were produced so that coils could be made with fewer joins..

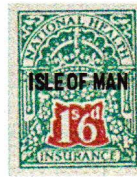


## Multiple rate stamps from July 1920.

24 June 1920



**64** bronze carmine  
on green.  
2 @ 9d.

24 June 1920  
IOM overprint

**65** bronze carmine  
on green.  
2 @ 9d.

6 October 1924  
overall watermarked paper

**64a** bronze carmine  
on green.  
2 @ 9d.

22 June 1920



**66** vermilion  
on blue.  
2 @ 10d.

23 June 1920  
IOM overprint

**67** vermilion  
on blue.  
2 @ 10d.

29 September 1924  
overall watermarked paper

**66a** vermilion  
on blue.  
2 @ 10d.

19 June 1920



**68** rubine on  
bronze green  
13 @ 5d.

21 June 1920



**69** agate on  
claret  
13 @ 7d.

13 May 1922  
Erse overprint

**70** emerald green  
on vermilion.  
13 @ 7d.



1 July 1920



71 green on brown.  
10 @ 8d.

13 May 1922  
Erse overprint



72 green on brown  
10 @ 8d.

14 October 1924  
overall watermarked paper



71a green on brown.  
10 @ 8d.

12 February 1925  
an overprint – not described \*



73 green on brown.  
10 @ 8d.

30 June 1920



74 blue on rubine.  
10 @ 9d or 9 @ 10d.

9 October 1924  
overall watermarked paper



74a blue on rubine.  
10 @ 9d. or 9 @ 10d.

6 July 1920



75 blue on  
vermillion.  
13 @ 7d.

13 May 1922  
Erse overprint



76 Vandyke brown on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 7d.

25 September 1923  
an overprint – not described. \*



77 blue on  
vermillion.  
13 @ 7d.

5 July 1920



78 Capri lake on  
Vandyke brown.  
10 @ 10d.

The four overprints indicated by \*, on this and the following page, are described as “Overprint on British N.H.I. stamps only.” They seem to bear the second type of Erse overprint with THIRTEEN CONTRIBUTIONS as well.

29 June 1920



79 myrtle green on geranium red. 13 @ 8d.

29 June 1920  
overprint words



80 myrtle green on geranium red. 13 @ 8d.

15 May 1922  
Erse overprint



81 myrtle green on geranium red. 13 @ 8d.

25 September 1923  
an overprint – not described \*



82 myrtle green on geranium red. 13 @ 8d.

26 June 1920



83 salmon red on art green. 13 @ 9d.

25 June 1920  
Isle of Man overprint



84 salmon red on art green.. 13 @ 9d.

29 June 1920  
overprint words



85 salmon red on art green 13 @ 9d.

20 April 1923  
an overprint – not described \*



86 salmon red on art green. 13 @ 9d.

Not seen.

17 May 1920



87 mauve on myrtle green. 13 @ 10d.

18 June 1920  
IOM overprint



88 mauve on myrtle green. 13 @ 10d.

28 June 1920  
overprint words

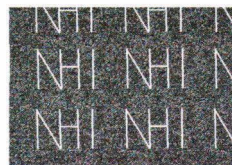


89 mauve on myrtle green. 13 @ 10d.

18 September 1924  
new watermark



87a mauve on myrtle green. 13 @ 10d.



Watermark used from about May 1924.

## Health & Pensions Stamps single rate - January 4<sup>th</sup> 1926 until around July 1928.

The age of 65 was incorporated into the regulations on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928.

Originally issued  
18 June 1912.



8 blue.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 this old stamp was used for an exempt female in the Mercantile Marine resident in the United Kingdom on foreign-going ships.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 it was for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom aged 65 or over.

Originally issued  
6 May 1924.



44 bronze green.

18 January 1926



90 myrtle green on  
bronze carmine.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for an exempt female in the Mercantile Marine resident in the United Kingdom on foreign-going ships.

Also for an exempt female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Seaman's National Insurance Society.

3 December 1925



91 steel grey

31 December 1927  
listed again



91 steel grey

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 for an exempt woman aged 16 or over, resident in Northern Ireland.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 for an exempt woman aged 16 but under 65 resident in Northern Ireland.

Also for a woman aged 65 or over resident in Northern Ireland

5 December 1925



92 blue.

1 November 1927  
mixed furnish paper



92a blue.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 it was for an exempt woman aged 16 or over.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 for an exempt woman aged 16 but under 65.

Also for a woman aged 65 or over..

18 November 1927



93 orange.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 until 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 for a man aged 65 or over resident in Northern Ireland.

Originally issued  
2 March 1925

57a azure blue.

2 November 1927



94 fawn.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for an exempt male in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 for a man aged 65 or over.

7 December 1925



95 myrtle green

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for an exempt male in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom.

Also for an exempt male in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Seamen's National Insurance Society.

7 December 1925



96 orange.

24 October 1927  
mixed furnish paper

96a orange.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Seamen's National Insurance Society.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of £250 or over.



7 December 1925



97 Vandyke brown.

21 May 1927  
mixed furnish paper

97a Vandyke brown.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for an exempt man aged 16 or over resident in Northern Ireland.  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom, Irish Free State or the Isle of Man.  
 From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 until 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 for an exempt man aged 16 or over but under 65, resident in Northern Ireland.

4 December 1925



98 purple.

24 May 1927  
mixed furnish paper

98a purple.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships resident in the United Kingdom, Irish Free State or the Isle of Man.  
 Also to the 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 for a woman aged 16 or over resident in Northern Ireland.  
 Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of £250 or over.  
 Also for a female Voluntary Contributor resident in Northern Ireland.  
 From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 until 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 it was for a woman in Northern Ireland aged over 16 but under 65.

11 November 1925



99 agate

21 May 1927  
mixed furnish paper

99a agate

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for an exempt man aged 16 or over.

Originally issued  
8 July 1924

62a magenta

25 January 1926



100 blue.

THIS STAMP WAS NOT ISSUED BEARING THE WORDS HEALTH & PENSIONS.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this was a rate for cancelling arrears Health Insurance only.  
 Also used to pay 2 contributions @ 6d.

27 November 1925

**101** emerald green18 May 1927  
mixed furnish paper**101a** emerald green.3 January 1928  
in panels on mixed furnish paper.†**101b** emerald green

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for a woman aged 16 or over  
 Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of under £250 p.a.  
 From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 for a woman aged 16 or over but under 65.

4 December 1925

**102** bronze carmine23 June 1927  
mixed furnish paper**102a** bronze carmine

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for a man in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Seamen's National Insurance Society.  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £250 or more.

24 November 1926

**103** myrtle green2 November 1927  
mixed furnish paper**103a** myrtle green

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for a man in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom.

† The stamps printed in panels on mixed furnish paper were printed in two panes of 11 stamps across and 10 down with a gutter exactly two stamps wide between them. The stamps were normally in a single pane 24 across and 10 down. It is thought that the stamps were printed in panels so that they could be used in the manufacture of coils.

26 November 1925

**104** bronze green27 May 1927  
mixed furnish paper**104a** bronze green

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of £250 p.a. or over  
Also for a man in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom, Irish Free State or the Isle of Man.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 till 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 this value was for a man aged 16 or over resident in Northern Ireland.  
Also for a male Voluntary Contributor resident in Northern Ireland.

5 November 1925

**105** magenta .18 February 1927  
mixed furnish paper**105a** magenta.23 November 1927  
in panels on mixed furnish paper**105b** magenta.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for a man aged 16 or over.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of under £250 p.a.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 for a man aged 16 or over but under 65.



## 1926 Multiple rate stamps.

17 March 1926



**106** turquoise blue  
on magenta.  
2 @ 11d.

25 January 1926



**107** myrtle green  
on chocolate brown.  
2 @ 1/1d.

19 March 1926



**108** turquoise blue  
on art green.  
4 @ 8d.

28 January 1926



**109** vermilion on  
faience green.  
2 @ 1/6d.

2 March 1926



**110** pink on  
agate.  
8 @ 11d.

27 February 1926



**111** agate on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 7d.

25 February 1926



**112** myrtle green  
on rubine.  
8 @ 1/1d.

3 December 1926



**113** scarlet on  
brown.  
8 @ 1/3½d.

23 February 1926



**114** emerald green  
on steel grey  
8 @ 1/4d.

26 November 1926



**115** faience green on  
golden yellow  
13 @ 10½d.

16 February 1926



**116** magenta on  
bronze green.  
13 @ 11d.

17 February 1926  
overprint in words

**117** magenta on  
bronze green.  
13 @ 11d.

19 February 1926



**118** mauve on  
royal blue.  
8 @ 1/6d.

19 January 1926



**119** brown on  
emerald green.  
13 @ 11½d.

12 February 1926



**120** orange on  
dark oak brown.  
13 @ 1/1d.

17 February 1926  
overprint in words

**121** orange on  
dark oak brown.  
13 @ 1/1d

30 November 1926



**122** bronze blue  
on art green.  
13 @ 1/3½d.

21 January 1926



**123** steel grey on  
pansy lake.  
13 @ 1/4d

26 January 1926  
overprint in words

**124** steel grey on  
pansy lake.  
13 @ 1/4d.

4 February 1926



**125** royal blue on  
vermilion.  
13 @ 1/6d.

12 February 1926  
overprint in words

**126** royal blue on  
vermilion.  
13 @ 1/6d.



## 9/9d National Health stamp overprinted HEALTH AND PENSIONS.

This appears to have been a provisional multiple-rate issue used when the 9d. single rate was re-introduced in 1927-28 [In Inland Revenue Book 4 folio 133 – Now in the British Library.]

20 April 1928  
black overprint



127 Salmon red on art green.  
13 @ 9d.

### Franking of Cards.

From around 1932, though experiments had been made from early 1927, Health Insurance stamps could be applied, under licence, using Neopost embossing franking machines.



This may have been the design used.  
(taken from Roneo-Neopost notepaper of 1932)

The franks were applied in the same colour as the corresponding stamp and had an embossed frame around the value.

Another design was used by Employment Exchanges to frank the cards of the Unemployed so that they would continue to be insured. This is described as having the Letters N H I at the top and a cipher of three characters, at least one of which was number and at least one of which was a letter to identify the Employment Exchange using it.



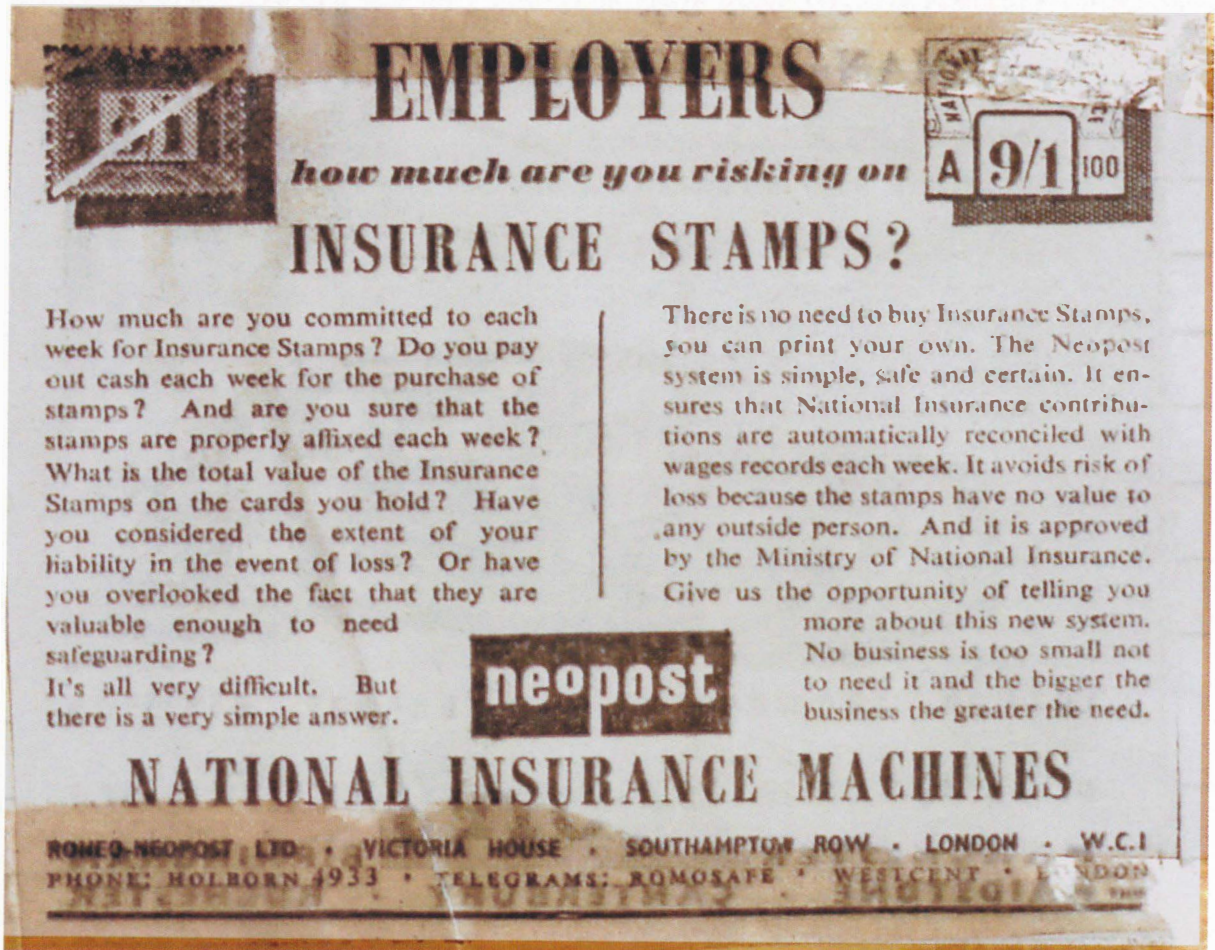
Perhaps this is a version of this impression. Source – e-bay.

Although these machines were used up to at least the mid 1950s security was such that I have found no examples of franks which are with certainty the real thing.

The machines, inks and dies were supplied by Roneo-Neopost Limited and the dies were manufactured for them by Messrs. D & E. Zang Limited and the Nickeloid Electrotype Co. Ltd.

An advertisement sellotaped into an Inland Revenue scrapbook which is now in the British Library shows that franking machines were still used for National Insurance stamps around 1950.

The *Times* 11<sup>th</sup> April 1950.



**EMPLOYERS**

*how much are you risking on*

**INSURANCE STAMPS?**

How much are you committed to each week for Insurance Stamps? Do you pay out cash each week for the purchase of stamps? And are you sure that the stamps are properly affixed each week? What is the total value of the Insurance Stamps on the cards you hold? Have you considered the extent of your liability in the event of loss? Or have you overlooked the fact that they are valuable enough to need safeguarding?

It's all very difficult. But there is a very simple answer.

**neopost**

There is no need to buy Insurance Stamps, you can print your own. The Neopost system is simple, safe and certain. It ensures that National Insurance contributions are automatically reconciled with wages records each week. It avoids risk of loss because the stamps have no value to any outside person. And it is approved by the Ministry of National Insurance.

Give us the opportunity of telling you more about this new system. No business is too small not to need it and the bigger the business the greater the need.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE MACHINES**

ROMEO-NEOPOST LTD. • VICTORIA HOUSE • SOUTHAMPTON ROW • LONDON • W.C.1  
PHONE: HOLBORN 4933 • TELEGRAMS: ROMOSAFE • WESTCENT • LONDON

## Arrears arrangements 1928-29.— 8 page pamphlet [PIN 5/12] (Item 138):

Circular A.S. 270.

This Circular is issued on behalf of  
the Ministry of Health for England  
and Wales, the Department of Health  
for Scotland, and the Ministry of  
Labour for Northern Ireland.

### NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

#### Arrears Arrangements for the Contribution Year ending 7th July, 1929.

1. As Societies were informed in Circular A.S. 267 and in the Supplement to the Approved Societies Handbook issued in December last, the most important feature of the new Arrears Arrangements (which will apply for the first time to the 1928/29 contribution year) is that, in the case of employed contributors, arrears will, in accordance with the powers given by Section 15 (4) of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, be excused for weeks of proved genuine unemployment. This provision has enabled a simplified scheme to be formulated under which the penalties for arrears of employed and voluntary contributors will be on the same basis. It has thus been found possible to give effect to the recommendation of the Royal Commission that there should be permanent provision for protecting insured persons from penalty for arrears due to genuine unemployment (Cmd. 2596, Recommendation No. 117), and also to their suggestion (Paragraph 656) that the arrears scheme might then be simplified by the adoption of one scale for employed and voluntary contributors.

2. As an employed contributor will now be entitled to have his arrears excused in respect of weeks both of duly notified incapacity and of proved genuine unemployment, it has been decided that, if he desires to redeem his arrears for weeks not accounted for in either of these ways (such as weeks of non-insurable occupation or of voluntary abstention from work), he should be required to pay the full health and pensions contribution for such weeks in the same way as a voluntary contributor. It may be observed in this connection that the comparatively small arrears penalties hitherto payable by employed contributors were only justifiable on the ground that in the main they were in respect of arrears accrued during periods of genuine unemployment.

3. The new arrears scheme makes a notable advance in the direction of simplification. The concession as regards genuine unemployment will in itself result in a very considerable reduction in the number of insured persons under penalty for arrears; and other features of which mention may be made are that the arrears scale and the arrears payments will be uniform in the case of employed and voluntary contributors, no arrears adjustments will be necessary on change of class from employed to voluntary insurance or on transfer to Class K, and the troublesome case of the employed contributor treated as a voluntary contributor for arrears purposes will disappear.

#### *The New Scheme.*

4. There will be a single uniform scale of penalties for employed and voluntary contributors alike, i.e., the scale hitherto applicable to voluntary contributors, but with the addition of a new group (36-38 contributions) and a



## Stamps after the introduction of the 1928 Act.

### Single rate values, some with the new design 1928 to 1935.

The rates of contribution did not change as the new design was introduced so earlier stamps were used until stocks were exhausted.

16 November 1928



128 steel grey

4 January 1930  
Isle of Man overprint



129 steel grey

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 this value was for an exempt woman aged 16 but under 65 resident in Northern Ireland.

Also for a woman aged 65 or over resident in Northern Ireland

24 July 1928



130 blue.

12 July 1929  
super calendered paper



130a blue.

4 January 1930  
IOM overprint



131 blue.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 this value was for an exempt woman aged 16 but under 65.

Also for a woman aged 65 or over.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor towards Widows and Orphans pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards Widows and Orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

19 September 1928



132 orange.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 until 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 this value was for a man aged 65 or over resident in Northern Ireland.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.



22 December 1932

**133** steel grey

From 2nd July 1933 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears of 13 or less (26 or less for an elderly contributor) accruing after 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1932 by a female contributor.

From 7<sup>th</sup> July 1935 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 1<sup>st</sup> July 1934 by an elderly female contributor.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions only.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of under £250 per annum. towards health only.

16 August 1928

**134** fawn.16 August 1929  
super calendered paper**134a** fawn.4 January 1930  
IOM overprint**135** fawn.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 this value was for a man aged 65 or over.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1933 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears of 13 or less (26 or less for an elderly contributor) accruing after 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1932 by a male contributor.

From 7<sup>th</sup> July 1935 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 1<sup>st</sup> July 1934 by an elderly male contributor.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of less than £250 per annum, towards health only.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a woman aged 60 or over.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

17 October 1928

**136** myrtle green.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for an exempt male in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Sailor's National Insurance Society.

19 September 1928



137 orange.

17 April 1931  
super calendered paper

137a orange.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Seamen's National Insurance Society.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of £250 or over.

20 September 1928



138 Vandyke brown.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 for an exempt man aged 16 or over resident in Northern Ireland.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for a female in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom, Irish Free State or the Isle of Man.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 until 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 for an exempt man aged 16 or over but under 65, resident in Northern Ireland.

30 June 1928



139 purple.

12 July 1929  
super calendered paper

139a purple.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for a female Voluntary Contributor resident in Northern Ireland.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 until 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 it was for a woman in Northern Ireland aged over 16 but under 65.

13 August 1928



140 agate.

16 October 1929  
super calendered paper

140a agate.

4 January 1930  
IOM overprint

141 agate.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for an exempt man aged 16 or over.

Withdrawn 30<sup>th</sup> June 1942.

27 June 1928



142 blue.

12 July 1929  
super calendered paper

142a blue.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this was a rate for cancelling arrears for Health Insurance only.

13 August 1928



143 emerald green.

17 December 1928  
panels to make continuous rolls

143a emerald green.

7 February 1929  
super calendered  
mixed furnish paper

143b emerald green.

2 January 1930  
IOM overprint

144 emerald green.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £250. Also for a woman aged 16 or over.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 this value was for a woman aged 16 or over but under 65.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions, a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards Widows and Orphans pensions, a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

[Used also as a fee for seeking advice from a Regional Dental Officer using forms RD1 or RD4.]‡

30 June 1928



145 bronze carmine

16 August 1929  
super calendered paper146 bronze carmine  
on fawn

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for a man in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in Northern Ireland and not a member of the Seamen's National Insurance Society.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £250 or more.

‡ see paragraph 888 of the Approved Societies Handbook (1933). Also a note in PIN 10/7.

26 November 1928



147 myrtle green.

12 July 1929  
super calendered paper

147a myrtle green.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1927 this value was for a man in the Mercantile Marine on foreign-going ships, resident in the United Kingdom.

27 June 1928



148 bronze green.

16 August 1929  
super calendered paper

148a bronze green.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 till 6<sup>th</sup> July 1930 this value was for a man aged 16 or over resident in Northern Ireland. Also for a male Voluntary Contributor resident in Northern Ireland.

10 July 1928  
in panels

149 magenta.

13 August 1928



149a magenta.

7 February 1929  
super calendered  
mixed furnish paper

149b magenta.

1 January 1930  
IOM overprint

150 magenta.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 this value was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £250. From 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1928 this value was for a man aged 16 or over but under 65.

#### BRITISH RATES APPLIED IN NORTHERN IRELAND FROM 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 1930

In June 1934 H.M. Stationery Office took over the printing of all insurance stamps from Messrs. Waterlow of Watford.

**Eire had to continue using Approved Societies and in 1929 began to produce its own National Health Insurance Stamps. These are examples**





Irish poster 1930.

(Item 139):

# **SPECIAL NOTICE**

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**Persons who are not Members of an Approved Society can obtain Health and Pensions Cards at any Post Office.**

**Members of an Approved Society must apply for cards to their respective societies.**

**For Unemployment Insurance Books or "P" Cards (for all workers aged 65 years or over) apply to any Employment Exchange.**

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**Ministry of Labour,  
Northern Ireland**

**P. 10.**

**Irish Poster 1931.**

(Item 140):

# **SPECIAL NOTICE.**

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## **Issue of National Health Insurance Cards.**

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**National Health Insurance Cards are no longer issued at Post Offices. Persons who are not members of an Approved Society should apply for cards at the nearest Employment Exchange, either personally or by letter.**

**Members of Approved Societies must apply for cards to their Societies as heretofore.**

**For Unemployment Insurance Books or "P" Cards (for all workers aged 65 years or over) apply to any Employment Exchange.**

**Ministry of Labour,  
Northern Ireland.**

**1st April, 1931.**

**P.10.**

## Multiple rate stamps 1928 - 1935

14 November 1928



**151** myrtle green on  
chocolate brown.  
2 @ 1/1d.

10 December 1929  
super-calendered paper

**151a** myrtle green on  
chocolate brown  
2 @ 1/1d.

15 November 1928



**152** vermilion on  
faience green.  
2 @ 1/6d.

5 November 1930  
super-calendered paper

**152a** vermilion on  
faience green.  
2 @ 1/6d.

21 June 1929



**153** agate on  
geranium red.  
13 @ 7d.

10 November 1928



**154** myrtle green  
on rubine.  
13 @ 8d.

5 December 1929  
super-calendered paper

**154a** myrtle green  
on rubine.  
13 @ 8d.

30 October 1928



**155** salmon red on  
azure blue  
13 @ 9d.

22 August 1930  
super-calendered paper

**155a** salmon red on  
azure blue.  
13 @ 9d.

6 November 1928



**156** scarlet on  
brown.  
8 @ 1/3½d.

1 November 1928



**157** magenta on  
bronze green  
13 @ 11d.

2 August 1928



**158** mauve on  
royal blue.  
8 @ 1/6d.

2 December 1929  
super-calendered paper

**158a** mauve on  
royal blue.  
8 @ 1/6d.

2 November 1928



**159** orange on  
dark oak brown.  
13 @ 1/1d.

15 November 1928  
er-calendered paper

**159a** orange on  
dark oak brown.  
13 @ 1/1d.

2 December 1929  
overprint in words

**160** orange on  
dark oak brown  
13 @ 1/1d.

8 August 1928



**161** steel grey on  
pansy lake.  
13 @ 1/4d.

28 November 1929  
super-calendered paper

**161a** steel grey on  
pansy lake.  
13 @ 1/4d,

21 November 1928



**162** royal blue on  
vermilion.  
13 @ 1/6d.

20 November 1929  
super-calendered paper

**162a** royal blue on  
vermilion.  
13 @ 1/6d.

29 November 1929  
overprint in words

**163** royal blue on  
vermilion.  
13 @ 1/6d.

## Single rate values from 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 until December 1937.

In 1936, following complaints, the quantity of gum on insurance stamps was increased to 23.0 grams of air dry gum Arabic per square metre on postage stamps.

6 January 1936



164 green.

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 this was for a man aged 65 or over.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor who was an initial entrant towards widows and orphans pensions.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

6 January 1936



165 maroon

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income over £250.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a female with a War Occupation - Health and Pensions.

Also for a man aged 65 or over.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £420. for Health Insurance only.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly male contributor.



6 January 1936

**166 violet**

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 it was for a woman aged 16 or over but under 65.

Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £250.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 it was for a man with a War Occupation.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £250 or over - for Health and Pensions.

Also used as a fee stamp on certain Dental Benefit forms.

Withdrawn 30<sup>th</sup> June 1942.

6 January 1936

**167 red on green**

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £250 or over.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

6 January 1936

**168 orange.**

From 6<sup>th</sup> January 1936 it was for a man aged 16 or over but under 65.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £250.

Withdrawn December 1940.

## Multiple rate stamps 1936.

6 January 1936



169 sage green on  
turquoise blue.  
2 @ 1/2d.

6 January 1936



170 blue on  
red.  
2 @ 1/8d. or 4 @ 10d.

6 January 1936



171 carmine  
on green.  
8 @ 1/2d.

6 January 1936



172 grey on  
umber.  
13 @ 10d.

6 January 1936



173 green on  
magenta.  
8 @ 1/8d.

6 January 1936



174 blue on  
fawn.  
13 @ 1/2d.

6 January 1936



175 magenta  
on oak.  
13 @ 1/8d.

## Single rate values from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938.

4 April 1938



176 green on magenta

From 4<sup>th</sup> April 1938 this was for boys and girls aged 14 or 15.

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938



177 blue on grey.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor - pensions only.

Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of over £250. - Health only.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1938 this was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 4<sup>th</sup> July 1937 by an elderly female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of over £250.

Withdrawn 30<sup>th</sup> June 1942.

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938



178 green on light brown.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 this was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of over £250 - Health only.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor who was an initial entrant - for pensions.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions who was a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards pensions who was a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows & orphans pensions who was a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1938 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 4<sup>th</sup> July 1937 by an elderly male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of over £250.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over.



Originally issued  
12 July 1929  
super calendered paper



**130a** blue.

originally issued  
4 January 1930  
IOM overprint



**131** blue.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 this value was for a male Voluntary Contributor towards Widows and Orphans pensions. Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards Widows and Orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued  
19 September 1928



**132** orange.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued  
22 December 1932



**133** steel grey

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 this value was for a female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions only.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income of under £250 per annum, towards health only.

originally issued  
16 August 1929  
super calendered paper



**134a** fawn.

originally issued  
4 January 1930  
IOM overprint



**135** fawn.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of less than £250 p.a. towards health only.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a woman aged 60 or over.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued  
6 January 1936



**164** green.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor who was an initial entrant towards widows and orphans pensions.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued  
6 January 1936



**165** maroon

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special female Voluntary Contributor towards pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a female with a War Occupation - Health and Pensions.

Also for a man aged 65 or over.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £420. for Health Insurance only.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly male contributor.

Originally issued  
7 February 1928



**143b** emerald green.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions, a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards Widows and Orphans pensions, a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

originally issued  
6 January 1936



**166** violet

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 it was for a man with a War Occupation.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £250 or over - for Health and Pensions.

Also used as a fee stamp on certain Dental Benefit forms.†

Withdrawn 30<sup>th</sup> June 1942.

† A note in PIN 10/7.

3 January 1938



179 black on red.

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 this was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor who was an initial entrant towards all pensions.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions.

Originally issued  
6 January 1936



167 red on green

From 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued  
6 January 1936



168 orange.

For a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £250.  
Withdrawn December 1940.



## Additional Multiple rate stamps 1938.

11 April 1938



180 black on green.  
2 @ 1/8d or 4 10d.

6 May 1938



181 orange on green.  
13 @ 4d. or 4 @ 1/1d.

## Multiple rate stamps 1939 – overprints in words only.

12 June 1939



182 sage green on  
turquoise blue.  
2 @ 1/1d

12 June 1939



183 black on  
green.  
2 @ 1/8d

12 June 1939



184 orange on  
green.  
13 @ 4d.

12 June 1939



185 carmine on  
green.  
8 @ 1/2d.

12 June 1939



186 grey on  
umber.  
13 @ 10d.

12 June 1939



187 yellow on mauve.  
8 @ 1/8d.

12 June 1939



188 blue on fawn.  
13 @ 1/2d.

12 June 1939



189 magenta on oak.  
13 @ 1/8d.

## Single rate values 1939 and 1940.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1940



190 blue on green.

From 4<sup>th</sup> April 1938 this value was for boys and girls aged 14 or 15.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 this value was for men in War Occupations Group II - Health Insurance only.

15 September 1939



191 red..

From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 it was for a female with a War Occupation.

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

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for an exempt woman aged 16 or over but under 60.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of £420 or over for Health only.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accrued after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of over £420.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. - a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

1 July 1940



192 turquoise blue.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions.

1 July 1940



193 red on blue.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions. a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a man with a War Occupation - Health and Pensions.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over. - Health and Pensions,

1 July 1940



194 green.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 for a woman aged 16 or over but under 60  
 Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £250. – Health and Pensions.  
 From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for a man with a Group I War Occupation.

1 July 1940



195 carmine on fawn.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 for a male Voluntary Contributor - Health and Pensions.  
 Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.  
 Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

1 July 1940



196 magenta.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 for a man aged 16 or over but under 65.  
 Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income under £420. - Health and Pensions.  
 Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.  
 Withdrawn 30<sup>th</sup> June 1942.

**Multiple rate stamps 1940.** - For use in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.  
Arrangements for half-yearly stamping of cards in England were suppressed soon after war was declared and not revived until early 1942.

23 September 1940  
overprint words



**197** red on green  
2 @ 1/10d.

23 September 1940  
overprint words



**199** maroon on green.  
8 @ 1/10d

original issue  
12 June 1939  
overprint in words



**184** orange on green  
13 @ 4d.

23 September 1940  
overprint words



**200** blue on maroon.  
13 @ 1/5d.

23 September 1940  
overprint words



**198** green on maroon.  
8 @ 1/5d.

23 September 1940  
overprint words



**201** blue on green.  
13 @ 1/10d.

The remainder of the multiple rate stamps in use before July 1940 became obsolete.



## Single rate stamps 1942 – 1944

As from 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 the maximum rate of remuneration for compulsory insurance of non-manual workers and the maximum income limit for voluntary contributors entitled to medical benefit were increased from £250 a year to £420 a year. From the same date the employed rate of health insurance was increased by 2d. a week – a penny from the employer and a penny from a man or woman in a war occupation.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1944



**202** blue on magenta.

From 4<sup>th</sup> April 1938 this value was for boys and girls aged 14 or 15.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for men in War Occupations Group II - Health Insurance only.

originally issued  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 1938



**178** green on light brown.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 this was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over.

5 January 1942



**203** carmine on agate.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 this was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over, towards Health Insurance only

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly female Voluntary Contributor with an annual of over £420.

originally issued  
15 September 1939



**191** red.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for an exempt woman aged 16 or over but under 60.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an income of £420 or over for Health only.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accrued after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of over £420.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. - a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued  
16 August 1929  
super calendered paper



**134a** fawn.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a woman aged 60 or over.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. A post initial entrant - rate according to age at date of application.

5 January 1942



**204** green on violet

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 this was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £420, towards Health Insurance only.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly female Contributor.

Originally issued  
6 January 1936



**165** maroon

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £420. for Health Insurance only.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 1942 it was a special rate for cancelling arrears accruing after 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941 by an elderly male contributor.

5 January 1942



**205** blue on red.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 it was for a female in a Group I War Occupation.

Also for a man aged 65 or over.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards widows and orphans pensions - a post initial entrant, rate according to age at date of application.

5 January 1942



**206** blue on fawn.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 this was for an exempt man aged 16 or over but under 65.

23 March 1942



**207** yellow on turquoise blue.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 1940 this value was for a male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a female with a War Occupation.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 it was for a man in a Group II War Occupation. Widows and Orphans Pensions.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions.

Originally issued  
1 July 1940



**193** red on blue.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over. - Health and Pensions.

Originally issued  
1 July 1940



**194** green.

23 March 1942



**208** blue on rubine.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for a man with a Group I War Occupation.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over - for Health and Pensions.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor. An Initial entrant for widows and orphans pensions.

5 January 1942



**209** green.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 this was for a woman aged 16 or over but under 60.

Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income under £420 for Health and Pensions Insurance.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 for a man with a war occupation.

5 January 1942



**210** violet on green.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over - Health and Pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions - a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a girl in a group II war occupation – Health and Pensions.

Also for a girl in a Group I war occupation.



5 January 1942



**211** orange.

From 5<sup>th</sup> January 1942 for a man aged 16 or over but under 65.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income under £420 - Health and Pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions - a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a man aged 65 or over.

## 1942 Multiple rate stamps. – Number of contributions in figures.

23 March 1942



**212** blue on brown.  
2 @ 1/7d.

23 March 1942



**213** red on green.  
2 @ 2/-

originally issued  
12 June 1939

**184** orange on green.  
13 @ 4d.

23 March 1942



**214** black on yellow  
8 @ 1/7d.

23 March 1942



**215** blue on umber  
13 @ 1/-

23 March 1942



**216** black on umber.  
8 @ 2/-

23 March 1942



**217** black on grey  
13 @ 1/7d.

23 March 1942



**218** red on yellow.  
13 @ 2/-

## 1943 Multiple rate stamp.

June 1943  
figure and words

**219** orange on green.  
13 @ 4d.

## January 1946 Single rate stamps.

Originally issued  
15 September 1939



**191** red.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions. - a post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

7 January 1946



**220** royal scarlet on maroon.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 for a female Voluntary Contributor - Pensions only.

Originally issued  
23 March 1942



**207** yellow on turquoise blue.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a female with a War Occupation.  
From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 it was for a man in a Group II War Occupation.  
Also for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions.

Originally issued  
3 January 1938



**179** black on red.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 it was for a male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions.

originally issued  
23 March 1942



**208** blue on rubine.

From 7th January 1946 it was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over - for Health and Pensions.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor. An initial entrant - for widows and orphans pensions.

originally issued 5 January 1942  
7 January 1946



**209** green.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 for a man with a War Occupation.

7 January 1946



**221** violet.

[not in list]  
IOM overprint



**222** violet.†

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 for a woman aged 16 or over but under 60

Also for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income under £420. - Health and Pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions. A post initial entrant rate according to age at date of application.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for an exempt woman aged 16 or over but under 60.

Also for a woman aged 60 or over.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

7 January 1946



**223** scarlet on violet.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over - Health and Pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions. A post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

† not on the list but illustrated in John Barefoot's Catalogue.



7 January 1946



**224** agate.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 for a man aged 16 or over but under 65.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of under £420 - Health and Pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions. A post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

## September 1946 Single rate stamps.

Originally issued  
23 March 1942



**207** yellow on turquoise blue.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 it was for a man in a Group II War Occupation.  
Also for a male Voluntary Contributor towards all pensions.

Originally issued  
23 March 1942



**208** blue on rubine.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 it was for a special male Voluntary Contributor. An Initial entrant for widows and orphans pensions.

Originally issued  
7 January 1946



**221** violet.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for an exempt woman aged 16 or over but under 60.  
Also for a woman aged 60 or over.  
Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for widows and orphans pensions. A post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

Originally issued 5 January 1942  
30 September 1946



**210** violet on green.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a girl in a Group II War Occupation - Health and pensions.  
Also for a girl in a Group I War Occupation.

Originally issued  
5 January 1942



**211** orange.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a man aged 65 or over.

30 September 1946



**225** red.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a woman aged 16 or 17

Printed in July 1946  
30 September 1946



**226** black on yellow.

printed in November 1946  
value redrawn.



**227** black on yellow.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a boy with a Group I War Occupation.  
Also for a boy with a Group II War Occupation - Health and Pensions.

30 September 1946



**228** magenta on green.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a female with a Group II War Occupation. - All Pensions.  
Also for an exempt man aged 18 or over but under 65.  
Also for a female Voluntary Contributor - Pensions only.

Printed in July 1946  
30 September 1946



229 red on umber.

printed in November 1946  
value redrawn.



230 red on umber.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a female with a Group I War Occupation  
Also for a female with a Group II War Occupation - Health and Pensions.

Printed in July 1946  
30 September 1946



231 green.

Printed in November 1946  
value redrawn



232 green.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a man aged 16 or 17.

Printed in July 1946  
30 September 1946



233 red on blue.

Printed in November 1946



234 red on blue.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 this was for a female Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over - Health and Pensions.

Also for a male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions. An initial entrant.

Also for a man in a Group II War Occupation for all pensions.

Also for a special male Voluntary Contributor for all pensions. A post initial entrant; rate according to age at date of application.

30 September 1946



235 brown.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a female Voluntary Contributor with an income under £420. - Health and Pensions.

Also for a woman aged 18 or over but under 60.



Printed in July 1946  
30 September 1946



236 blue on vermillion.

Printed in November 1946  
value redrawn



237 blue on vermillion.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a man with a Group I War Occupation.  
Also for a man with a Group II War Occupation - Health and Pensions.

Printed in July 1946  
30 September 1946



238 black on grey.

Printed in November 1946.  
Value redrawn.



239 Black on grey.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income of £420 or over - Health and Pensions.

30 September 1946



240 turquoise blue.

From 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 for a man aged 18 or over but under 65.  
Also for a male Voluntary Contributor with an annual income under £420 - Health and Pensions.

## Multiple rate stamps March 1946.

18 March 1946  
figures and words.



**241** grey on umber.  
2 @ 1/8d

18 March 1946  
figures and words.



**242** violet on brown.  
2 @ 2/2d. or 13 @ 4d.

18 March 1946  
figures and words



**243** agate.  
on red.  
8 @ 1/8d

18 March 1946  
figures and words



**244** green  
on yellow.  
13 @ 1/1d.

18 March 1946  
figures and words



**245** maroon on  
blue.  
13 @ 1/4d.

18 March 1946  
figures and words



**246** bronze carmine  
on light green.  
13 @ 1/8d.

## Multiple rate stamps - December 1946.

18 December 1946



**247** violet on  
dark oak brown.  
13 @ 4d.

18 December 1946



**248** green on  
magenta  
2 @ 3/4d

18 December 1946



**249** magenta on  
oak brown  
2 @ 4/-

Originally issued  
23 Feb 1942



**218** red on  
yellow  
13 @ 2/-.

18 December 1946



**250** orange on blue  
8 @ 3/4d

18 December 1946



**251** blue on orange  
13 @ 2/2d

18 December 1946



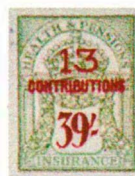
**252** blue on fawn  
13 @ 2/4d

18 December 1946



**253** violet on green  
8 @ 4/-

18 December 1946



**254** red on green.  
13 @ 3/-.

18 December 1946



**255** blue on maroon.  
13 @ 3/4d.

18 December 1946



**256** scarlet on maroon.  
13 @ 4/-.

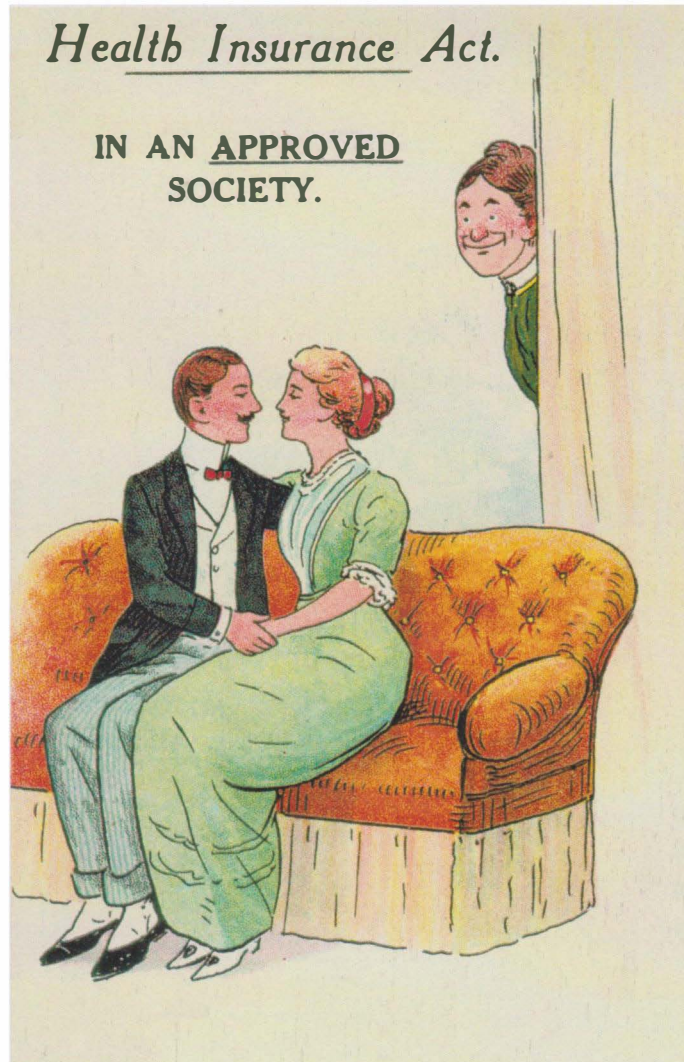
**National Insurance stamps  
5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 1993  
are dealt with in a series of Booklets later in this set of volumes.  
PART 3 from page 300.**

**Before 1948, although National Health Insurance Contributions had been collected Nationally, not everyone was enrolled into the scheme, and the benefits were administered locally by local authorities and a myriad of non-government organisations, the Approved Societies.**

## Approved Societies.

Although Contributions were collected by the use of stamps and cards the administration of the benefits was placed in the hands of Approved Societies. These were non profit-making organisations run for the mutual benefit of the members.

**Postcard making fun of the name *Approved Society*.** (Item 141):





The new National Health Service was organised and administered by the National Health Insurance Commission from 1911 until 1919. This a picture of one of the cream thick paper folders used in their files. [purchased on eBay.]

*Relating to the National Insurance Act 1911*

# NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION.

No Minutes are to be made anywhere on this Cover.

Regd. No. of Papers within	Name of Case.	Subject.
12/14190	Depend <sup>t</sup> . A.S.	Statement of case to 24 May 1912

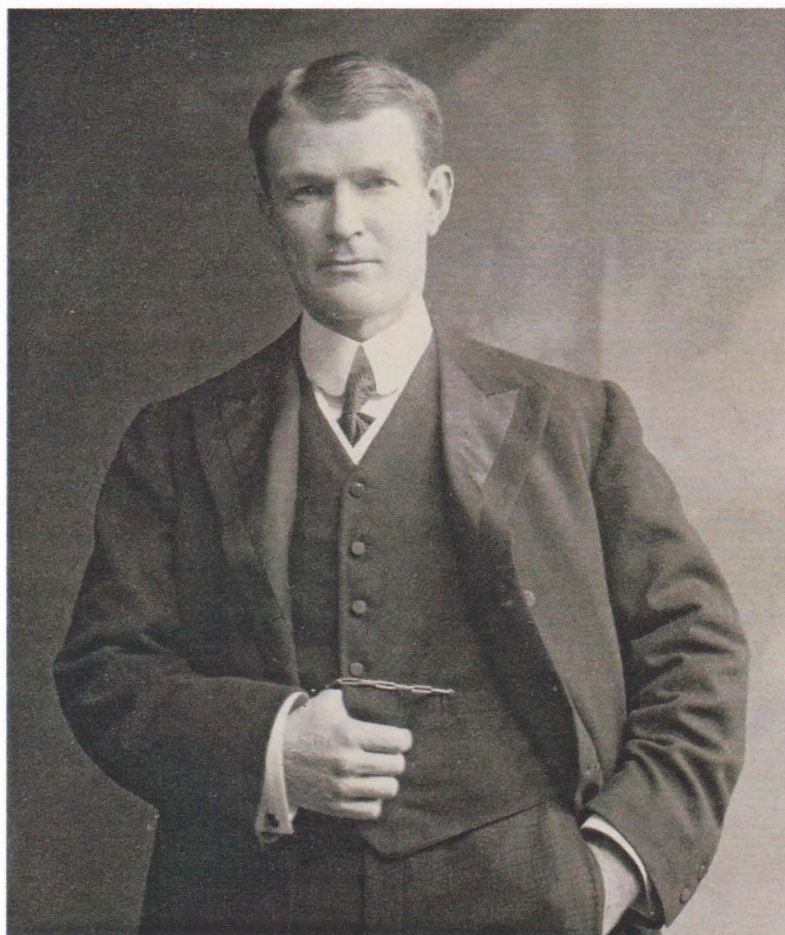
Officer or Section referred to.	Date of reference.	Officer or Section referred to.	Date of reference.
<del>M. R. ...</del>	28.5.12		
M. ...	29.5		
M. ...	29.5		
AS (pa)	3.6		

Biographical information about the Mr Braithwaite mentioned on this cover has been taken from the web-site of the School of Economic and Political Science.

**BRAITHWAITE, William John, 1876-1938, civil servant 1908-1932.**

**Biographical History.**

Born 1876: educated Winchester and Oxford University, joined civil service, 1898, as part of the Inland Revenue Department; sent on mission to Germany, 1908, to inquire into local taxation methods; Assistant Secretary, Board of Inland Revenue, 1910-1911; sent to investigate German System of health insurance, 1910; Personal Assistant to the Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1910-1911, during the creation of the National Insurance Act; appointed **Secretary, National Health Insurance Joint Committee, 1911-1912**; Commissioner for Special Purpose of Income Tax, 1913; CB, 1937; died 1938.



*Photograph courtesy the Braithwaite Collection at the London School of Economics.*

The papers in file previously illustrated are about ensuring that the largest Societies who were to participate in the implementation of the Act agreed to the rules without delay and could therefore have priority to be approved in order to demonstrate the greatest possible membership for the scheme.

Only a few hundred staff were employed to carry out the mammoth task of setting up the National Health Insurance Scheme, and to show that their efforts were appreciated the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Lloyd George.), and the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, as well as the Health Insurance Commissioners sent them a congratulatory message on the day that the Act came into force. [purchased on e-bay.] (Item 142):

I am directed by the Commission to furnish to every member of the Staff copies of the subjoined Minutes.

C. S.

15th July, 1912.

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MINUTE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER AND THE  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

*“The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Financial Secretary to the Treasury cannot let pass the occasion of the Insurance Act coming into operation without conveying to the staffs of the Commissions their appreciation of the public-spirited devotion to duty that has throughout been displayed by all grades. They feel that no commendation could be too high to express their sense of the way in which all concerned have risen to the high responsibilities with which they have been entrusted, and the self-sacrifice and zeal with which they are discharging their important and onerous duties in circumstances of special stress. They recognise that the immense work that has been accomplished in six months, and has now launched the Act, has meant whole-hearted and devoted service in a special response to a special call, worthy of the best traditions of the Civil Service.”*

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MINUTE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSION.

*“On the commencement of the National Insurance Act this day, the Commission place on record their warm appreciation of the zealous and untiring manner in which the officers and staff (permanent and temporary) have carried out and are still carrying out their heavy duties, and the Commission direct that this Minute be communicated during the day to those concerned.”*

15th July, 1912.

The German Scheme investigated by William Braithwaite is described in the following extract:

### **From National Health Insurance and the Welfare State, Part 2**

by Richard M. Ebeling, February 1994

[www.fff.org/freedom/0294b.asp](http://www.fff.org/freedom/0294b.asp)

#### **German health insurance**

State-mandated health insurance began in Germany in 1884, and initially covered workers in factories, mines, foundries, banks, dockyards, railroads and inland shipping. The blanket of coverage was extended over increasing portions of the work force in 1885 and 1892, with family members of workers included after 1892. In 1911, workers in agricultural and forestry occupations were added, and by 1928, practically every trade, occupation and craft in Germany was enveloped in the system.

Before the First World War, anyone making less than 2,000 marks in the covered occupations was required by law to participate in the insurance scheme. By 1928, all those earning less than 3,600 marks were forced to participate. The insurance funds mandated by the German state were organized on the basis of trades and occupations. But the state continually consolidated them, with the result that, while in 1909 there were 23,000 of such funds, by 1914 they had been reduced to 10,000, and to about 7,400 in 1929.

The insurance funds were managed by representatives of employers and labour unions in an industry. The government required that at least a sum equal to one and one-half of the average wage in an occupation be contributed to the fund by each firm, with the contribution being split on the basis of two thirds being paid by the employee and one third by the employer. And as a result, worker representatives made up two thirds of the members on the board of each fund.

Benefits first included thirteen weeks of free medical care and a cash payment equal to fifty percent of the prevailing wage in the pertinent occupation, with the cash benefit starting on the fourth day of an illness. After 1903, free medical care and cash payments were expanded to a period of twenty-six weeks. In case of hospitalization, the cash payment was cut in half. Besides these basic benefits, the compulsory-insurance funds often provided cash benefits equal to seventy-five percent of the worker's pay (depending upon family size), and by the 1920s, these cash payments often started only one day after an illness began. Financial coverage was also extended to include nursing services and convalescent treatment for up to a year after the end of cash benefits. Maternity benefits were mandatory as well.




German Health Insurance Card 1902/03

Quittungskarten-Formular A.

Versicherungsanstalt: Gen. Hofmann  
(Hier ist bei der ersten Quittungskarte der Name derjenigen Anstalt anzutragen, in deren Bezirk der Versicherte zu dieser Zeit beschäftigt ist. Jede folgende Karte ist mit dem Namen der auf der nächstvorhergehenden Karte vermerkten Anstalt zu versehen.)

Ausgabestelle: J. Pol. Rm. May  
(Liste der Quittungskarten A. Reg. 63 1\*)

Ausgestellt am 18 ten Juni 1903  
(Benutzbar\*\*) für die Zeit seit dem 17 ten November 1902



Zur Vermeidung der Ungültigkeit innerhalb zweier Jahre nach dem Ausstellungstage zum Umtausch oder zur Verlängerung vorzulegen.

**227**  
**Quittungskarte Nr. 5** für  
Johann Gouget

(Vor- und Zuname, bei Frauen auch Geburtsname)  
 bei Ausstellung dieser Karte Wohnort: May Polst. 10  
(Wohnung)  
 Berufsstellung: Simpfmeister

geboren am 2 ten August im Jahre 1882  
 zu Altdorf Kreis Siedenhofen

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**Zur Beachtung.** Für Versicherungspflichtige Arb. und zwar auch im Falle der Weiterversicherung, nur diese gelben Quittungskarten zu verwenden.

**Invalidenversicherungsgesetz.**

**§. 139.** Die Eintragung eines Urtheils über die Führung oder die Leistung des Inhabers sowie sonstige durch dieses Gesetz nicht vorgeiehene Eintragungen oder Vermerke in oder an der Quittungskarte sind unzulässig. Quittungskarten, in welchen derartige Eintragungen oder Vermerke sich vorfinden, sind von jeder Behörde, welcher sie zugehen, einzubehalten. Die Behörde hat die Erziehung derselben durch neue Karten, in welche der zulässige Inhalt der ersteren nach Maßgabe der Bestimmung des §. 136 zu übernehmen ist, zu veranlassen.

Dem Arbeitgeber sowie Dritten ist untersagt, die Quittungskarte nach Einklebung der Karten wider den Willen des Inhabers zurückzubehalten. Auf die Zurückbehaltung der Karten seitens der zuständigen Behörden und Organe zu Zwecken des Umtausches, der Kontrolle, Berichtigung, Aufrechnung, Uebertragung oder der Durchführung des Einzugsverfahrens (§§. 148 ff.) findet diese Bestimmung keine Anwendung.

Quittungskarten, welche im Widerspruche mit dieser Vorschrift zurückgehalten werden, sind durch die Ortspolizeibehörde dem Zuwiderhandelnden abzunehmen und dem Berechtigten auszuhandigen. Der erstere bleibt dem letzteren für alle Nachteile, welche diesem aus der Zuwiderhandlung erwachsen, verantwortlich.

**§. 184.** Wer in Quittungskarten Eintragungen oder Vermerke macht, welche nach §. 139 unzulässig sind, oder wer in Quittungskarten den Vordruck oder die zur Ausfüllung des Vordrucks eingetragenen Worte oder Zahlen verfälscht oder wissentlich von einer derart verfälschten Karte Gebrauch macht, kann von der unteren Verwaltungsbehörde und da, wo Rentenstellen die Beitragskontrolle übertragen ist, von dem Vorsitzenden derselben mit Geldstrafe bis zu zwanzig Mark belegt werden.

Sind die Eintragungen, Vermerke oder Veränderungen in der Absicht gemacht worden, den Inhaber der Quittungskarte anderen Arbeitgebern gegenüber zu kennzeichnen, so tritt Geldstrafe bis zu zweitausend Mark oder Gefängnis bis zu sechs Monaten ein. Sind mildernde Umstände vorhanden, so kann statt der Gefängnisstrafe auf Haft erkannt werden.

Eine Verfolgung wegen Urkundenfälschung (§§. 267, 268 des Reichs-Strafgesetzbuchs) tritt nur ein, wenn die Fälschung in der Absicht begangen wurde, sich oder einem Anderen einen Vermögensvorteil zu verschaffen oder einem Anderen Schaden zuzufügen.

\*) Zu durchstreichen, wenn die Ausgabe stelle keine Liste der Quittungskarten A führt.  
 \*\*) Auf Antrag auszufüllen, sofern in die Karte Karten für die Zeit vor ihrer Ausstellung einzufügen sind (§. 146).



# German Health Insurance Card 1910/11

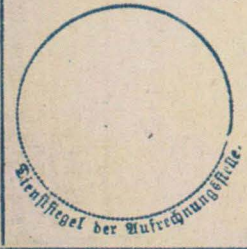
Für jede Kalenderwoche, in welcher eine versicherungspflichtige Beschäftigung stattgefunden hat, ist ein Beitrag zu entrichten. Die Beitragsentrichtung erfolgt durch Einfleben



Alle Marken sind bei Ordnungstrafe bis zu 20 Mark zu entwerthen. Arbeitgeber und Versicherte dürfen Marken nur dadurch entwerthen, daß auf denselben der Entwertungstag in Ziffern, § 15 Abs. 3 O.G., angegeben wird. Die Unterlassung der Entwertung von Marken, welche vom Versicherten statt des Arbeitgebers eingeklebt werden, hat auch den Verlust des Erstattungsanspruchs zur Folge (§§ 144 und 145 Abs. 2).

### Aufrechnung.

Zahl der Wochen, für welche Beiträge entrichtet sind	in Lohnklasse	I	II	III	IV	V
			52			
Dauer bescheinigter Krankheiten			Dauer militärischer Dienstleistungen			
vom 1 bis einschließlich			vom 1 bis einschließlich			



*Rombach*  
 (Ort und Datum) *Obg. 25/12*  
 (Aufrechnungsstelle)

Von Marken für die entsprechende Zahl von Wochen dabei sind sie selber, von oben links beginnend, in fortlaufender Reihe zu bekleben.

## The Approved Societies.

Lists of the participating Societies were published at intervals by H.M.S.O.  
The 1913 edition has 107 pages. (*Item 143*):

FOR OFFICIAL USE.

List 14 (a).  
*December, 1913.*

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1911-13.

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LIST

OF

SOCIETIES APPROVED

BY THE

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE

AND BY THE

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS

FOR

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND, AND WALES.

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*Price Ninepence.*



The 1920 edition has 200 pages. (Item 144):

**FOR OFFICIAL USE.**

**List 14 (a).**  
**1920.**

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE  
ACTS, 1911-20.**

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**LIST**

OF

**APPROVED SOCIETIES**

OPERATING IN

**more than one part of the United Kingdom**

AND IN

**ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND,**

AND

**WALES respectively.**

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1920.

Price 1s. 6d. Net.



Copies of the four editions mentioned here can be found in Box HD7102 in the Trade Union Congress Library at the London Metropolitan University in Holloway Road, London.

The 1937 edition has 109 pages. (*Item 145*):



LIST 14 (a)  
1937

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

# LIST OF APPROVED SOCIETIES

LONDON  
HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

Price 2s. od. net

The first edition I found was that of 1942. This was Sir William Beveridge's copy which is in the Archives of the Library of the London School of Economics. Ref: BEV VIII/30 Item 46. (*Item 146*):  
It has 53 pages.

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LIST 14 (a)



NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

# LIST OF APPROVED SOCIETIES

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or through any bookseller

1942

Price 1s. 0d. net.

There was also a Handbook for Approved Societies with 367 pages published in 1933 of which there had been at least one previous edition, (1925 with a supplement – neither of which appear to have survived). A handbook (price 1/6d.) and Supplement (price 3d.) were obtainable from H.M.S.O. in 1930. Only the cover is reproduced here.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

APPROVED SOCIETIES  
HANDBOOK

Being a Revised Handbook for the  
Guidance of Approved Societies in  
their Administration of Benefits  
under the National Health Insurance  
Acts, 1924 to 1932.



LONDON

PUBLISHED BY HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

To be purchased directly from H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE at the following addresses  
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York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff  
15, Donegall Square West, Belfast  
or through any bookseller

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Price: 2s. 6d. net, Paper  
3s. 0d. net, Boards

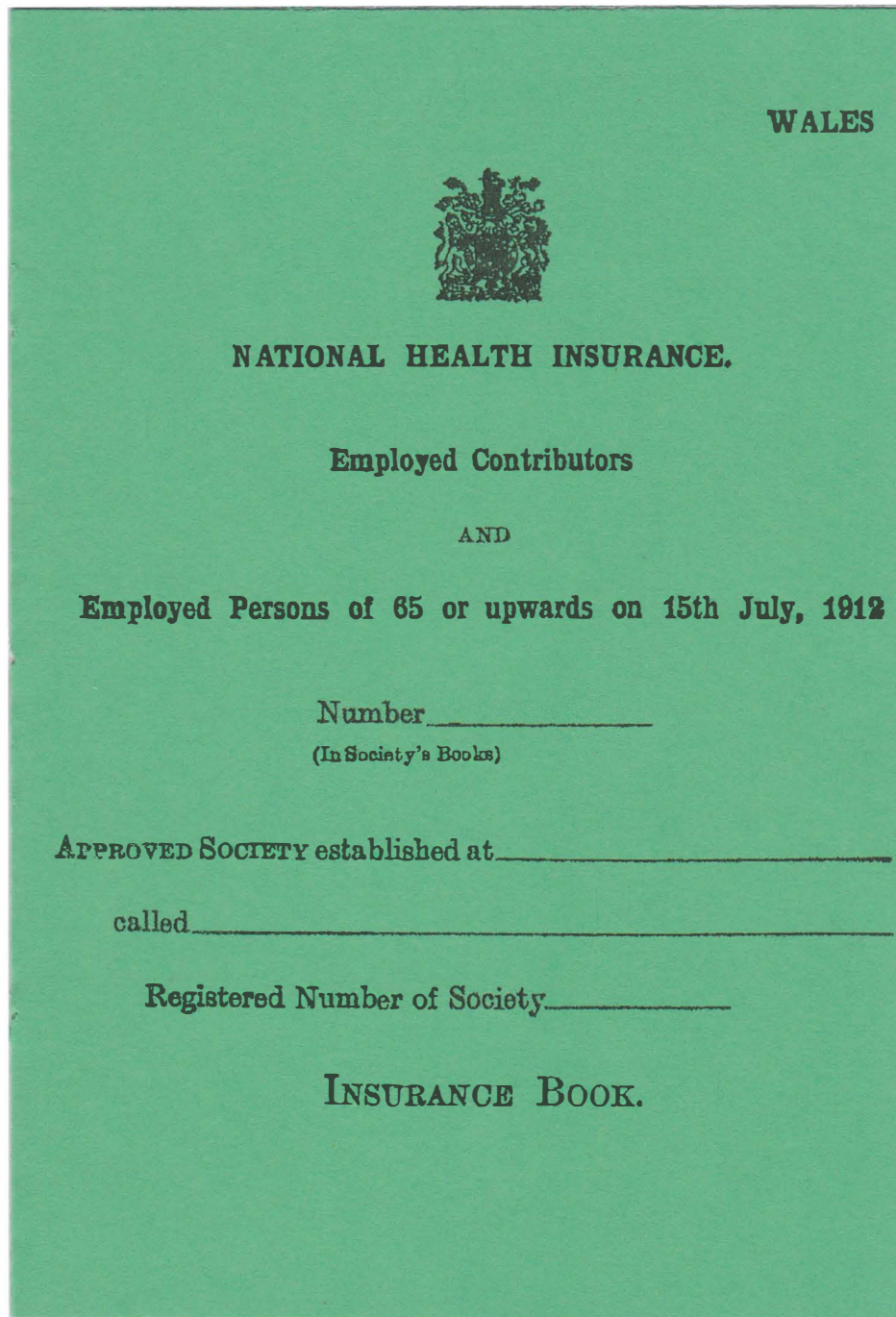
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## National Insurance Record Books.

National Health Insurance Books were provided by the Approved Societies to record the cumulative contributions..

This is a book used to record contributions from the introduction of the scheme on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1912 until the quarter ending 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913. It slightly overlaps the next book which was introduced for use with the six-monthly stamp cards. [ From an example in PIN 900/42] (Item 147):


[The colour of the cover is actually a dull greyish green not as reproduced here..]





This English one records six-monthly Contributions for the years ended 5<sup>th</sup> July 1914 to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1916, This type of book sometimes had additional printing on the front and back of the cover giving details of the particular Society administering the scheme.  
 [The colour of the cover is actually a dull greyish green not as reproduced here..]

A book in [PIN 900/42] (Item 148):

MAN.  ENGLAND.

**EMPLOYED  
CONTRIBUTOR.**

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.  
INSURANCE BOOK.**

This Book must be returned to the Society when the contribution card is returned and whenever a claim for benefit is made (see pages 12 and 16).

Any person finding this book unless he can at once return it to the person named, should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

In any other circumstances, persons desiring to send an Insurance Book through the Post must enclose it in an envelope and, unless the book is sent to the Insurance Commissioners, must prepay the postage.

Members should quote their Membership Number when communicating with the Society.

Name of Approved Society }  
 Name and No. of Registered Branch (if any) }  
 Address of Society, or Registered Branch }

Member's No in Society	Full Name	Full Postal Address
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If a cut-out envelope is used for posting this book to the member particular care must be taken to see that the name and address are plainly visible when the book is in the envelope. Upon a change of address the new address should be written on a slip, which should be firmly gummed over the old address.

**Additional Page.**

A page called Page 10a, was inserted into books in 1916 to cover the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> July 1917. (Item 149):

10A. Record of Contributions, &c., for the Year ended 1st July, 1917			No. of Weeks	Initials of Society Official
RESERVE BALANCE brought forward from page 10 ... ..				
<b>26 weeks</b> ended 31st Dec., 1916	Contributions paid ... ..	...		
	Contributions not payable on account of Sickness, &c. ... ..	...		
	Arrears paid on .....	19.....		
	Arrears paid on .....	19.....		
.....				
<b>26 weeks</b> ended 1st July, 1917	Contributions paid ... ..	...		
	Contributions not payable on account of Sickness, &c. ... ..	...		
	Arrears paid on .....	19.....		
	Arrears paid on .....	19.....		
.....				
RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS (see Table B on page 5) ... ..				
TOTAL ... ..				
<b>PENALTY ARREARS</b> on 1st July, 1917 ... ..				
Period of Grace 2nd July, 1917, to 30th Sept., 1917	Arrears paid on.....	1917	/	
	"    "    ".....	1917		
.....				
TOTAL ARREARS PAID ... ..				
<b>NET PENALTY ARREARS</b> on 30th September, 1917 ... ..				
OR				
<b>RESERVE BALANCE</b> carried forward ... ..				
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.....				
.....				
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**Further additional page.**

Another page was inserted in 1917 to cover the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1918, although a Record Card was also in use to cover this year. (Item 150):

Record of Contributions, &c., for the Year ended 30th June, 1918.			
RESERVE BALANCE brought forward from year ended		No. of Weeks.	Initials of Society Official.
1st July, 1917 ... ..			
<b>26 weeks ended 30th Dec., 1917.</b>	Contributions paid ... ..		
	Contributions not payable on account of Sickness, &c. ... ..		
	Arrears paid on.....	19	
	Arrears paid on.....	19	
<b>26 weeks ended 30th June, 1918.</b>	Contributions paid ... ..		
	Contributions not payable on account of Sickness, &c. ... ..		
	Arrears paid on.....	19	
	Arrears paid on.....	19	
RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS (see Table B on page 5) ... ..			
TOTAL ... ..			
<b>PENALTY ARREARS on 30th June, 1918 ... ..</b>			
Period of Grace 1st July, 1918, to 29th Sept., 1918.	Arrears paid on.....	1918.	
	" " ".....	1918.	
TOTAL ARREARS PAID ... ..			
<b>NET PENALTY ARREARS on 29th September, 1918..</b>			
OR			
<b>RESERVE BALANCE</b> carried forward ... ..			

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Record Card for years ending 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1921 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1923. (Item 152):

**IMPORTANT.**

Your Contribution Card must be handed or forwarded to your Society with this Record Card immediately after the end of each half-year (June and December). If you send it through the post, you must stamp the envelope.

You are not entitled to stamp your Contribution Card yourself for weeks of unemployment unless you have paid less than 10s contributions in all, and then you may do so, but only in respect of weeks of genuine unemployment or sickness.

If you do not send in your stamped card promptly, your benefits may be reduced or suspended.


You can obtain a statement of the Benefits paid to you during the year on application to your Society.

*NOTE.—If you lose this Record Card your Society may charge 1d. for supplying a new one.*

If any person finds this Card he should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

(684) Wt.13076/532 1,155,450 11/20 S.O.Press,Harrow E.C5:14

**EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR.**



**ENGLAND, MAN.**

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.**

**MEMBER'S RECORD CARD.**

1. Always state your Membership Number when writing to your Society.

2. Keep this card carefully, and when you give up a stamped contribution card, see that your Society has correctly recorded on this card the number of contributions paid.

3. Notify any change of address to your Society without delay.

4. A Pamphlet fully setting out your position under the National Health Insurance Acts will be supplied by your Society—Price 1d.

Membership Number

Name of Approved Society } .....

Name and No. of Branch (if any) } .....

Address of Society or Branch } .....

**RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Rate of Contribution 10s. a week. <small>Date of Entry into Insurance if entered in after 30th June, 1920.</small>	CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 3rd July, 1921, governing Benefit Year 1921.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 2nd July, 1922, governing Benefit Year 1922.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 1st July, 1923, governing Benefit Year 1923.	
	No. of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official	No. of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official	No. of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official
Contributions paid July to December	(20)		(21)		(22)	
Contributions paid January to June ...	(21)		(22)		(23)	
Contributions not due (weeks of sickness duly notified or weeks before insurance began)						
<b>TOTAL CREDITED ...</b>						
Arrears Penalty due (Col. (4) of Table below) ...	s. d.		s. d.		s. d.	
Arrears Penalty Paid ...						

EFFECT OF ARREARS ON BENEFITS.	Amount by which Benefits will be reduced.		Arrears Penalty, being the Appropriate Sum to secure full benefits.
	Total number of Contributions credited (shown above).	Sickness Benefit.	
If the total of your contributions credited (see above) is 48 or over, you will be entitled to full benefits during the next Benefit Year (which begins on the first Monday in January).	(1)	(2)	(4)
If the total is less than 48, your benefits will be reduced by the amount shown in Columns (2) and (3) of the Table opposite, unless,	48-52	No reduction	No reduction
during the Period of Grace (which runs from the end of the Contribution Year to 31st October), you pay on a Special Arrears Card the appropriate Arrears Penalty (see Column (4)), or part of it. If part only is paid, the sum still unpaid will fix the amounts by which your rates of benefit will be reduced during the next Benefit Year. If your total is less than 48 and you do not get an Arrears Notice by the 1st September, ask your Society for one.	45-47	1s.	6d.
The Sickness Benefit of New Entrants who have not completed 14 weeks of insurance and paid 10s contributions will be reduced by the amount shown in Column (3).	42-44	2s.	1s.
If you have been intermittently employed, you are liable to be treated by your Society as a voluntary contributor for arrears purposes.	39-41	5s.	1s. 6d.
	36-38	4s.	7d.
	53-55	5s.	2s. 6d.
	37-39	6s.	3s.
	56-59	7s.	3s. 6d.
	Under 46	Sickness, Disablement and Maternity benefits suspended.	12s.



Record Card for years ending 6<sup>th</sup> July 1924 to 4<sup>th</sup> July 1926. (Item 153):

**IMPORTANT.**

Your Contribution Card must be handed or forwarded to your Society with this Record Card immediately after the end of each half-year (June and December). If you send it through the post, you must stamp the envelope.

You are not entitled to stamp your Contribution Card yourself for weeks of unemployment unless you have paid less than 104 contributions in all, and then you may do so, but only in respect of weeks of genuine unemployment or sickness.

If you do not send in your stamped card promptly, your benefits may be reduced or suspended.


You can obtain a statement of the Health Insurance Benefits paid to you during the year on application to your Society.

When your insurance ceases the Society cannot pay benefit, even though the arrears penalty has been paid.

*NOTE.—If you lose this Record Card your Society may charge 3d. for supplying a new one.*

If any person finds this Card he should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

1983. 162. 850,000. 13/6/23. B. Ltd., Bristol.

EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR.  WALES, MAN.

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.**

**MEMBER'S RECORD CARD.**

1. Always state your Membership Number when writing to your Society.

2. Keep this card carefully, and when you give up a stamped contribution card, see that your Society has correctly recorded on this card the number of contributions paid.

3. Notify any change of address to your Society without delay.

4. A Pamphlet fully setting out your position under the National Health Insurance Acts will be supplied by your Society—Price 1d.

Membership Number

Name of Approved Society } .....

Name and No. of Branch (if any) } .....

Address of Society or Branch } .....

**RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Date of Entry into Insurance if entering after 4th July, 1921.	Contribution Year ending 6th July, 1924 (53 weeks), governing Benefit Year 1925.		Contribution Year ending 5th July, 1925, governing Benefit Year 1926.		Contribution Year ending 4th July, 1926, governing Benefit Year 1927.	
	No. of Health Insurance Contributions.	Initials of Society Official and date.	No. of Health Insurance Contributions.	Initials of Society Official and date.	No. of Health Insurance Contributions.	Initials of Society Official and date.
Contributions paid { July to December	(2) (23)		(2) (24)		(2) (25)	
Contributions paid { January to June	(1) (24)		(1) (25)		(1) (26)	
Contributions not due (weeks of sickness duly notified or weeks before insurance began)						
TOTAL CREDITED ..						
Arrears Penalty due (Col. (4) of Table below) .. ..	s.		s.		s.	
Arrears Penalty Paid .. ..						

**EFFECT OF ARREARS ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.**

If the total of your contributions credited (see above) is 48\* or over, you will be entitled to full benefits during the next Benefit Year (which begins on the first Monday in January).

If the total is less than 48\* your benefits will be reduced by the amount shown in Columns (2) and (3) of the Table opposite, unless,

during the Period of Grace (which runs from the end of the Contribution Year to 31st October), you pay on a Special Arrears Card the appropriate Arrears Penalty (see Column (4)), or part of it. If part only is paid, the sum still unpaid will fix the amounts by which your rates of benefit will be reduced during the next Benefit Year. If your total is less than 48\* and you do not get an Arrears Notice by the 1st September, ask your Society for one.

The Sickness Benefit of New Entrants who have not completed 104 weeks of insurance and paid 104 contributions will be reduced by the amount shown in Column (3).

If you have been intermittently employed, you are liable to be treated by your Society as a voluntary contributor for arrears purposes.

\* 49 in the Contribution Year ending 6th July, 1924.

† For the year ended 6th July, 1924, every number in Column 1 must be increased by 1.

† Total number of Contributions credited (shown above).	Amount by which Benefits will be reduced.		Arrears Penalty being the Appropriate Sum to secure full benefits (4)
	Sickness Benefit. (2)	Disablement Benefit. (3)	
(1)			
48-52	No reduction	No reduction	NIL.
45-47	1s.	6d.	1s.
42-44	2s.	1s.	2s.
39-41	3s.	1s. 6d.	3s.
36-38	4s.	2s.	4s.
33-35	5s.	2s. 6d.	5s.
30-32	6s.	3s.	6s.
26-29	7s.	3s. 6d.	7s.
Under 26	{ Sickness, Disablement and } { Maternity Benefit suspended }		12s.







Record card for years ending 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1932 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 1936. (Item 155):

**IMPORTANT.**

Your Contribution Card must be handed or forwarded to your Society with this Record Card immediately after the end of each half-year (June and December). If you send it through the post, you must stamp the envelope.

If you do not send in your stamped card promptly, your benefits may be reduced or suspended.


You can obtain a statement of the Health Insurance Benefits paid to you during the year on application to your Society.

**Under the Act a Woman who marries must notify her Society giving date of marriage,**

*NOTE.—If you lose this Record Card your Society may charge 3d. for supplying a new one.*

A person finding this Card should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

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**EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR.** **ENGLAND. WOMAN.**

**NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE.**

**MEMBER'S RECORD CARD.**

1. Keep this card carefully, and when you give up a stamped contribution card, see that your Society has correctly recorded on this card the number of contributions paid, etc.
2. Notify any change of address to your Society without delay.
3. Always state your Membership Number when writing to your Society.
4. A leaflet (Leaflet No. 35), giving information regarding National Health and Pensions Insurance may be obtained from your Society or the Ministry of Health.

Membership Number }

Name of Approved Society } Tunbridge Wells Equitable.

Name and No. of Branch (if any) } Friendly Approved No. 172.

Address of Society or Branch } 19, Mount Ephraim Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CONTRIBUTION 1s. 1d. a week.		RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS.									
Date of entry into Insurance If after 8th July, 1929.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 8th July, 1932, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1933.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 2nd July, 1933, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1934.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 1st July, 1934, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1935.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 7th July, 1935, (53 weeks) governing BENEFIT YEAR 1936.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 5th July, 1936, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1937.	
		Number of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official	Number of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official	Number of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official	Number of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official	Number of Contributions.	Initials of Society Official
CONTRIBUTIONS PAID	July to Dec.	2 31		2 32		2 33		2 34		2 35	
	Jan. to June.	1 32		1 33		1 34		1 35		1 36	
CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOWED.											
(a) for notified incapacity or weeks before Insee. began.											
(b) on account of proved unemployment ...											
<b>TOTAL CREDITED</b> ...											
ARREARS DUE ...											
ARREARS PAID... ..											

**EFFECT OF ARREARS ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.**

1. The health insurance benefits payable to you during a **Benefit Year** (which begins on the first Monday in January) depend upon the number of contributions credited to you for the **Contribution Year** ended in the previous July.
2. If any arrears for a **Contribution Year** are due from you, your health insurance benefits will be reduced or suspended during the next **Benefit Year** unless you make up the arrears within the period of grace (which runs from the end of the contribution year to the 30th November).
3. Particulars of the arrears due for any contribution year should be notified to you by your Society by means of an Arrears Notice, and the notice will set out the amount of the requisite arrears payment, the manner in which it should be made, and the effect upon your benefits if you pay only part of the arrears.
4. **If, for any Contribution Year, arrears are due, but no Arrears Notice has reached you by the 1st October following, you should ask your Society for one.**
5. The payment of arrears does not entitle you to receive any benefit after your insurance has ceased.

**PENSIONS BENEFITS.**

The conditions governing title to contributory pensions will be found in Leaflet O.A.P. 107 G (Old Age Pensions) and Leaflet W.P. 6 G (Orphans' Pensions). Copies of these Leaflets may be obtained at any Post Office.

Application for old age pension may be made at any time within four months before the applicant's 65th birthday.

**TERMINATION OF INSURANCE.**

A woman who has ceased to be compulsorily insurable is advised to apply to her Approved Society for Memorandum 247/X which gives information as to the period during which insurance as an employed contributor continues, and the conditions for maintaining insurance (if unmarried) as a voluntary contributor.



Record Card for years ending 4<sup>th</sup> July 1937 to 6<sup>th</sup> July 1941. (Item 156):

**IMPORTANT**

Your Contribution Card must be handed or forwarded to your Society with this Record Card immediately after the end of each half-year (June and December). If you send it through the post, you must stamp the envelope.

If you do not send in your stamped card promptly, your benefits may be reduced or suspended.

You can obtain a statement of the Health Insurance Benefits paid to you during the year on application to your Society.

*NOTE.—If you lose this Record Card your Society may charge 3d. for supplying a new one.*

A person finding this Card should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

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EMPLOYED  
CONTRIBUTOR



WALES  
MAN

**NATIONAL HEALTH AND PENSIONS INSURANCE**

**MEMBER'S RECORD CARD**

1. Keep this card carefully, and when you give up a stamped contribution card, see that your Society has correctly recorded on this card the number of contributions paid, etc.
2. Notify any change of address to your Society without delay.
3. Always state your Membership Number when writing to your Society.
4. A leaflet (Leaflet No. 35), giving information regarding National Health and Pensions Insurance, may be obtained from your Society or the Welsh Board of Health.

	Membership Number
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Name of Approved Society } .....

Name and No. of Branch (if any) } .....

Address of Society or Branch } .....

**CONTRIBUTION**  
1s. 8d. a week.

Date of entry into Insurance  
if after 2nd July, 1934.

**RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

	CONTRIBUTION YEAR Ending 4th July, 1937, governing Benefit Year, 1938.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR Ending 3rd July, 1938, governing Benefit Year, 1939.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR Ending 2nd July, 1939, governing Benefit Year, 1940.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR Ending 30th June, 1940, governing Benefit Year, 1941.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR Ending 6th July, 1941, (53 weeks) governing Benefit Year, 1942.	
	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS PAID.</b>	July to Dec.	3 6	3 7	3 8	3 9	4 0				
	Jan. to June	3 7	3 8	3 9	4 0					
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOWED</b> on account of proved unemploy- ment	July to Dec.	3 6	3 7	3 8	3 9	4 0				
	Jan. to June	3 7	3 8	3 9	4 0					
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOWED</b> for notified incapacity or weeks before Insurance began										
<b>TOTAL CREDITED</b> .....										
<b>ARREARS DUE</b> .....										
<b>ARREARS PAID</b> .....										

**EFFECT OF ARREARS ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.**

1. The health insurance benefits payable to you during a **Benefit Year** (which begins on the first Monday in January) depend upon the number of contributions credited to you for the **Contribution Year** ended in the previous July.
2. If any arrears for a **Contribution Year** are due from you, your health insurance benefits will be reduced or suspended during the next **Benefit Year** unless you make up the arrears within the period of grace (which runs from the end of the contribution year to the 30th November).
3. Particulars of the arrears due for any contribution year should be notified to you by your Society by means of an Arrears Notice, and the notice will set out the amount of the requisite arrears payment, the manner in which it should be made, and the effect upon your benefits if you pay only part of the arrears.
4. If for any **Contribution Year** arrears are due, but no **Arrears Notice** has reached you by the 1st October following, you should ask your Society for one.
5. The payment of arrears does not entitle you to receive any benefit after your insurance has ceased.

**PENSIONS BENEFITS.**

The conditions governing title to contributory pensions will be found in Leaflet W.P.6B. (Widows' and Orphans' Pensions) and Leaflet O.A.P. 107B (Old Age Pensions). Copies of these Leaflets may be obtained at any Post Office.

Application for old age pension may be made at any time within four months before the applicant's 65th birthday.

**TERMINATION OF INSURANCE.**

A person who has ceased to be compulsorily insurable is advised to apply to his Approved Society for Memorandum 247/X which gives information as to the period during which insurance as an employed contributor continues, and the conditions for maintaining insurance as a voluntary contributor.



Record Card for years ending 5<sup>th</sup> July 1942 to 7<sup>th</sup> July 1946. (Item 157):

**IMPORTANT.**

Your Contribution Card must be handed or forwarded to your Society with this Record Card immediately after the end of each half-year (June and December). If you send it through the post, you must stamp the envelope.

If you do not send in your stamped card promptly, your benefits may be reduced or suspended.

You can obtain a statement of the Health Insurance Benefits paid to you during the year on application to your Society.

**Under the Act a woman who marries must notify her Society giving date of marriage.**

*NOTE.—If you lose this Record Card your Society may charge 3d. for supplying a new one.*

**A person finding this Card should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.**

\*(1111) Wt. 14961/1455 300M 6/42 S.E.R. Ltd. Gp. 662.



**EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR.**

**ENGLAND WOMAN.**

**NATIONAL HEALTH & PENSIONS INSURANCE**  
**MEMBER'S RECORD CARD.**

1. Keep this card carefully, and when you give up a stamped contribution card, see that your Society has correctly recorded on this card the number of contributions paid, etc.
2. Notify any change of address to your Society without delay.
3. Always state your Membership Number when writing to your Society.
4. A leaflet (Leaflet No. 35), giving information regarding National Health and Pensions Insurance may be obtained from your Society or the Ministry of Health.

Membership Number
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Name of Approved Society } **PRUDENTIAL**  
 Name and No. of Branch (if any) } \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Society or Branch } **Holborn Bars, London, E.C.1**

**CONTRIBUTION**  
**1s. 5d. a week.**

Date of entry into Insurance if after 3rd July, 1939.

**RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS.**

	CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 6th July, 1942, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1943.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 4th July, 1943, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1944.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 2nd July, 1944, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1945.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 1st July, 1945, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1946.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 7th July, 1946, (53 weeks) governing BENEFIT YEAR 1947	
	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.	Contributions Credited.	Initials of Society Official.
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS PAID</b>	July to Dec. 4 1		4 2		4 3		4 4		4 5	
	Jan. to June 1 4 2		1 4 3		1 4 4		1 4 5		1 4 6	
Contributions allowed on account of proved unemployment	July to Dec. 2 4 1		2 4 2		2 4 3		2 4 4		2 4 5	
	Jan. to June 1 4 2		1 4 3		1 4 4		1 4 5		1 4 6	
Contributions allowed for notified incapacity or weeks before insurance began										
<b>TOTAL CREDITED</b>										
<b>ARREARS DUE</b>										
<b>ARREARS PAID</b>										

**EFFECT OF ARREARS ON HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS.**

1. The Health Insurance benefits payable to you during a Benefit Year (which begins on the first Monday in January) depend upon the number of contributions credited to you for the Contribution Year ended in the previous July.
2. If any arrears for a Contribution Year are due from you, your Health Insurance benefits will be reduced or suspended during the next Benefit Year unless you make up the arrears within the period of grace (which runs from the end of the contribution year to the 30th November).
3. Particulars of the arrears due for any contribution year should be notified to you by your Society by means of an Arrears Notice, and the notice will set out the amount of the requisite arrears payment, the manner in which it should be made, and the effect upon your benefits if you pay only part of the arrears.
4. If, for any Contribution Year, arrears are due, but no Arrears Notice has reached you by the 1st October following, you should ask your Society for one.
5. The payment of arrears does not entitle you to receive any benefit after your insurance has ceased.

**PENSIONS BENEFITS.**

The conditions governing title to contributory pensions will be found in Leaflet O.A.P. 107B (Old Age Pensions) and Leaflet W.P. 6B (Orphans' Pensions). Copies of these Leaflets may be obtained at any Post Office.

Application for old age pension may be made at any time within four months before the applicant's 60th birthday.

**TERMINATION OF INSURANCE.**

A woman who has ceased to be compulsorily insurable is advised to apply to her Approved Society for Memorandum 247 X which gives information as to the period during which insurance as an employed contributor continues, and the conditions for maintaining insurance as a voluntary contributor.



The life of Record Cards seems to have been extended using gummed labels like these.

(Item 158):

MB(P)Ltd. 51-8143.

EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR	RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS					
	CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 2nd JULY, 1944, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1945		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 1st JULY, 1945, governing BENEFIT YEAR 1946		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 7th JULY, 1946, (53 weeks) governing BENEFIT YEAR 1947	
	Contributions Credited	Initials of Society Official	Contributions Credited	Initials of Society Official	Contributions Credited	Initials of Society Officials
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS PAID ...</b>						
Contributions allowed on account of proved unemployment						
Contributions allowed for notified incapacity or weeks before insurance began						
<b>TOTAL CREDITED ...</b>						
ARREARS DUE ...						
ARREARS PAID ...						

(Item 159):

J. & G. 81-7553

EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR	RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS			
	CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 6th July, 1947.		CONTRIBUTION YEAR ending 4th July, 1948.	
	Contributions Credited	Initials of Society Official	Contributions Credited	Initials of Society Official
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS PAID ...</b>				
Contributions allowed on account of proved unemployment				
Contributions allowed for notified incapacity or weeks before insurance began				
<b>TOTAL CREDITED ...</b>				
ARREARS DUE ...				
ARREARS PAID ...				



## Deposit Contributors.

Those who were not members of an Approved Society were called Deposit Contributors. They had different Cards. This is one printed in September 1930, on green card. (Item 160):

**IMPORTANT.**

The full benefits of the National Health Insurance Acts can be obtained only by joining an Approved Society.

A Deposit Contributor can draw in Health Insurance benefits only the amount of the Health Insurance contributions paid by or in respect of him (with the addition of State Grant); but a member of an Approved Society can, within certain limits, draw as required on a common fund built up by the Health Insurance contributions of all the members.

You may at any time join any Approved Society willing to accept you. A list of these Societies can be seen at any Employment Exchange, at the office of the local Insurance Committee, or at any District Office of the Insurance Department.

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**PENSIONS BENEFITS.**

The title to Widows' Orphans' and Old Age Pensions depends in general on the contributor having been insured continuously for two years (five years in the case of Old Age Pensions) at the date when the title to pension arises, on payment of 104 contributions before that date, and on a prescribed average of contributions being credited in the last three complete contribution years (July to July).

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A person finding this Card should drop it into a Post Office Letter Box.

\*13090/3689 50m 9/30 1147 G & S 127



**EMPLOYED CONTRIBUTOR.**      **ENGLAND. MAN.**

**NATIONAL HEALTH & PENSIONS INSURANCE.**

**DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTOR'S RECORD CARD.**

- Always state your number when writing to the Department or to your Insurance Committee.
- Carefully keep this Record Card and post it with your Contribution Card to the Ministry of Health, Insurance Department, at the end of each half-year. If you do not receive an envelope for the purpose from the Department, you can obtain one at any Post Office—Postage need not be paid.
- Notify any change of address to the Ministry of Health, Insurance Department, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey.
- BENEFITS.** A full explanation of the benefits to which a Deposit Contributor is entitled is contained in Leaflet No. 27, of which a copy has been sent to you.
- If you have not received a Contribution Card you can obtain one at a Post Office.

Deposit Contributor's Number

**RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.**

Deposit Contributor's No. ....

Date of Entry into Insurance) .....

Health and Pensions Contributions Paid		Initials	Benefits and Charges Debited			Initials
Half-Year	Number of Contributions credited at 9d. (Health Insurance portion)		Date of last payment or last day to which charge made	Nature of Benefits *	Number of Contributions at 9d. used	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Balance Brought Forward.						
Jan.-June 19 .....						
July-Dec. 19 .....						
Jan.-June 19 .....						
July-Dec. 19 .....						
Jan.-June 19 .....						
July-Dec. 19 .....						
Jan.-June 19 .....						
July-Dec. 19 .....						

When this card has been entered up to date, the amount of contributions available for future Health Insurance benefits (including Medical Benefit) can be found by deducting the total number of contributions stated as used (Col. 6) from the total number of contributions paid (Col. 2) and multiplying the remainder by 9d.

[THE STATE PROVIDES ONE-SEVENTH OF THE COST OF ALL BENEFITS.]

Read Leaflet No. 27 for full details of the Benefits to which you are entitled.

\* Nature of Benefits (Col. 5).  
 C. Means the Charge for Medical Benefit and Administration Expenses (explained in Leaflet 27.)  
 S. Means Sickness Benefit.  
 M. Means Maternity Benefit.  
 D. Means Disablement Benefit.

**YOU ARE ADVISED TO JOIN AN APPROVED SOCIETY.**



### After 1948 records were kept by the Ministry of National Insurance.

1949 postcard. [purchased on eBay.] (Item 161):

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

**YOUR  
NATIONAL INSURANCE  
NUMBER  
IS**

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**IMPORTANT : Please give  
this number whenever you  
write to the Ministry.**

*If undelivered please return to local  
National Insurance Office.*

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

**CONTRIBUTION RECORD**  
for the Contribution Year  
7th March, 1949 to 5th March, 1950.

Number of weeks.....52.

The total number of contributions recorded as paid by you  
or credited to you for this Contribution Year is.....52.

*NOTE :—A statement of your record of contributions for  
the period to 6th March, 1949, was sent to you in 1949. If  
contributions are still outstanding benefit rights may be affected.  
You can obtain from any local office of the Ministry, a leaflet  
explaining the general effect on benefits of outstanding contributions.*

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## National Insurance Committees.

From 1912 the Approved Societies worked with National Insurance Committees which were based in Counties and County Boroughs. Each Committee was given a list of Post Offices with which it worked in partnership. A set of leaflets was published in December 1912, one for each Insurance Committee, listing the post offices within its jurisdiction. . [POST 80/3]

The Committees with lists in the Post Office archives are:

<u>“Counties”</u>	<u>“County Boroughs”</u>	
Bedford	Barrow in Furness	Rochdale
Berks	Bath	Rotherham
Cambridge	Birkenhead	St. Helens
Chester	Birmingham	Salford
Cornwall	Blackburn	Sheffield
Derby	Blackpool	Smethwick
Devon	Bolton	Southampton
Dorset	Bootle	Southport
Durham	Bournemouth	South Shields
Isle of Ely	Bradford	Stockport
Essex	Brighton	Stoke on Trent
Gloucester	Bristol	Sunderland
Hereford	Burnley	Tynemouth
Hertford	Burton on Trent	Walsall
Huntingdon	Bury	Warrington
Kent	Canterbury	West Bromwich
Holland	Chester	West Ham
Lancaster	Coventry	West Hartlepool
Lindsey	Croydon	Wigan
Leicester	Derby	Wolverhampton
Kesteven	Devonport	Worcester
London	Dudley	York
Middlesex	Eastbourne	
Norfolk	Exeter	
Northampton	Gateshead	
Northumberland	Gloucester	
Nottingham	Grimsby	
Oxford	Halifax	
Soke of Peterborough	Hastings	
Rutland	Huddersfield	
East Sussex	Ipswich	
Salop	Kingston upon Hull	
Somerset	Leeds	
Southampton	Leicester	
Stafford	Lincoln	
East Suffolk	Liverpool	
West Suffolk	Manchester	
Surrey	Middlesbrough	
Isles of Scilly	Newcastle on Tyne	
West Sussex	Northampton	
Isle of Wight	Norwich	
Warwick	Nottingham	
Westmoreland	Oldham	
Wilts	Oxford	
Worcester	Plymouth	
East Riding of Yorkshire	Portsmouth	
North Riding of Yorkshire	Preston	
West Riding of Yorkshire	Reading	



The four page leaflet for the County of Southampton. (Hampshire) (Item 162):

List 21.—County of Southampton.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

Alphabetical List of POST OFFICES situated in the area of the Insurance Committee for the County of SOUTHAMPTON.

Notes.

- (a) Head Offices are indicated thus \* and communications to them should be addressed "The Postmaster."  
 (b) Branch Offices are indicated thus † and communications to them should be addressed "The Clerk-in-Charge, . . . . . Post Office."  
 (c) Communications to the remaining Offices, which are Sub-Offices, should be addressed "The Sub-Postmaster."  
 (d) In addressing communications to Branch and Sub-Offices, where no address other than name of Office is given, the name of the County should be added.

Abbotts Ann.	Bordon Camp.
*Aldershot.	Boscombe, Salisbury.
Aldershot Green.	Botley.
Allbrook.	Braishfield.
*Alresford.	Bramdean.
*Alton, Hants.	Bramley, Basingstoke.
Alverstoke.	Bramshaw.
Ampfield.	Bramshott, Liphook, Hants.
Amport.	Bransgore.
*Andover.	Brassey Road, Winchester.
Anna Valley.	Breamore.
Anstey Road, Alton.	Brockenhurst.
Appleshaw, Andover.	Broughton, Stockbridge.
Ashford Hill, Newbury.	Brown Candover, Alresford.
Ash Road, Aldershot.	Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham.
Ashley, Brockenhurst.	Burgate, Salisbury.
Ashmansworth, Newbury.	Burghclere.
Ashurst.	Buriton, Petersfield.
Avington, Alresford.	Burley, Ringwood.
Avondale Road, Fleet.	Burley Street, Ringwood.
Awbridge, Romsey.	Bursledon.
Bargates.	Burton, Christchurch.
Bartley.	Butlock's Heath, Netley Abbey, South-
Barton Stacey, Hants.	ampton.
Bashley, New Milton, Hants.	Butts Green, Romsey.
*Basingstoke.	Butts Road, Alton.
Bassett.	Cadnam.
Baughurst.	Calmore.
Beaulieu.	Camden Town.
Bedhampton.	Catisfield, Fareham.
Beech Estate, Alton.	Chandler's Ford.
Bentley, Farnham.	Chalton, Horndean, Hants.
Bentworth.	Charlton, Andover.
Bighton, Alresford.	Charter Alley, Basingstoke.
Binsted, Alton.	Chawton, Alton.
Bishopstoke.	Cheesehill Street, Winchester.
Bishop's Sutton, Alresford.	Cheriton, Alresford.
Bishop's Waltham.	Chilbolton.
Bitterne.	Chilworth, Romsey.
Blackfield, Southampton.	*Christchurch.
Blackwater, Camberley.	Church Crookham.
Boldre.	Church Nerton, Chichester.

Leaflet for the County Borough of Southampton. (Item 163):

List 21.—County Borough of Southampton.

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.**

Alphabetical List of POST OFFICES situated in the area of the Insurance Committee for the County Borough of **SOUTHAMPTON.**

*Notes.*

- (a) Head Offices are indicated thus \* and communications should be addressed "The Postmaster."  
 (b) Branch Offices are indicated thus † and communications should be addressed "The Clerk-in-Charge . . . . . Post Office."  
 (c) Communications to the remaining Offices, which are Sub-Offices, should be addressed "The Sub-Postmaster."  
 (d) In addressing communications to Branch and Sub-Offices, where no address other than the name of Office is given, the name of the County Borough should be added.

Above Bar.	Lower Newtown.
Alma Road, Southampton.	Maenaghten Road, Southampton.
Bedford Place, Southampton.	Mainesbury Road, Southampton.
Bevois Hill.	Nichols Town.
Bevois Mount.	Northam, Southampton.
Bevois Valley.	Old Shirley, Southampton.
Burgess Street, Southampton.	Onslow Road, Southampton.
Chapel Road, Southampton.	Palmerston Road, Southampton.
Clovelly Road, Southampton.	Portswood, Southampton.
Cobden Avenue, Southampton.	Priory Road, St. Denys.
Commercial Road, Southampton.	St. Denys.
†Docks, Southampton.	St. Mary's, Southampton.
East Street, Southampton.	St. Paul's, Southampton.
Fitzhugh.	Shirley, Southampton.
Floating Bridge Road, Southampton.	Shirley Warren, Southampton.
Foundry Lane.	*Southampton.
Freemantle, Southampton.	Testwood Road, Southampton.
Highfield, Southampton.	Upper Freemantle.
Hill.	Upper Shirley.
Holyrood Avenue, Southampton.	Western Shore.
Howard Road, Southampton.	West Park, Southampton.
Lodge Road, Southampton.	

## Committees.

Records of many of the original committees have been preserved in County Record Offices. The committees were also set up in Wales, Scotland and Ireland. In 1948 the Insurance Committees set up according to the 1911 Act became known as Executive Councils.

The Insurance Committees dealt with the provision of medical services in their area. They issued medical cards and displayed lists of panel doctors and chemists in Post Offices (see the note from the Post Office Circular below), whereas the Approved Societies made benefit payments and provided the point of contact with their members.

### Notices Exhibited at Post Offices on Behalf of other Government Departments. 5 APRIL, 1922.

Notices issued by Local Insurance Committees giving information respecting Panel Doctors and Chemists.

The Committees with their ciphers are listed in Appendix V of the Approved Societies Handbook (1933 edition).

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## APPENDIX V.

### NAMES, ADDRESSES AND REFERENCE CIPHERS OF INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

#### I.—ENGLAND.

##### A.—Counties.


Committee.	Address of Clerk.	Reference Cipher.
Bedfordshire ...	Association Buildings, Harpur Street, Bedford	Bd.
Berkshire ...	2, Abbot's Walk, Reading	Be.
Buckinghamshire ...	Lloyd's Bank Chambers, Aylesbury	Bu.
Cambridgeshire ...	66, St. Andrew's Street, Cambridge	Cb.
Cheshire ...	28, Nicholas Street, Chester	Ch.
Cornwall ...	Boscawen Street, Truro	Cr.
Cumberland ...	1, Lonsdale Street, Carlisle	Cu.
Derbyshire ...	18, The Strand, Derby	De.
Devonshire ...	85, Queen Street, Exeter	Dn.
Dorsetshire ...	22, High East Street, Dorchester	Do.
Durham ...	20, New Elvet, Durham	Dr.
Essex ...	133, Fillebrook Road, Leytonstone, E.11	Ex.
Gloucestershire ...	Shire Hall Chambers, Gloucester	Gl.
Hampshire ...	39, Southgate Street, Winchester	So.
Herefordshire ...	St. Peter's House, St. Peter's Street, Hereford	Hr.
Hertfordshire ...	28, Castle Street, Hertford	Ht.
Huntingdonshire ...	38, High Street, Huntingdon	Hu.
Isle of Ely ...	Health Insurance Office, Nene Parade, March	Ie.
Isle of Wight ...	Holy Rood Chambers, Newport, I.O.W.	Iw.
Isles of Scilly ...	Council Offices, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly	Is.
Kent ...	Station Road, Maidstone	Ke.
Lancashire ...	42, West Cliff, Preston	La.
Leicestershire ...	144, London Road, Leicester	Le.
Lincs. (Holland) ...	Spalding	Lh.
Lincs. (Kesteven) ...	16, Finkin Street, Grantham	Lk.
Lincs. (Lindsey)* ...	Stonebow, Lincoln	Ll.
London ...	Insurance Street, W.C.1	Ln.
Middlesex ...	13, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. 1	Mx.
Norfolk ...	54, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich	Nf.
Northamptonshire ...	Whitworth Chambers, George Row, Northampton	No.
Northumberland ...	54, New Bridge Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Nr.
Nottinghamshire ...	11, The Ropewalk, Nottingham	Nt.
Oxfordshire ...	73, George Street, Oxford	Ox.
Rutlandshire ...	2, Mill Street, Oakham	Ru.
Salop ...	Rigg's Hall, Free Library Buildings, Shrewsbury	Sa.
Soke of Peterborough ...	45, Priestgate, Peterborough	Sk.
Somerset ...	Royal Chambers, High Street, Weston-s.-Mare	Sm.
Staffordshire ...	Market Square, Stafford	St.
Suffolk, East ...	31, Lower Brook Street, Ipswich	Su.
Suffolk, West ...	Crescent House, Angel Hill, Bury St. Edmunds	Sw.
Surrey ...	County Insurance Office, Penrhyn Road, Kingston-on-Thames	Sy.
Sussex, East ...	Castlegate, Lewes	Te.
Sussex, West ...	Bank Chambers, Chichester	Tw.
Warwickshire ...	15, Waterloo Place, Leamington	Wa.
Westmorland ...	60, Highgate, Kendal	Ws.
Wiltshire ...	Stallard Street, Trowbridge	Wl.
Worcestershire ...	29, Foregate Street, Worcester	Wr.



## Medical benefits.

A red (actually pink) medical ticket was used to obtain medical benefits when National Health Insurance began.

From a card in West Sussex Record Office. [Ref: Add. Mss. 49,024] (*Item 164*):



NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

**MEDICAL TICKET.**

NOT TRANSFERABLE.

This Ticket is to be used only for the purpose of obtaining medical benefit for the person to whom it is issued. If any other person uses or attempts to use it for the purpose of obtaining benefit for himself, he is liable to penalties under the Act.

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Write here your name  
and the exact address  
where you are now  
living.

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Society and Branch

Contributor's Number

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*This Ticket can only be used from the 15th January to the 30th April, 1913.*

Extract from the *Times* 29th December 1913.

### MEDICAL BENEFIT CHANGES.

The Red medical tickets and forms "Medical 32" which have been available since the National Insurance Act came into operation for the purpose of choosing a doctor or institution, will not be available for that purpose after January 11 next, and medical cards of a yellow colour, issued by the Insurance Committees, must be used after that date.

The Commissioners advise that if an insured person has not selected a doctor or institution on the panel for the district where he or she resides, application should be made for a medical card to the clerk to the Insurance Committee on a form which may be obtained at any post office. On receipt of the medical card, which will contain information as to the steps necessary to obtain medical benefit upon change of address, the insured person should give it to the selected doctor or institution. Those who have already selected a doctor will receive without application a card with the name of the doctor or institution chosen.

On and after January 12 insured persons aged 65 or over on entry into insurance will become entitled to medical and sanatorium benefits on the same conditions as other insured persons, except that in the case of these members medical benefit will cease at the age of 70, unless at least 27 contributions have been paid.

## Green Voucher

Green Vouchers were issued to insured persons removing for a temporary period. These were no longer required when the new Medical Card system was adopted.

[Herefordshire Record Office Ref: J65/1091]

(Item 165):

**NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.**

THIS VOUCHER, issued by the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance  
 Committee, entitles  
 (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Society and  
 Branch) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 to Medical Benefit at \_\_\_\_\_  
 under the arrangements made by the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance  
 Committee to the \_\_\_\_\_ 1913.

Signature of Clerk to  
 Insurance Committee  
 issuing Voucher. \_\_\_\_\_

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When medical treatment is required this Voucher should be presented. The doctor to whom the Voucher is presented should retain it, and enter the date and nature of each service rendered in the appropriate columns overleaf.

FORM Med. 28(b). (75,520). G1766. 50,000. 4/13. A.&E.W.

## An eight page list of Doctors participating in the Health Insurance Scheme in Hampshire in 1913. *(Item 166)*

[from Hampshire Record Office Ref: 161M88/2]



# Hampshire Insurance Committee.

## LIST OF DOCTORS.

- Adam, J. L., Blackwater.  
 Adams, G. B., Auckland House, Newbury, Berks.  
 Adams, R. B., 44, Stoke Road, Gosport.  
 Ahrens, H. A., Long Lodge, Basingstoke.  
 Alderson, E., 350, Shirley Road, Southampton.  
 Aldridge, C. B. M., 100, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth.  
 Alexander, A., Kiln House, Tadley.  
 Ardagh, W. A., Courts Hill Lodge, Haslemere, Surrey.  
 Attenborough, W., Hale Cottage, Frimley, Surrey.  
 Atkins, F. R. L., Sixpenny Handley, Nr. Salisbury.
- Bacon, R. A. E., 76, Whitworth Crescent, Bitterne Park, Southampton.  
 Baker, T., The Lawn, Waterlooville.  
 Balgarnie, W., The Dutch House, Winchfield.  
 Ball, M. E., Holmside, Emsworth.  
 Balthasar, E. M., Southwick.  
 Bannerman, W., The Laurels, Junction Road, Andover.  
 Barr, J. C., Cranmore Road, Aldershot.  
 Bartlett, F. W., The Limes, Romsey.  
 Bartlett, R. C., The Limes, Romsey.  
 Beale, P. T. B., Oaklands, Hythe.  
 Bethell, H. W., 46, Church Street, Basingstoke.  
 Bevan, W. L. P., 10, High Street, Alton.  
 Biden, E. J., Laylands, Catisfield, Fareham.  
 Bindloss, E. F., South Farnborough.  
 Blackstone, C. E., Carlton House, Ringwood.  
 Brook, H. D., Fareham.  
 Brown, E. K., Cranborne, Nr. Salisbury.  
 Brownfield, H. M., The Old College, Petersfield.  
 Browning, P. R., Totton.



## A five page list of Chemists participating in the Health Insurance Scheme in Hampshire in 1913. *(Item 167)*

[from Hampshire Record Office Ref: 161M88/2]



# Hampshire Insurance Committee.

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## LIST OF CHEMISTS.

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Those marked \* only supply Medicines, etc., other than Scheduled Poisons and Medicines which are required to be dispensed.

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- Allen & Lloyd, Ltd., High Street, Aldershot.  
 Allen & Lloyd, Ltd., 173, Fleet Road, Fleet.  
 Andrews, W., 5, Southgate Street, Winchester.  
 Arden, L., 110, High Street, Winchester.  
 Atterbury, W. A., 150, Somers Road, Southsea.
- Baker, C. H., High Street, Cosham.  
 Bartlett, S. G., 4, Jewry Street, Winchester.  
 Batchelor, S., Ltd., 15, West Street, Fareham.  
 Bates, W., & Co., Ltd., 50, Oxford Street, Southampton.  
 Bates, W., & Co., Ltd., 147, Above Bar, Southampton.  
 Bates, W., & Co., Ltd., 9, Bevois Hill, Portswood, Southampton.  
 Bates, W., & Co., Ltd., 96, High Street, Shirley, Southampton.  
 Betts, H. G., Whitchurch.  
 Bingham, W. A., 58, Charminster Road, Bournemouth.  
 Birchall, F., The Square, Wickham.  
 Blaker, E. J., Electra Buildings, Haslemere.  
 Blaker, E. J., Huts Corner, Hindhead.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., Salisbury Buildings, Christchurch Road, Boscombe.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., Winton.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., 84, High Street, Shirley, Southampton.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., 75, East Street, Southampton.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., 25, Above Bar, Southampton.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., 96, St. Mary's Street, Southampton.  
 Boot, Jesse, Ltd., 107, Shirley Road, Southampton.

## A nine-page booklet about the new Medical Card System of December 1913. [Herefordshire Record Office Ref: J65/1090]

(Item 168):

Memo. 187/I.C

### NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

#### MEDICAL BENEFIT.

##### Memorandum with regard to the introduction of the Medical Card System.

1. Frequent representations have been made to the Commissioners by Insurance Committees with regard to certain inconveniences arising from the present arrangements for choice of doctor, &c., by means of Form Med. 32, and to the difficulties experienced by them in tracing the Index Slips of insured persons who have removed to their respective areas under the present system of notification of changes of address. To these difficulties the Commissioners have for some time given their careful attention, fully appreciating, as they do, the importance, for purposes both of financial and of administrative convenience, of a simple uniform method of effecting the changes in the Index Register necessitated by removals, and of obviating the expense and labour of tracing Index Slips under the present system where the provisions as to notification have not been complied with.

2. In adopting the voucher system explained below for the purpose of facilitating the work of Insurance Committees in this connection the Commissioners have also been influenced by considerations and representations as to the advantages which that system would secure from other aspects of the administration of Medical Benefit. It appears, for example, that the proposed voucher itself would serve as a convenient vehicle for imparting to insured persons information and instructions as to the procedure to be adopted by them in obtaining the benefit, the Rules which they are expected to observe, and their rights and duties in certain connections, a more widely spread knowledge of all of which should considerably facilitate administration. Further, as the lists of doctors are gradually being increased by personal acceptances, it is obvious that doctors themselves will experience increasing difficulty in identifying the persons for whose treatment they are responsible when those persons present themselves for treatment; and the Commissioners have received a clear intimation of the desire of the medical profession that insured persons should be provided with a voucher, the production of which can be required upon an application for treatment, if necessary, and which will afford the doctor an immediate means of identifying his panel patients without the necessity for an examination of his card index list. Other advantages will, it is believed, become apparent when the proposed system is appreciated in detail, but as the merits of the system have already been discussed at the recent conferences with representatives of Insurance Committees, the foregoing observations will doubtless be sufficient as to the objects which it is hoped to secure by the present proposals.

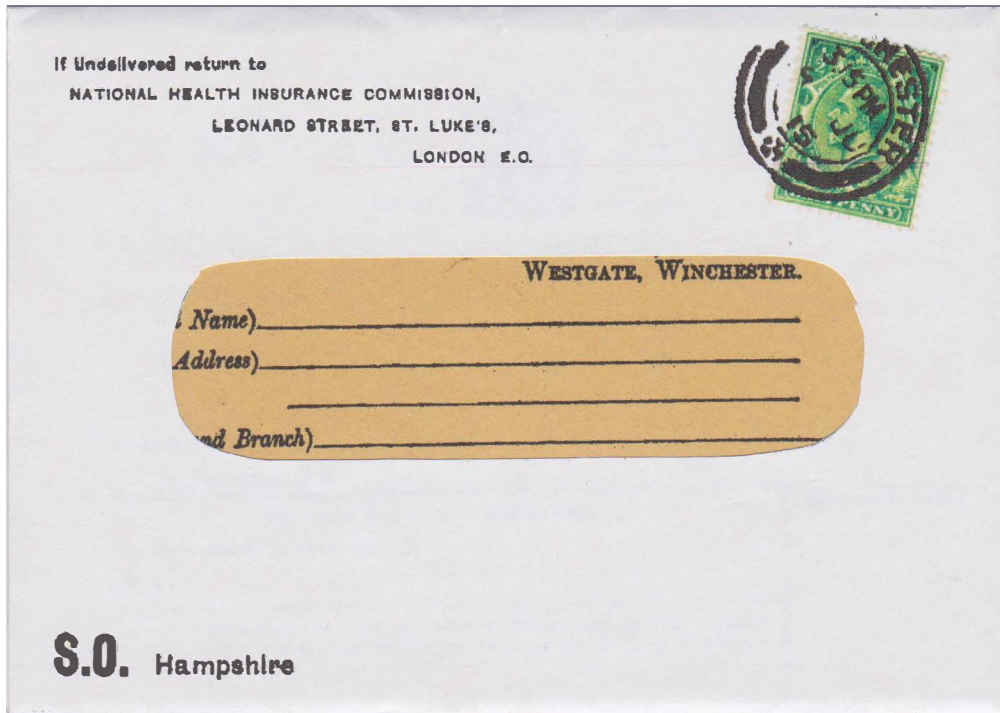
#### The Medical Card.

3. A specimen print of the Medical Card adopted is enclosed. As the Commissioners have indicated at the conferences recently held, they will themselves furnish to Committees the necessary supplies of Cards in the form shown, completed by the printed insertion of the necessary local particulars and information for issue by each individual Committee. It is expected that supplies will be available before the end of the present month.

4. It will be seen that the Medical Card is a double fold card measuring  $4\frac{7}{8}$  inches by  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches when doubled, containing on the front page spaces for the manuscript entry of particulars as to the insured person's name, address, Society and Branch, and number in insurance book (*i.e.*, membership number or number as deposit contributor). In the case of a deposit contributor the letters "D.C." will be inserted in the space provided for name of Society. Similarly in the case of an exempt person the word "Exempt" will be inserted and in this case the number of the certificate of exemption, which will be shown on the Index Slip, will be inserted in the space reserved for the number in insurance book. A space is also provided for the entry of the name of the doctor or institution on whose list the insured person has been placed, and for the stamp of the Committee showing the date of issue. Where no choice has been exercised in the area of the



**The New Medical Card.** (December 1913) – Each was printed with the name and address of the Insurance Committee which was to issue it. This is an example from the County of Southampton (Hampshire) with the window envelope in which it was posted. (Item 169):



(Item 170):

**NOTICE.**

The Committee require an insured person in receipt of Medical Benefit to comply with the following Rules as to Conduct.

- (a) He shall obey the instructions of the practitioner attending him;
- (b) He shall not conduct himself in a manner which is likely to retard his recovery;
- (c) He shall not make unreasonable demands upon the professional services of the practitioner attending him;
- (d) He shall, whenever his condition permits, attend at the surgery or place of residence of the practitioner attending him on such days and at such hours as may be appointed by the practitioner;
- (e) He shall not summon the practitioner to visit him between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m., except in cases of serious emergency;
- (f) He shall, when his condition requires a home visit, give notice to the practitioner, if the circumstances of the case permit, before 10 a.m. on the day on which the visit is required.

The Rules of the Committee also provide that any complaint by an insured person which is adjudged by them to be frivolous or vexatious, shall be regarded as a breach of their Rules.

Any insured person who is guilty of a breach of any of the Committee's Rules is liable to a fine not exceeding 10/-, or in the case of repeated breaches 20/-, or to be suspended from Medical Benefit for a period not exceeding six months.

These Rules are liable to alteration, due notice of which will be given in the public Press.

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**Part C.—FOR USE, IF DESIRED, DURING TEMPORARY RESIDENCE.**

I hereby declare that I am only temporarily residing in the locality of the address which I have given below, and that I do not intend or expect to remain in the locality for as long as 3 months from the date of my arrival.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

(Temporary Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of doctor accepting: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee's Stamp

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This Card can only be used for obtaining treatment during one period of absence from home not exceeding 3 months. When the above space has been used another Card must be applied for from the Insurance Committee at the address shown on the first page.

M E D I C A L

C A R D

ISSUED BY THE

HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE COMMITTEE,

WESTGATE, WINCHESTER.

To (Full Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

(Society and Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

(No. in Insurance Book) \_\_\_\_\_

For Use of Insurance Committee only.

The above-named is on the list of :-

[Dr.] \_\_\_\_\_

So..... { This reference should always be quoted by the insured person in any correspondence as to Medical Benefit.

Committee's Stamp



**Leaflet about Sickness Certificates. - Form A.S. 160 - December 1914****NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.**

FOR THE INFORMATION OF INSURED PERSONS.

**SICKNESS CERTIFICATES.**

1. On 1st January, 1915, new arrangements as to **Medical Certificates** required for State Insurance purposes will begin. This leaflet explains the effect of these new arrangements, which it is believed insured persons will find very convenient.

2. Under the new system you will not have to obtain from your Society, for State Insurance purposes, any form of medical certificate or notice for declaring-on, or declaring-off. The doctor will have the proper forms in his possession.

**When illness begins.**

3. You should ask the doctor for a **First Medical Certificate** on the first day on which you become incapable of work through illness or accident, even though no benefit is payable for the first three days.

4. On getting this certificate from the doctor, you should at once fill in and sign the **Notice of Sickness** printed in the right-hand half of the form of Certificate which he gives you. When you are disabled by an accident, you should state fully and clearly where and how it happened on a separate piece of paper, to be attached to the Certificate.

5. You should send the Certificate with your Insurance Book to your Society on the day that you get it from the doctor.


**During Illness.**

6. After you have received the first Medical Certificate, you should obtain from the doctor a weekly **Intermediate Certificate** so long as you remain incapable of work. You will ask him to give you the first of these Intermediate Certificates on any convenient day within a week of getting the First Certificate; and, after that, you must be careful always to ask him for a fresh Intermediate Certificate week by week before the day your Society pays you benefit.

(B 754) Wt. 3906 33,000 12/14 H & S Gp. 5

[TURN OVER.]

**Medical card.** – Version of October 1915.- Devonshire Insurance Committee -  
 Printed on sandstone yellow card, [Wellcome Trust Library GC 56/1]. (Item 171):

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE.</b></p> <p>The Committee require an insured person in receipt of Medical Benefit to comply with the following Rules as to Conduct:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) He shall obey the instructions of the practitioner attending him;</li> <li>b) He shall not conduct himself in a manner which is likely to retard his recovery;</li> <li>c) He shall not make unreasonable demands upon the professional services of the practitioner attending him;</li> <li>d) He shall, whenever his condition permits, attend at the surgery or place of residence of the practitioner attending him at such times as may be appointed by the practitioner;</li> <li>e) He shall not summon the practitioner to visit him between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. except in cases of serious illness;</li> <li>f) He shall, when his condition requires a home visit, give notice to the practitioner, if the circumstances of the case permit, before 10 a.m. on the day on which the visit is required;</li> <li>g) He shall not visit or summon a practitioner to visit him on Sundays except in cases of serious illness.</li> </ol> <p>The Rules of the Committee also provide that any complaint by an insured person which is adjudged by them to be frivolous or vexatious, shall be regarded as a breach of their Rules.</p> <p>Any insured person who is guilty of a breach of any of the Committee's Rules is liable to a fine not exceeding 10/-, or in the case of repeated breaches 20/- or to be suspended from Medical Benefit for a period not exceeding one year.</p> <p>These Rules are liable to alteration due notice of which will be given in the public Press.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">MEDICAL</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">ISSUED</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">CARD</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">BY THE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">DEVONSHIRE INSURANCE COMMITTEE,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">60, High Street Exeter.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">Committee's Stamp.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-45deg);">DN</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-45deg);">1 SEP 1916</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">For use of Insurance Committee only.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">The above named is on the list of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[ Dr. ]</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">DN...M...</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">This reference should always be quoted by the insured person in any correspondence as to Medical Benefit.</p>
<p><b>Part C.—FOR USE, IF DESIRED, DURING TEMPORARY RESIDENCE.</b></p> <p>I hereby declare that I am only temporarily residing in the locality of the address which I have given below, and that I do not intend or expect to remain in the locality for as long as 3 months from the date of my arrival.</p> <p>(Signature) _____</p> <p>(Temporary Address) _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Date) _____</p>	<p>Signature of doctor accepting: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Committee's Stamp.</p>	<p>To (Full Name) _____</p> <p>(Address) _____</p> <p>(Society and Branch) _____</p> <p>(No. in Insurance Book) _____</p>
<p>This Card can only be used for obtaining treatment during one period of absence from home not exceeding 3 months. When the above space has been used the Card should be forwarded to the Insurance Committee at the address shown on the first page, and a fresh Card applied for.</p>		

Cards were printed for each of the District Insurance Committees and each Committee had a cipher. This one was **Dn** for Devonshire. The use of such ciphers is described in paragraph 8 on page 2 of the booklet on page 264 and a list of the ciphers can be found in the booklet on page 259.



### Medical Card as Issued after 1948.

This example is of 1953 from the West Riding of Yorkshire.

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**YW**

**6. Change of Doctor.**

(a) If you choose a new National Health Service doctor because you have changed to a new address, you and the new doctor should fill in Part A on page 3.


(b) If you wish to change your doctor for any other reason—  
 either (1) you may transfer at once with the consent of your present doctor and the new doctor; Part B on page 3 should be completed by you and both doctors;  
 or (2) you may write to the Executive Council (at the address on the front page of this card) saying that you intend to change. This card must be sent with the letter; it will be returned to you with the necessary instructions. You will not be able to transfer in this case until at least 14 days after the Council receive your letter.

1. ....  
 2. ....  
 3. ....  
 4. ....

37/224. P.Y.0421. 6/53. 50m. Etp.

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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**  
**MEDICAL CARD**  
ISSUED BY THE  
**YORKS. (WEST RIDING)**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**5, St. John's North, Wakefield**



National Health Service Number .....

To  
 Mr. }  
 Mrs. }  
 Miss. }  
 (Address) .....

On a change of name, please cross out old name(s) and enter new name(s).

Council Stamp  


Dr. ....

In any correspondence with the Council, please quote your National Health Service Number Form E.C.4.

### Benefits Card B.F.93

**BENEFITS CARD** Your National Insurance No. is:—

**IMPORTANT**

Please return this card with each medical certificate or letter so that your case may be dealt with promptly. When you are not claiming benefit keep this card at home in a safe place.

If you have moved, }  
 please give your }  
 new address here } .....

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE  
 WARREN GATE,  
 WALL FIELDS,  
 YORKSHIRE.

(12452) 8/51 D.L.

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*For official use only*  
**Form B.F.93**



## Financial Benefits.

Originally the Health Insurance Benefits of employed contributors were paid directly by Approved Societies or their agents, but in November 1914 the Societies were given the opportunity of using postal drafts which could be encashed at the Post Office.

This three page leaflet describes the system. [POST 16/17] (Item 172): Circular  $\frac{1020}{A.G.D.}$

## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

### PAYMENT OF BENEFITS THROUGH THE POST OFFICE.

1. The Insurance Commissioners have made arrangements with the Postmaster-General under which Approved Societies which make any considerable number of benefit payments through the post may be supplied with special forms for the purpose, to be known as postal drafts.

The postal drafts will bear a form of receipt for the benefit, will be payable at any Post Office, and will after payment be returned promptly to the issuing Society.

2. Details of the arrangement are given below, and Societies which desire to adopt the arrangement should apply on the enclosed Form\* to the Commissioners for the country in which their registered office is situate.

It is very undesirable that the new facilities should lead any Societies which pay benefits in cash through agents, stewards, &c., to abandon that system, and the Commissioners are therefore prepared to authorise the supply of the new postal drafts only to Societies which at present pay benefits under the Act wholly or partly through the post.

The Commissioners will also require to be satisfied—

- (1) That proper arrangements can and will be made for the safe custody and issue of the drafts.
- (2) That the number of payments which cannot be made in cash is sufficient to justify the Society in adopting the scheme.

The Society will be required to make itself liable for all payments made by the Post Office on drafts supplied to the Society, by whomsoever issued and to whomsoever paid, and to enter into an agreement with the Postmaster-General for this purpose, by executing the Indenture annexed to the form of application. The Post Office will, however, be prepared to consider favourably claims in respect of any losses which, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, are due to fraud or negligence on the part of any Post Office servant.

3. Societies which adopt the scheme will be required to give security under Section 26 of the Act if they have not already done so, and the Commissioners reserve the right to refuse any application.

#### Details of the Scheme.

4. The postal drafts will be available for the payment of sickness, maternity, and disablement benefits (but not for payment of administration expenses). Separate forms marked E, S, I, and W will be provided for payments in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, respectively. The postal drafts will be at first provided in four denominations, viz., for 30s., 10s., 7s. 6d., and any amount not exceeding 10s. The last series will be specially marked as available only for amounts not exceeding 10s.; and the exact amount to be paid will have to be inserted in ink by the issuing Society. The postal drafts will be supplied in books of fifty, except those for 30s. which will be made up in books of ten. A charge at the rate of 5s. per fifty drafts will be made to meet the expenses incurred in providing, cashing and returning them.

\* Form  $\frac{1021}{A.G.D.}$  for Societies approved for England only, or Form  $\frac{1021A}{A.G.D.}$  for International Societies which propose to make payments to members resident in the areas of two or more Commissions.

This is the Application Form for use by Approved Societies to obtain Postal Drafts.  
(Item 173):

Form <sup>1021A</sup><sub>A.G.D.</sub> INTERNATIONAL.

## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

### APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ADOPT THE SYSTEM OF PAYING BENEFITS BY MEANS OF POSTAL DRAFTS.

Approved Society \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

We hereby apply on behalf of the above-named Society for permission to adopt the system of paying benefits to members resident in 

{	England Scotland Ireland Wales	}
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 through the Post

Office by means of postal drafts upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Schedule hereto, and we undertake to keep such records of the receipt and issue of postal drafts as may be required by the Commissioners.

We hereby declare that the average amount of benefit paid monthly during the last twelve months, otherwise than payments to members in cash by Secretary, agents, or sick stewards, is £ \_\_\_\_\_, and that the payments to be made each month by means of postal drafts are estimated as follows:—

Number and amount of payments during one month.

Rate.	ENGLAND.			SCOTLAND.			IRELAND.			WALES.			Total		
	No.	£	s. d.	No.	£	s. d.	No.	£	s. d.	No.	£	s. d.	No.	£	s. d.
At 30/-															
10/-															
7/6															
Other amounts } not exceeding } 10/- each }															

We hereby undertake:—

(1) That postal drafts shall not be used except for payments of benefits under the National Insurance Acts ;

(2) That the\* \_\_\_\_\_ of the Society shall have custody of and be responsible for unused postal drafts, and shall issue the same only on the authority of the proper officer or officers of the Society whose duty it is to certify for the payments of benefit claims.

The Society [proposes to give] security to the several Commissions under Section 26 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, by means of†

- (a) Central Guarantee Fund.
- (b) bond of Guarantee Company.
- (c) bond of private sureties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
} Two members of the  
Governing Body  
of the Society.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1914.

To the Secretary,  
National Health Insurance Commission.

\* Insert title of officer appointed for the purpose.

† Strike out the alternatives which it is not proposed to adopt.

## Postal Drafts.

There were four types of Postal Draft 7/6d., 10/- , 30/- and an open draft for sums up to ten shillings. They were issued in booklets of 50 drafts (10 for the 30/- value) for each of which book a charge of 5/- was made, (1/- for the 30/- value)

The booklet covers were dark brown for Wales, Pink for Scotland and Green for Ireland. The colour of the English cover is not known. The specimens have the words *Price 5/-*. But *Charge 5/-* was thought to be more appropriate. [Based on, but not exact copies of, material in POST 16/17.]

**ENGLAND.**

**BLANK.**

**50 POSTAL DRAFTS.**

**CHARGE 5/-**

(Item 174):

**SCOTLAND.**

**30/-**

**10 POSTAL DRAFTS.**

**CHARGE 1/-**



(Item 175):

IRELAND.

10/-

**50 POSTAL DRAFTS.**

CHARGE 5/-

(Item 176):

WALES.

7/6

**50 POSTAL DRAFTS.**

CHARGE 5/-



These are trials for the Postal Drafts. – Presumably the E in a circle means England.

[Based on material in POST 16/17] (Item 177):

**1** 000000

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 191

Payee \_\_\_\_\_

Amount 

s.	d.
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In respect of \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT NEGOTIABLE** THIS DRAFT WILL BECOME VOID UNLESS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT A POST OFFICE : WITHIN *ONE MONTH* OF THE DATE OF ISSUE.

App<sup>d</sup> Society N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Reg<sup>d</sup> Branch N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

To the **POSTMASTER GENERAL** Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ 191

**Pay to** \_\_\_\_\_ N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Shillings and \_\_\_\_\_ Pence.

in respect of Benefit under the National Insurance Act for the period \_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

NOT EXCEEDING TEN SHILLINGS	
s.	d.


For the \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Society

\_\_\_\_\_ { Signature of Person authorising Payment.

**RECEIVED** the above-named sum

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

For Regulations — see back.



(Item 178):

**1** 000000

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 191

Payee \_\_\_\_\_

Amount **10/-**

In respect of \_\_\_\_\_

**NOT NEGOTIABLE** THIS DRAFT WILL BECOME VOID UNLESS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT A POST OFFICE : WITHIN *ONE MONTH* OF THE DATE OF ISSUE.

App<sup>d</sup> Society N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Reg<sup>d</sup> Branch N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

To the **POSTMASTER GENERAL** Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ 191

**Pay to** \_\_\_\_\_ N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

the sum of **TEN SHILLINGS 10/-**

in respect of Benefit under the National Insurance Act for the period \_\_\_\_\_

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_


For the \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Society

\_\_\_\_\_ { Signature of Person authorising Payment.

**RECEIVED** the above-named sum

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

For Regulations — see back.





# Doctor's Certificates before July 1948.

## FIRST and INTERMEDIATE with FINAL.

§ Doctor is not permitted and cannot be required to give a final certificate on the official form after the insured person has resumed work. **FORM MED. 40 (revised)**

A Certificate on this form must only be issued to a patient whom the Doctor is attending under arrangements made under the National Health Insurance Act.

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE** **FIRST CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE OF SICKNESS**

Confidential. TO BE FILLED IN BY THE DOCTOR

**FIRST** CERTIFICATE OF INCAPACITY FOR WORK

To W. M. [unclear]  
I hereby certify that I have examined you on the under-mentioned date, and that in my opinion you were at the time of examination incapable of work by reason of

\*  
.....  
.....

1 You should come to see me again on ..... day next.

Doctor's Signature [Signature]

2 Date of Examination 1/2/46

2 Date of Signing 1/2/46

Any other remarks }  
by Doctor }

1 To be filled up at Doctor's discretion, where not obligatory under rules.  
2 These dates should ordinarily coincide, and both lines may in that case be bracketed together and the one date inserted.

**IMPORTANT.**—The other side of this form must be completed by the insured person.

**THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE USED ONLY FOR NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PURPOSES.** **LLL046856** PLEASE TURN OVER

Dr. J. R. Hanretty,  
Hill House,  
Clay Cross.

A Doctor is not permitted and cannot be required to give a final certificate on the official form after the insured person has resumed work. **Form Med. 40 (revised)**

A Certificate on this form must only be issued to a patient whom the Doctor is attending under arrangements made under the National Health Insurance Act.

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE** **FINAL**

Confidential. TO BE FILLED IN BY THE DOCTOR. **CERTIFICATE AND DECLARATION**

To W. M. [unclear]  
I hereby certify that I have examined you on the under-mentioned date, and that in my opinion you have remained incapable of work up to and including that date by reason of

.....  
.....  
and that in my opinion you will be fit to resume work { to-morrow. (See  
on ..... day. Note)

Doctor's Signature [Signature] § Date of Examination 1/2/46  
Any other remarks } § Date of Signing 1/2/46  
by Doctor }

**NOTE.**—The day here inserted must not be later than the third day after the date of this certificate, e.g., if the certificate is given on 2nd October this form of certificate must not be issued unless the practitioner expects the insured person to resume work at latest on 5th October. In any other case he should see the insured person again before giving a final certificate.

**FOR USE BY INSURED PERSON.**  
You are not entitled to draw unemployment benefit along with sickness or disablement benefit I hereby declare that, in consequence of incapacity for work through sickness I have not been at work from the date of the last certificate forwarded to you up to and including to-day. I have not claimed and shall not claim, Unemployment Benefit for the intervening period. From the day shown above I no longer claim to be incapable of work. I have received no compensation or damages in respect of my incapacity, and I apply for any benefit due to me.

§ Signed, Name.....  
Present Address.....  
Membership No..... Date.....

I The insured person must sign the form himself unless he is unable to do so, in which case the person signing on his behalf must indicate accordingly.

**IMPORTANT.**—This form must be completed by the Insured person and sent on the day on which it is received from the Doctor to the Approved Society of which he or she is a member, or to the Insurance Committee in the case of a Deposit Contributor. If not sent on that day a written explanation of the delay must be given.

The Insured person should be careful to obtain a Final Certificate before resuming work.

**THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE USED ONLY FOR NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PURPOSES**