

# National Insurance & Contributory Benefits.

## Volume III.

### Part 3. – Contributory Pensions, National Insurance from 1948, Benefits. Contributory Pensions from 1928.

[Non-contributory Old Age and other Pensions and benefits from 1909 are dealt with in Volume II.]

Contributions towards the Contributory Scheme were first collected using National Health and Pensions stamps from 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926 but payment of the Pensions was not due until January 1928. There were to be three types of pension - Old Age, Widows' and Orphans'. This meant that, in fairness, non-contributory widows and orphans pensions also had to be created for those who were widowed or orphaned before contributions were collected. The Post Office used a Pension Order Docket on which to record payments.

The different types of pension order and book were allocated symbols to differentiate between them.

The existing Non-contributory Old Age Pension did not have a symbol..

Contributory Old Age Pensions for those over 70 had an equilateral triangle on its point.



Contributory Old Age Pensions for those between 65 and 70. had a horizontal bar.



Orphans' Contributory Pensions had a circle.



Orphans' non-contributory Pensions had two circles.



Widows' contributory pensions had a diamond.



Widow's non-contributory pensions had two diamonds.



**Some later symbols. Either seen or guessed at.**

Contributory supplementary Pension had a solid 'house' shaped pentagon.



Non-contributory Supplementary Pensions had a square



Family Allowances had a square, possibly solid.



**Pension Order Docket.** This lists all the rates and types of book. It reveals that the orders with double symbols were non-contributory and explains the single bar symbol. I have not yet found out about the 1/5d and 11/5d. pensions.

**PENSION DOCKET.** [To be enclosed with the Orders.]

P 264

Paid

Office.....

Old Age  
Widows } Pension Orders.  
and Orphans }

Date .....192...

Week ended .....192...

Paid				Office.....			
No.	Rate	Value of Orders	Total Amount	No.	Rate	Value of Orders	Total Amount
<b>1. Old Age Pensions</b>				<b>6. Widows (Contributory)</b>			
1/-				1/-			
2/-				1/6			
4/-				2/-			
5/-				2/6			
6/-				3/-			
8/-				3/6			
10/-				4/-			
TOTAL				4/6			
<b>2. Old Age Pensions (Contributory) — over 70</b>				<b>7. Widows (Non-Contributory)</b>			
10/-				5/-			
TOTAL				5/6			
<b>3. Old Age Pensions (Contributory) — 65-70</b>							
1/5				6/-			
10/-				6/6			
11/5				7/-			
TOTAL				7/6			
<b>4. Orphans (Contributory)</b>				<b>8. Widows (Contributory)</b>			
1/-				8/-			
1/6				8/6			
2/-				9/-			
2/6				9/6			
5/-				10/-			
7/6				10/6			
15/-				11/-			
22/6				11/6			
30/-				12/-			
37/6				12/6			
45/-				13/-			
52/6				13/6			
60/-				14/-			
67/6				14/6			
75/-				15/-			
TOTAL				15/6			
<b>5. Orphans (Non-Contributory)</b>				<b>9. Widows (Contributory)</b>			
1/-				16/-			
1/6				16/6			
2/-				17/-			
2/6				17/6			
5/-				18/-			
7/6				18/6			
15/-				19/-			
22/6				19/6			
30/-				20/-			
37/6				21/-			
45/-				22/-			
52/6				24/-			
60/-				25/-			
67/6				27/-			
75/-				30/-			
TOTAL				33/-			
<b>Cd. fd. Total No. Paid, Items 4-5.</b>				<b>Cd. fd. Total No. Paid, Items 1-6.</b>			
<b>Cd. fd. Total Amount Items 1-5</b>				<b>Cd. fd. Total Amount Items 1-6</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>Total No. Paid, Items 1-3</b>				<b>Total No. Paid, Items 4-7</b>			
<b>Total Amount Paid and Claimed in Cash Account</b>				<b>Total Amount Paid and Claimed in Cash Account</b>			

Postmaster's Signature

# Notice of the award of an Old Age Pension under the 1925 Act.

[POST 33/2548] (Item 179):

Form O.A.P. 114.

## Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925.

# NOTICE OF AWARD OF OLD AGE PENSION BETWEEN THE AGES OF 65 AND 70 YEARS.

From  
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,  
BROMYARD AVENUE,  
ACTON, LONDON, W.3.

Pension No. O.A.P..... This number must be quoted in any further communication.
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.....1927.

SIR (OR MADAM),

I have to inform you that your claim for an Old Age Pension under the above-mentioned Act has been admitted.

The pension will be at the rate of 10s. a week, payable weekly, IN ADVANCE, and the first payment will be due on THURSDAY, the 5th of JANUARY 1928. The pension will continue payable to you until you reach the age of 70, when it will be followed by a similar pension for life, under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908-1924, but without enquiries about means, residence or nationality.

A book of Pension Orders in your name will be sent to the Post Office named at page 3 of this form, and you must claim it there, **BUT NOT BEFORE 2nd JANUARY, 1928**, by filling up page 3, tearing it off at the perforation, and handing it in at the Post Office named. The Postmaster will keep page 3, but you should preserve pages 1 and 2. Please note that no payment can be made before the 5th of January.

Your special attention is called to the circumstances which may disqualify you from receiving payment which are shown overleaf. You must not draw the pension when you are disqualified—see the WARNING below.

I am, Sir (or Madam),

Your obedient Servant,

Controller.

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### WARNING.

Any person who, for the purpose of obtaining or continuing a pension, either for himself or for any other person, or for the purpose of obtaining or continuing a pension for himself or for any other person at a higher rate than that appropriate to the case, knowingly makes any false statement or false representation, and any person who knowingly obtains payment of, or continues to receive, a pension which he is disqualified from receiving, shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months. (Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925—Section 35 (1).)

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I have not seen any of the first Contributory Old Age Pension Orders. They probably resembled the Widow's and Orphan's orders of which proof sheets exist in the British Library.

## Print Layout of the widow's and orphan's Pension Orders

When they were printed, different values of both Widows' and Orphans' Pension Orders were mixed up on the same sheet. Proof sheets were printed by McCorquodale, and delivered as early as December 1925 but were probably like those used from January 1928. There are two types of sheet in the Collection in the British Library, each with a list of additional values of the orders which were produced.

As noted previously the Widows' Pension Orders were marked with either one or two diamond shaped symbols and Orphans' Pension Orders were marked with either one or two circular symbols.

A note in the Post Office Archives [POST 33/ 2547] explains these symbols.

Orders with two diamonds were for those widowed before 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926. \*

Orders with one diamond were for those widowed on or after 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

Orders with two circles were for those orphaned before 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926. \*

Orders with one circle were for those orphaned on or after 4<sup>th</sup> January 1926.

Elsewhere it is shown that

Old Age Pension Orders for those aged over 70 were marked with a triangle, pointing down, and Old Age Pension Orders for those aged between 65 and 70 were marked with a short thick line.

\* This actually means that they were non-contributory pensions.

10/- w	10/- w	18/- w
10/- w	10/- w	18/- w
10/- w	10/- w	£1/1/- o
10/- w	10/- w	£1/4/- o
10/- w	10/- w	£1/7/- o
10/- w	10/- w	7/6d. o
10/- w	10/- w	7/6d. o
10/- w	10/- w	15/- o
15/- w	15/- w	15/- o
15/- w	15/- w	£1/2/6d. o

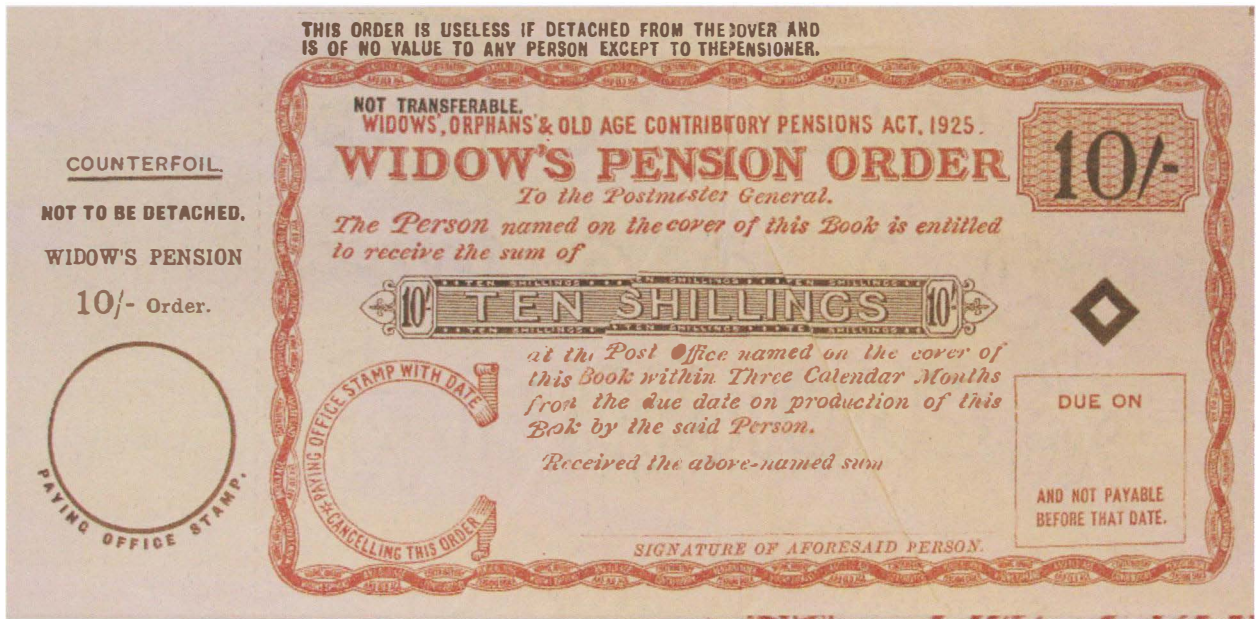
Layout of sheet with one symbol.

£1/1- w	£1/1- w	£1/7/- w
£1/1- w	£1/1/- w	£1/2/6d o
£1/1- w	£1/1/- w	15/- o
£1/1- w	£1/1/- w	7/6d. o
£1/1- w	£1/7/- w	7/6d. o
£1/1- w	£1/4/- w	7/6d. o
£1/1- w	£1/4/- w	7/6d. o
£1/1- w	£1/4/- w	7/6d. o
£1/1- w	£1/4/- w	7/6d. o
£1/1- w	£1/4/- w	7/6d. o

Layout of sheet with two symbols.

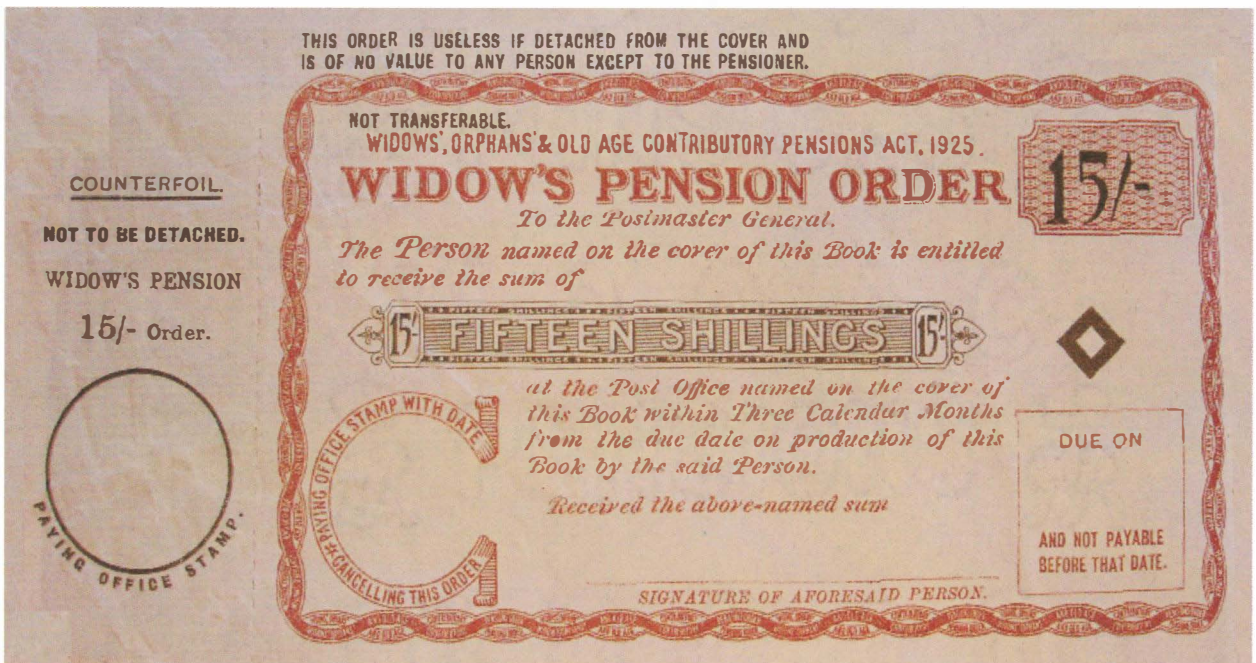
Widows' Pension Orders (Contributory) – single diamond.

(Item 180):



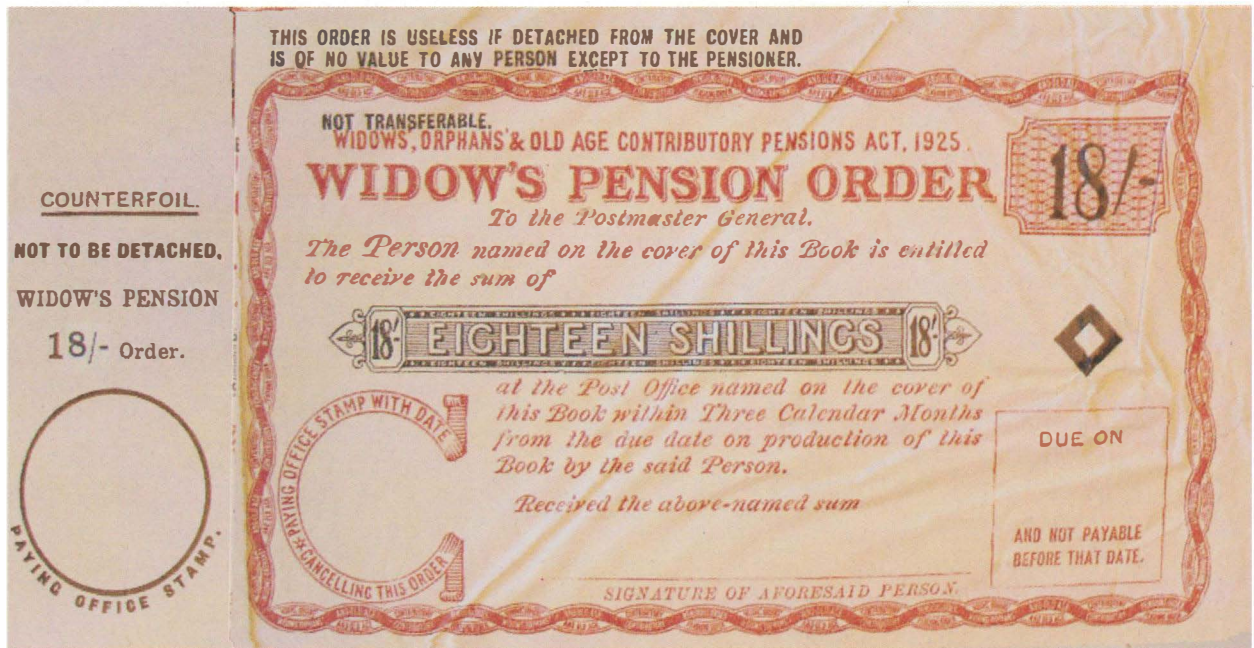
Widow only.

(Item 181):



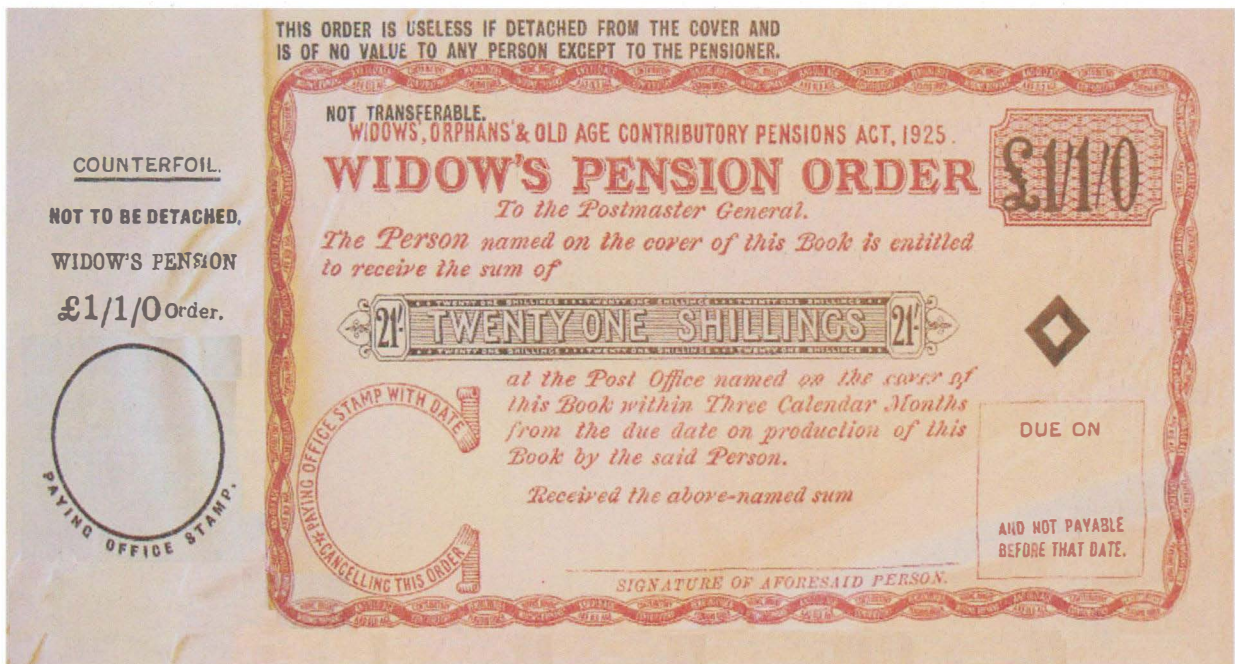
Widow and one child.

(Item 182):



Widow with two children.

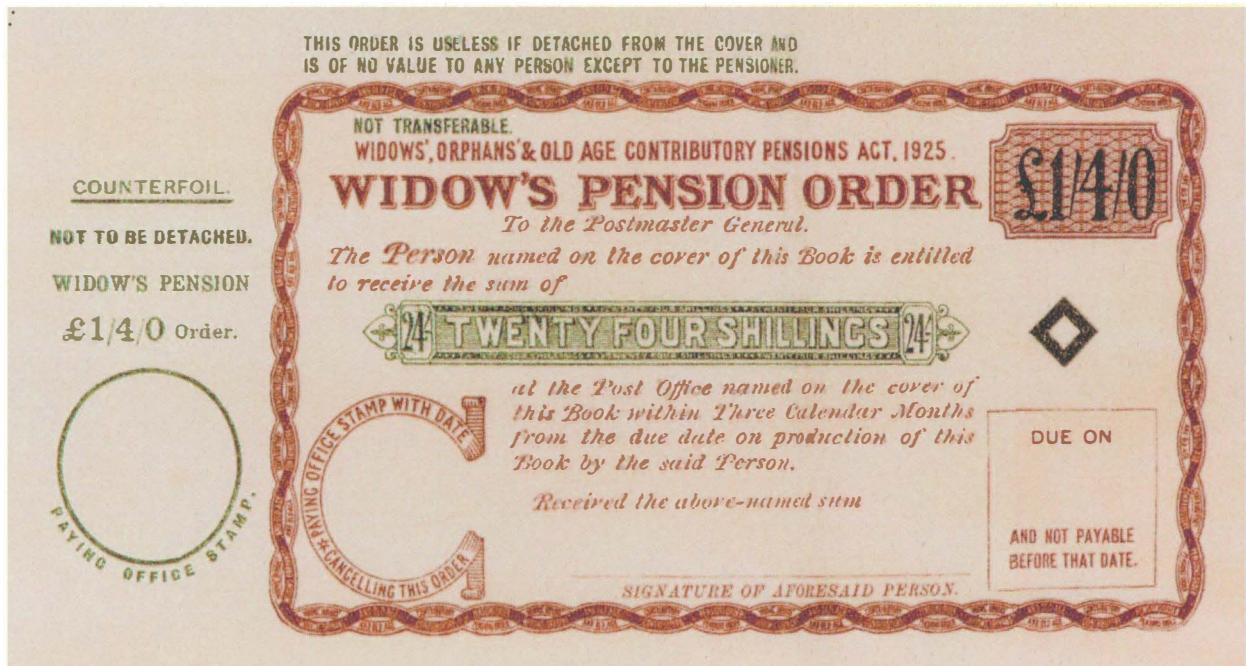
(Item 183):



Widow with three children.

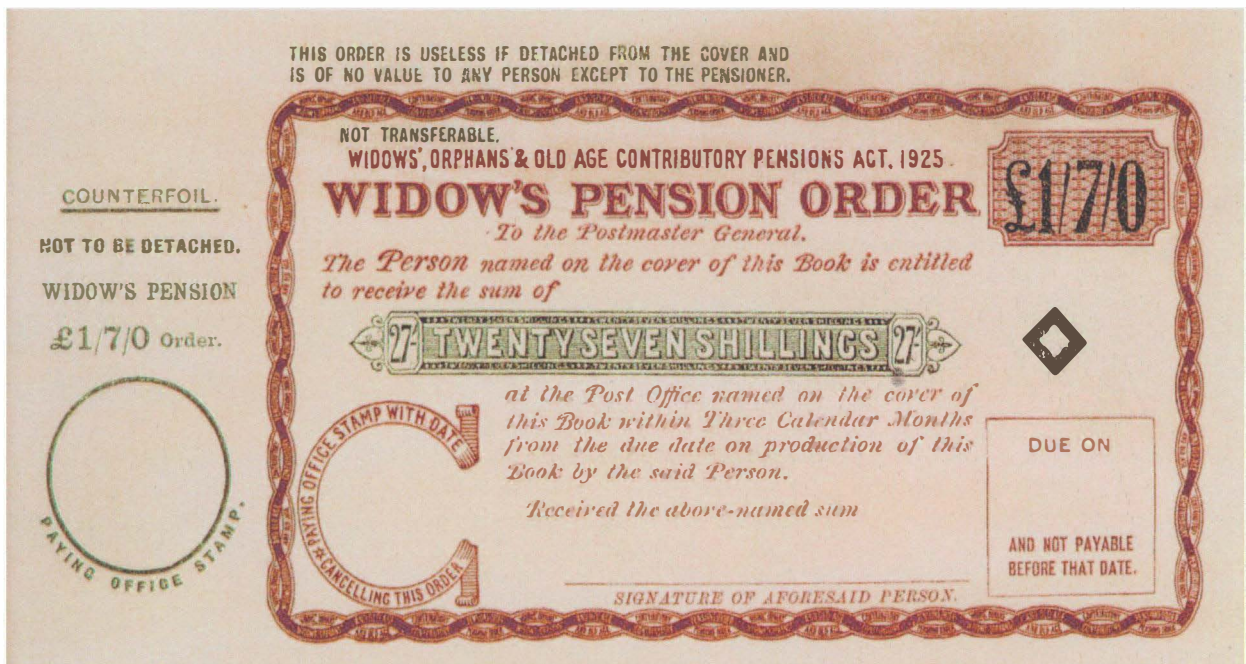
Widow with three children.

(Item 184)



Widow with four children.

(Item 185):



Widow with five children.

There were orders for widows with up to twelve children The rate was widow – ten shillings per week. First child five shillings per week. Each additional child 3/- per week.

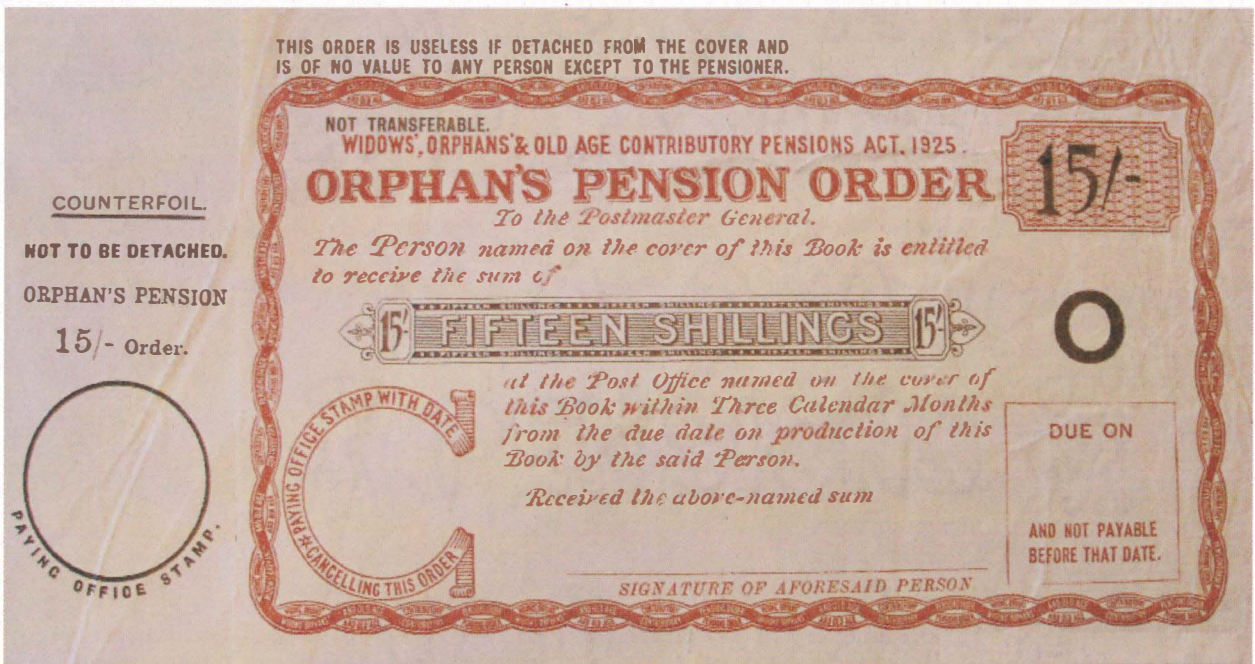
Orphan's Pension Orders (Contributory) – Single O.

(Item 186):



One orphan.

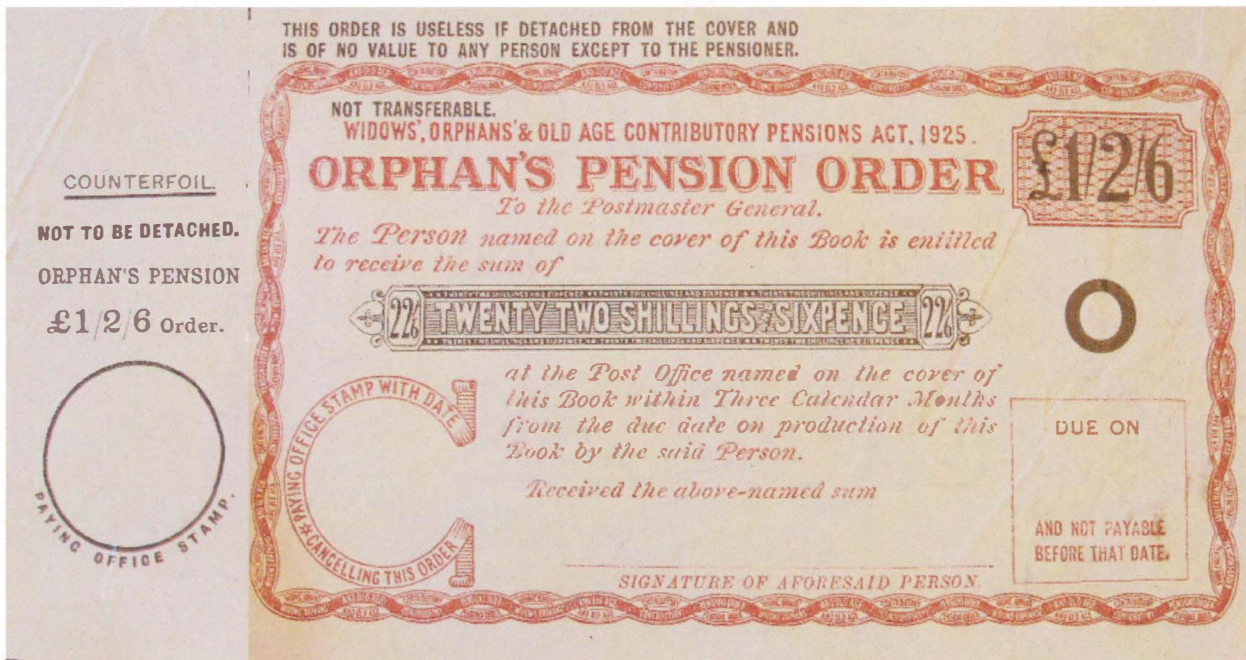
(Item 187):



Two orphans.

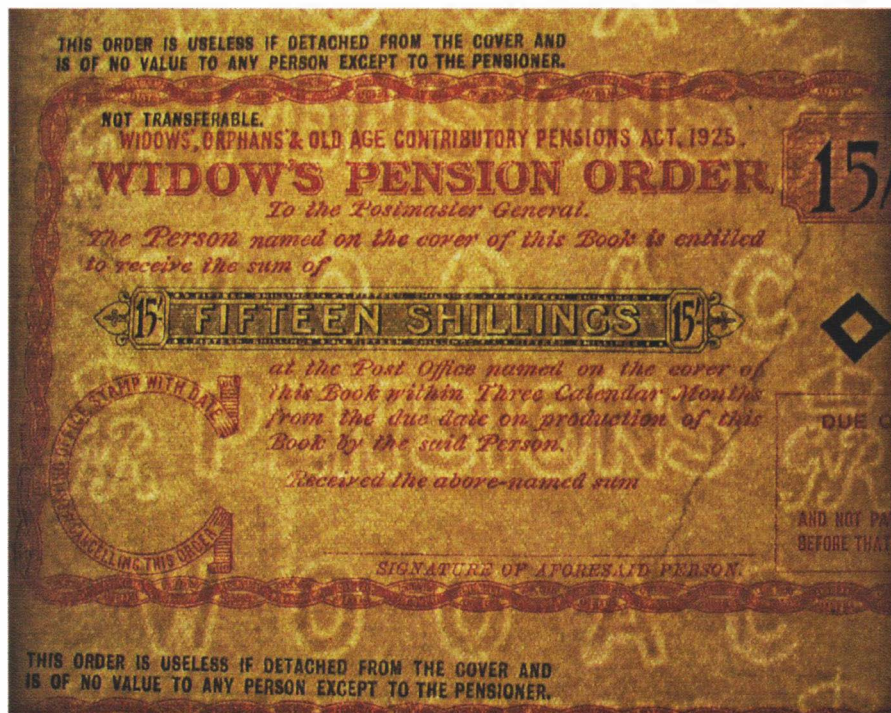


(Item 188):



Three orphans.

The pension for an orphan was 7/6d. per week so orders were provided for up to ten orphans in a family.



The watermark in 1925 Act Pension Orders.

Additional values of the orders with one symbol.

**Memorandum,**

In addition to the orders shewn on this sheet, the following denominations have been produced under the Contract referred to in the endorsement.


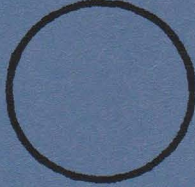
Widows Pension forms

Orphans Pension forms

3/-	30/-
5/-	
6/-	37/6
8/-	
9/-	45/-
10/6	
11/-	52/6
11/6	
12/-	60/-
12/6	
15/-	67/6
13/6	
14/-	75/-
14/6	
15/6	
16/-	
16/6	
17/-	
18/-	
20/-	
22/-	
25/-	
30/-	
33/-	
36/-	
39/-	
42/-	
45/-	
48/-	

## Cover for book of Pension Orders. - 1928

Although the cover illustrated is for a widow's non-contributory book the Contributory ones may have been the same apart from the symbols (excepting the non-contributory Old Age Pension Book which was already established.). Blue was suggested as the background colour though there was a buff example as well. (*Item 189*):

£1/1/0	◆◆		Pension No. _____
WIDOWS', ORPHANS' & OLD AGE		CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT, 1925	
<b>PENSION ORDER BOOK.</b>			
50	THIS BOOK IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND MUST BE DELIVERED TO ANY NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE INSPECTOR ON DEMAND. IT IS NO SECURITY WHATEVER FOR DEBT.		
	Name _____ (Surname first.)	DATE OF PAYMENT  OF LAST ORDER.	
Address _____	AUTHORISATION STAMP.		
Pension Payable at Post Office at _____			
<p><b>THE ORDERS IN THIS BOOK ARE OF NO VALUE EXCEPT TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE.</b>  <b>WARNING.</b>—Any person presenting this book at a Post Office for payment of the pension without the authority of the above-named person, or after his (her) death, will be prosecuted          (For instructions see pages 2, 3 and 4 of cover.)</p>			

Alterations were suggested for the next series of Pension Orders.

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memo

(Chief Clerk's Branch)

Mr. Lloyd has suggested that the various indications on Old Age, widows' ~~orders~~ Pension Orders should be replaced by block letters similar to those on the new Navy Army & Air Force Pension or Allowance Orders - specimen enclosed.

In order to avoid confusion letters in the second half of this alphabet could be used for the purpose.

The Conts. M.O.D.

would the adoption of the suggestion be an advantage from the point of view of your Dept?

Ans.

32/1/28

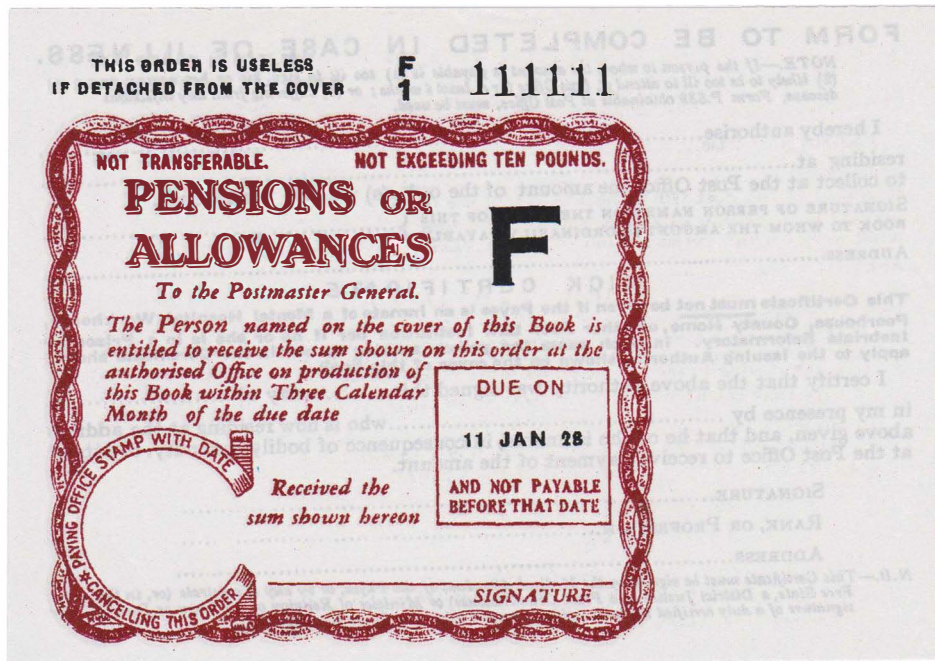
The Secretary,

There would be no advantage, so far as this

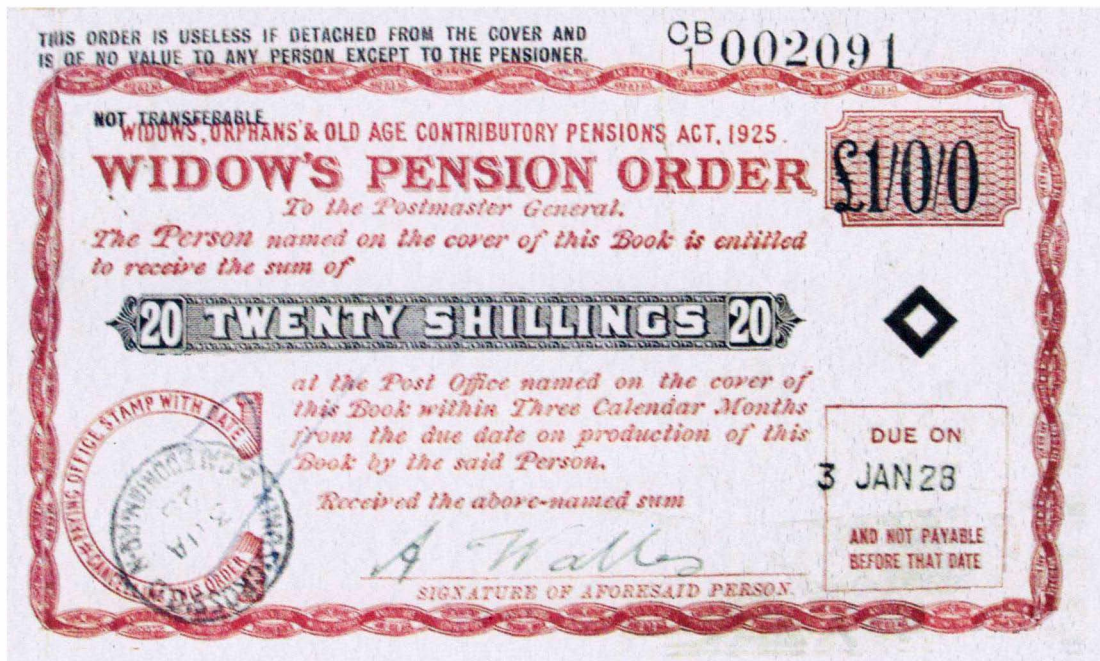
Department

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13/31/28  
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The Pensions and Allowance form referred to in the previous memorandum. (Item 190):



The £1/0/0 Order mentioned in the memorandum. (Item 191):



### Suggestion that the pensioner should insert his or her pension number on orders.

(Item 192):

*Form of Pension Order introduced in Dec'r 1929  
(Pension Issue Office)*

THIS ORDER IS USELESS IF DETACHED FROM THE COVER **H/2 000005**

NOT TRANSFERABLE. NOT EXCEEDING TEN POUNDS.

**PENSIONS OR ALLOWANCES** **H**

To the Postmaster-General—The Person named on the cover of this Book is entitled to receive the sum shown on this order at the authorised Office on production of this Book within **THREE CALENDAR MONTHS** of the due date

**36** Received the sum shown hereon

**DUE ON 10 Sep 30 AND NOT PAYABLE BEFORE THAT DATE**

SIGNATURE

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
The payee must copy here the number shown on page 2 of the cover.

**£**  
**EIGHT 8S**  
**d**

DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS ORDER IS VALID FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911, AND THE NATIONAL CONTRIBUTORY BENEFITS ACT, 1925, UNTIL THE 31ST DECEMBER 1930.

*So far as can be ascertained no difficulty has been experienced in regard to these orders in very few cases is the number omitted*

In 1933 - 1934 the payee had to fill in his or her pension number on each order, as had been the case for other Pensions and Allowances since 1929, as suggested in the previous note. (Item 193):

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OLD AGE PENSION.

COUNTERFOIL  
(Not to be detached)  
10/- Order



THIS ORDER IS USELESS IF DETACHED FROM THE COVER AND IS OF NO VALUE TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT THE PENSIONER.

NOT TRANSFERABLE

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' & OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS.

**WIDOW'S PENSION ORDER**

To the Postmaster General: The person named on the cover of this Book is entitled to receive the sum of

**10 TEN SHILLINGS**

at the Post Office named on the cover of this Book within Three Calendar Months from the due date on production of this Book by the said person.

Received the above-named sum

(Signature of aforesaid person)

Pension No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(The payee must insert here the Pension No. shown on the Cover of this Book.)

PAYMENT FOR WEEK BEGINNING  
**2 JAN 34**



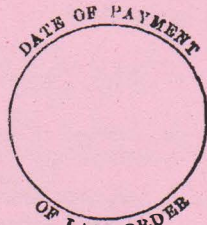
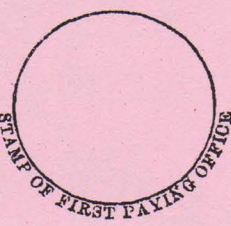
DUE ON AND NOT BEFORE THAT DATE

PAYING OFFICE STAMP WITH DATE

CANCELLING THIS ORDER

In April 1934 a revised cover for Pension Order Books was prepared. This one is for a widow.

The example was on pink card and there was a letter of explanation. (Item 194):

 <b>52/1</b> <b>BOOK NUMBER</b> <b>WB 1</b> <b>000000</b>	<b>10/- : 4/3</b> The orders in this book are of no value except to the person named on the cover. Authorization Stamp. <b>WARNING.</b> Any person presenting this book at a Post Office for payment of pension without the authority of the person named on the cover, or after his (her) death, will be prosecuted.	<b>WIDOWS', ORPHANS', and OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY</b>  <b>and OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS.</b> <b>PENSION ORDER BOOK.</b> THIS BOOK IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND MUST BE DELIVERED TO ANY NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE INSPECTOR ON DEMAND. IT IS NO SECURITY FOR DEBT. Pension Payable <b>ONLY</b> at Post Office at <div style="border: 1px dashed black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	DATE OF PAYMENT  OF LAST ORDER This pension is payable on <b>TUESDAYS</b> at the Post Office named on this cover.
	<b>PENSION NUMBER</b> Name and Address of Pensioner	 STAMP OF FIRST PAYING OFFICE	

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH,

Accountant General's  
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

BROMYARD AVENUE,

ACTON, LONDON, W.3.

25 April, 1934.

Dear Wood,

As promised, I am sending along a proof showing the proposed changes in the cover of our Pension Order Books.

The main point is the provision for "Book Number" down the side, accompanied by the use of heavier type for "Pension Number".

We are having two other slight changes made at the same time:-

- (1) "his (her)" is to be deleted from instruction 1 on page 2.
- (2) The wording round the date-stamp ring at the bottom right-hand corner of page 1 is to be altered, to make it clear that the counter clerk at the new post office is not required to stamp in that space when we authorise a change of post office of payment (by means of the paste-on slip).

Yours sincerely,

A.H. Wood, Esq.,  
Secretary's Office,  
General Post Office,  
E.C.1.

*L. W. Daniels*



The books were to contain inserted sheets with which to order the next book. There were four types – Diamond W.P.126 , Circle W.P.147, Triangle O.A.P.118 and Bar O.A.P.117.

**O.A.P. 117.**

**WIDOWS' ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS.**

**APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF OLD AGE PENSION ORDER BOOK.**

**WARNING.—Any person wilfully making a false declaration will be liable to prosecution.**

**Part 1.**

I **HEREBY DECLARE** that I am entitled to an Old Age Pension, and that I am not and have not since the date of commencement of my current Pension Order Book been disqualified for any of the reasons stated overleaf, which I have read.

The number of my Pension Order Book is as stated hereon.

\*Cross out words not applicable.

I have\* been employed since the date of commencement of my present Pension Order Book. My employer \*is †.....

† If employed at any time since commencement of present order book insert name and address of employer.

\*was of.....

I have\* sent to the Central Department a card for the last half-year, stamped by my employer(s) for weeks in that period in which I was employed.

‡ This signature must be made in the presence of the person who signs the certificate below. If the signature is by mark, the mark must be witnessed by the person who signs the certificate.

† Pensioner's signature (or mark if unable to write) } .....

Address.....

Date.....19.....

**Part 2.**

Person qualified to certify.

The signature of a relative of the applicant cannot be accepted.

1. A Justice of the Peace.
2. A Barrister, Advocate, or Solicitor.
3. A Minister of Religion (stating Denomination and address of place of Worship).
4. A Medical Practitioner.
5. A Member of Parliament.
6. A Head Teacher of a Public, Elementary or Secondary School or a recognised teacher at a University (stating name and address of the School or University).
7. †A Police Officer not below the rank of Sergeant.
8. †The Clerk or any Member of a Local Authority.
9. †A Warden or Principal Officer, of a Settlement or a Welfare Centre.
10. A Resident Officiating Church Army Officer.
11. A †Captain (or officer of higher rank) of the Salvation Army.
12. †The Secretary of the applicant's Trade Union. Registered Friendly or Approved Society, or of a Branch of such Trade Union or a Registered Branch of such Friendly Society, stating the Name and Branch of the Society.
13. †A Relieving Officer, or Inspector or Depute Inspector of Poor.
14. †Postmaster or Officer in Charge of any Post Office.

**This Certificate and Declaration must be signed and dated in the presence of the Applicant. The person signing this part of the Form must possess one of the qualifications shown in the margin and must so describe himself in the space provided at the foot of this Form.**

I **CERTIFY** that the applicant is known to me personally, and that the signature (or mark) to this form was this day made or acknowledged by the applicant as his/her signature (mark) **IN MY PRESENCE.**

Signature.....

Date.....19.....

Full Address.....

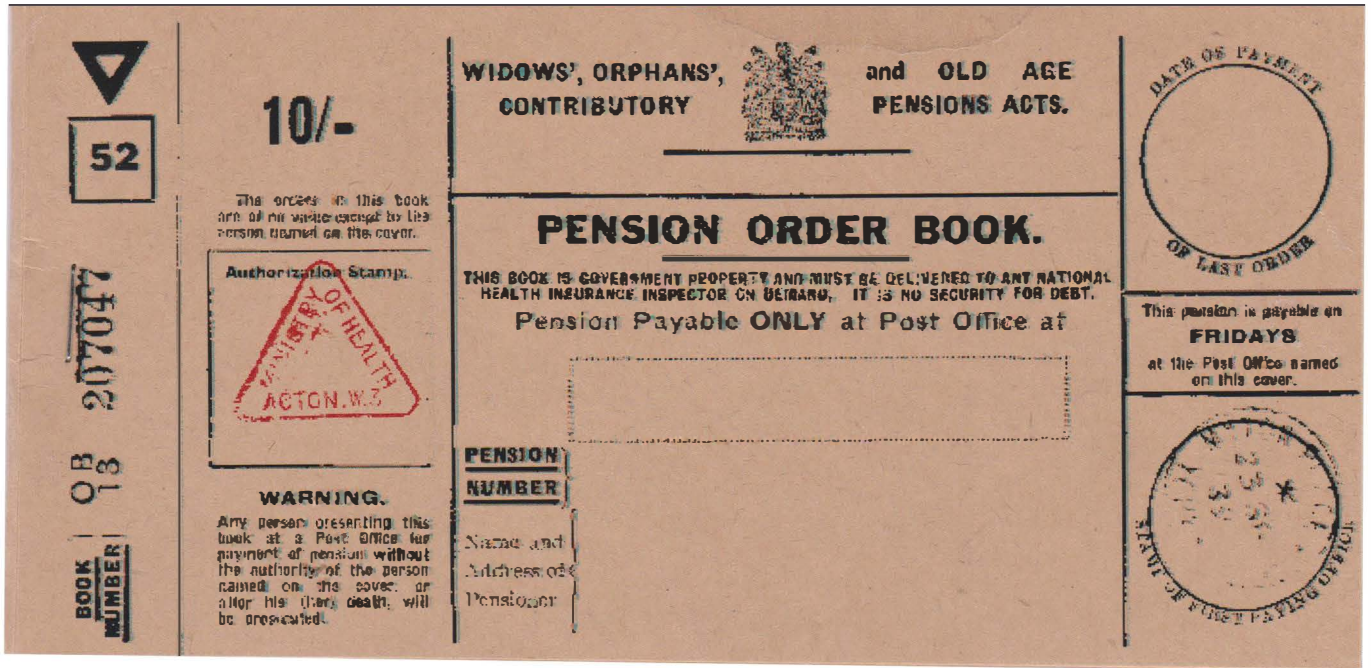
Qualification of Certifier. (See margin)	Official Stamp (if any) of Certifier.†
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† If an Official Stamp denoting the Office is in use it should be impressed on the Certificate.

### Pension Book Cover – October 1939 to 25 October 1940 .

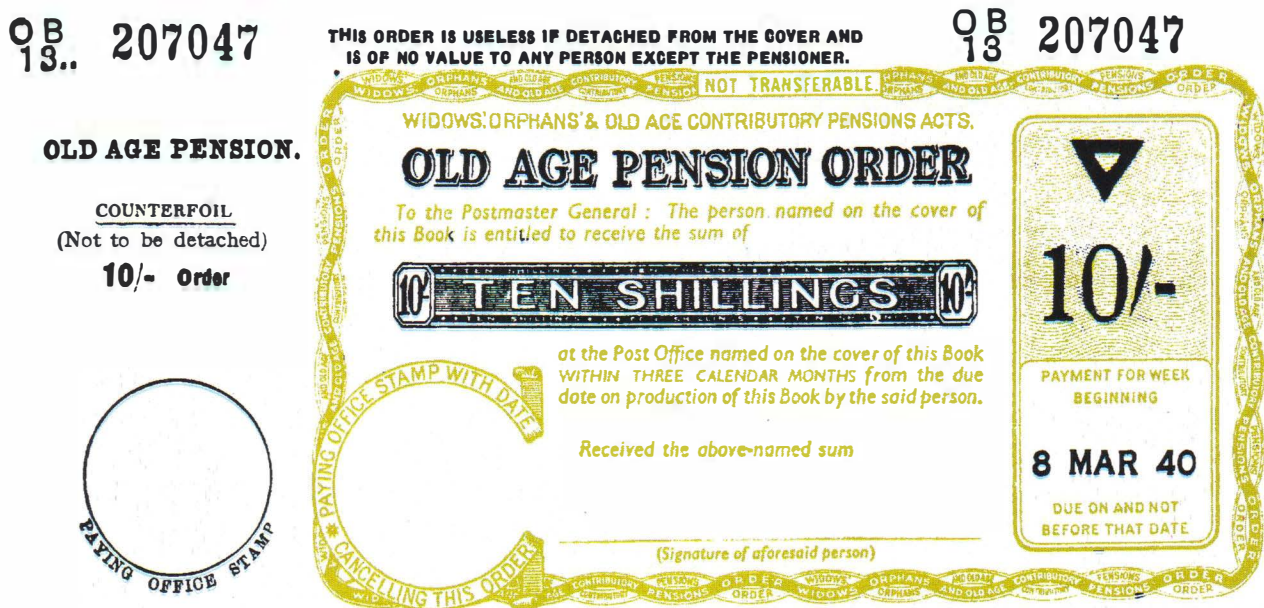
On buff card. This shows that the symbol for the Contributory Old Age Pension was the triangle.

(Item 195):



### 1939-1940 Old Age Pension Order. (Item 196):

There is now no space for the Pension Number.




A yellow renewal form is between the pension orders dated 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1940.

## Cover of Contributory Pension Order Book for those aged between 65 and 70 printed in 1942.

The specimen is on blue card. (Item 197): [AST 7/485]

Instruction 5 includes information about what to do if a Post Office was closed as a result of enemy action.

<p>53</p> <p>200666</p> <p>OB 21</p> <p>BOOK NUMBER</p>	<p><b>10/-</b></p> <p>The orders in this book are of no value except to the person named on the cover.</p> <p>Authorization Stamp.</p> <p>Quote Pension Number on all communications regarding the Pension.</p>	<p>WIDOWS', ORPHANS', and OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS.</p>  <p><b>PENSION ORDER BOOK.</b></p> <p>The INSTRUCTIONS ON THE INSIDE of this COVER must be read carefully.</p> <p>THIS BOOK IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND MUST BE DELIVERED TO ANY NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE INSPECTOR ON DEMAND. IT IS NO SECURITY FOR DEBT.</p> <p>Pension Payable at Post Office at</p>	<p><b>WARNING.</b></p> <p>Any person presenting this book at a Post Office for payment of pension without the authority of the person named on the cover, or after his (her) death, will be prosecuted.</p> <p>This pension is payable on <b>THURSDAYS</b></p> <p>DATE STAMP OF FIRST PAYING OFFICE</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
		<p>PENSION NUMBER</p> <p>Name and Address of Pensioner</p>	

Date stamp on the page to which the book is attached:



It seems likely that around 1943 all pension orders took a new form with two orders to a page and a counterfoil which could be stamped. There are non-contributory examples in another Volume.

However the earliest Contributory example I have found is of 1948 - illustrated on page 297.

The person from whom it was purchased suspected that this leaflet was published on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1945. It seems to be Labour Party propaganda for the General Election and needs to be understood as such.

# THE PENSIONS SCHEME EXPOSED.

When closely and carefully examined, the new Pensions' Scheme of the Tory Government is seen to be far from satisfactory.

Not only does it make the working classes Purchase their Pensions, by a system of weekly deductions from their wages during the whole of their working lives, but it actually **GIVES THEM LESS TO LIVE ON THAN THEY ARE RECEIVING FROM OTHER SOURCES AT THE PRESENT TIME.**

## ROBBING THE OLD FOLKS.

The old man of 65 loses his 18s. Unemployment Benefit or his 15s. Disablement Benefit, and is given instead a Miserable Pension of 10s. a week, from which he is expected to pay for rent, food and clothing.

## DEFRAUDING THE WIDOWS.

From most Boards of Guardians, the widow now gets at least 15s. for herself, 4s. each for her first two children, and 3s. for the third, making a weekly total of 26s.

Under the new Pensions Scheme, she will get 10s. for herself, 5s. for the first child and 3s. each for the second and third, making a total of only 21s.

Therefore she loses 5s. a week.

## THE MORE YOU PAY—THE LESS YOU GET.

These instances show how the working classes will be made to pay for benefits which they will not receive.

## MAKING THE POOR MAINTAIN THE POOR.

The whole scheme is part of a trick to shift from the shoulders of the rich the responsibility for bearing their fair share of maintaining the aged, the distressed and the destitute poor, and to place the whole burden of this essential social service on the workers themselves.

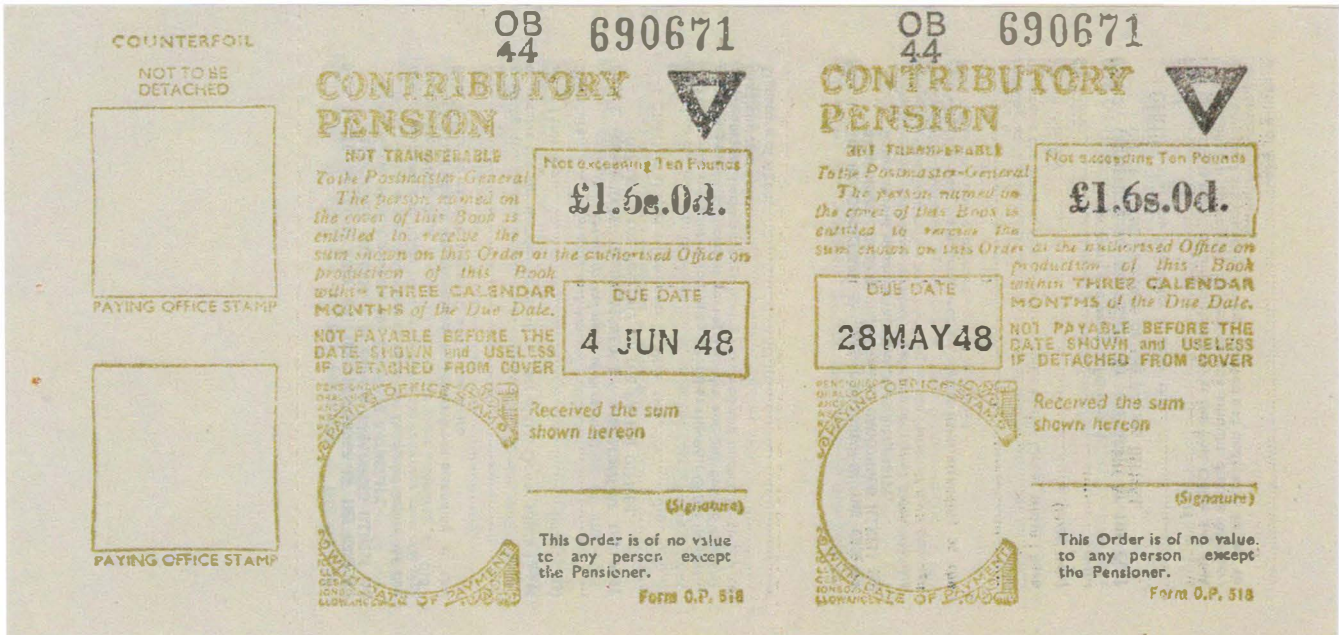
## WHAT THE PENSIONS SCHEME OUGHT TO GIVE.

(See over.)

**Contributory Pensions were increased in October 1946.**

For single persons and married men it became a maximum of 26/- per week and 16/- per week for married women.

**Contributory Pension Orders for May 1948. (Item 198):**



The watermark is PENSIONS OR in outline lettering with a crown over GVIR on each side.  
ALLOWANCES

PENSIONS OR

ALLOWANCES

In late 1951 there was a further increase in the maximum pension to 32/6d and 21/6d for a dependent wife.

Poster displayed in Post Offices in September 1951. [purchased on e-bay.]

# INCREASED RETIREMENT PENSIONS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 1951

FOR MEN **65-70** at 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1951  
 & WOMEN **60-65** at 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1951

## HOW TO GET YOUR INCREASE

If your pension is at the standard rate of 26s. or 16s.,  
 send or take your Order Book to the local  
 NATIONAL INSURANCE OFFICE

IF YOUR SURNAME  
 BEGINS WITH LETTERS

<b>A-K</b>	between	<b>THURS 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>
	and	<b>TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>
<b>L-Z</b>	between	<b>THURS 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>
	and	<b>TUES 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>

Make sure first that your home address on the  
 front of your Order Book is correct.

If your pension is not at the standard rate of 26s. or  
 16s., do nothing until you hear from your National  
 Insurance Office.



ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY  
 OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein's Pension Book. 1964-1965 (Item 199):

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL INSURANCE

**RETIREMENT PENSION ORDER BOOK**

DUE ON MONDAYS

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Authorisation Stamp

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Pension or Allowance Number

(Quote this number in all correspondence)

FIELD MARSHAL

THE VISCOUNT MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN

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ISHINGTON MILL

LALTON HANTS

BOOK No.:

WARNING:— BEFORE YOU CASH AN ORDER READ THE COLOURED INSTRUCTIONS PAGES IN THIS BOOK.

Date stamp of first paying office

B.R. 348 (Rev. 2/62)

Gordon Cox's Pension Book. - This is the last Pension Book issued - 2004 – 2005. (Item 200):

DWP Department for Work and Pensions

MR GORDON DAUBNEY COX

21 CLANFIELD DRIVE

CHANDLERS FORD

EASTLEIGH

HAMPSHIRE S053 2HJ

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When corresponding always quote the above National Insurance or Allowance Number

Serial No. 39 Due on THURSDAY

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Read the back pages for rules on drawing benefit and information on other benefits

PLEASE DO NOT BEND

## The Beveridge Report 1942.

The inspiration for a comprehensive system of National Insurance was Sir William Beveridge's report "Social Insurance and Allied Services.", 299 pages, published in 1942 by H.M.S.O. [not reproduced in this volume.]



# SOCIAL INSURANCE AND ALLIED SERVICES

Report by  
SIR WILLIAM BEVERIDGE

*Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty,  
November 1942*



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Social Insurance. - pamphlet issued in September 1944, before the War ended.

# SOCIAL INSURANCE

## Including Industrial Injury Insurance

**One Card, One Stamp, All Benefits**

Unemployment benefits

Sickness and Invalidity benefits

Industrial Injury benefits

Maternity benefits

Retirement pensions

Death grants, widows' benefits

**Brief Guide to the Government's Plan**

ISSUED BY THE MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION

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NET

## National Insurance Bill 1946.

Summary.



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

# National Insurance Bill, 1946

## SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME

*Presented by the Minister of National Insurance to Parliament  
by Command of His Majesty  
January 1946*

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## National Insurance Bill - 1946.

Report by the Government Actuary on the Financial Provisions of the Bill. [purchased on e-bay.]



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

# National Insurance Bill, 1946

REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT  
ACTUARY ON THE FINANCIAL  
PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

*Presented by the Minister of National Insurance to Parliament  
by Command of His Majesty  
January 1946*

LONDON  
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SIXPENCE NET

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## National Insurance Act 1946.

The copy of the Act which I purchased was lost in the post, but when I obtained a copy of the Bill it was found to be almost identical to the Act. A sheet showing the additions to the Bill found in the Act is included here.

## National Insurance Bill.

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# B I L L

To establish an extended system of national insurance providing pecuniary payments by way of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, maternity benefit, retirement pension, widows' benefit, guardian's allowance and death grant, to repeal or amend the existing enactments relating to unemployment insurance, national health insurance, widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions and non-contributory old age pensions, to provide for the making of payments towards the cost of a national health service, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

*Presented by Mr. James Griffiths,*

*supported by*

*Mr. Greenwood,*

*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,*

*Mr. Secretary Westwood, Mr. Bevan,*

*Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Lindgren.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,  
to be Printed, 20 December 1945.*

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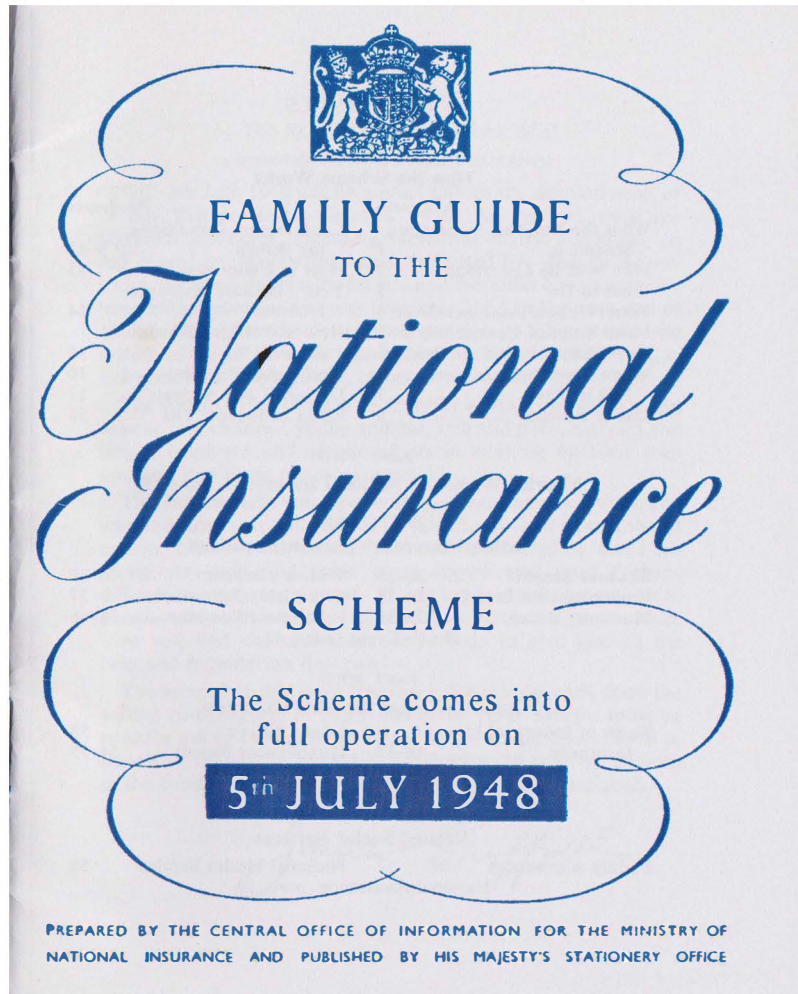
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Bill 63]

(P. 3887)

## National Insurance - 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

This booklet, which was sent to every household in Britain, explains the 1948 National Insurance Scheme. (*Item 201*):



**JEREMIAH (JAMES) GRIFFITHS MP**  
**Minister of National Insurance.**

1890 - 1975

**Who wrote the Foreword to the pamphlet.**

# The Change-over 1947-1948

Letter to Member of an Approved Society (Name, Address and details removed)

*Keep this leaflet for future reference*

## National Health Insurance

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE  
FROM**

Nottingham Imperial Order of Oddfellows A.S. 133  
HEAD OFFICE UNIT  
Imperial Building, Victoria Street, Nottingham

### CHANGES IN NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

In preparation for the new scheme which will start in **JULY, 1948**, the National Health Insurance work now carried on by certain Approved Societies is being taken into offices of the Ministry of National Insurance. This process will take some months, and it may not affect all Societies (or Branches of the same Society) in a particular district at the same time.

*The work of your Society (Branch)  
is now to be transferred in this way*

### HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU

Until the new National Insurance scheme starts you will remain a member of this Society (Branch) and will be able to claim exactly the same benefits as before.

From **23rd October, 1947** you should address any application for National Health Insurance benefit (including medical certificates) and all National Health Insurance enquiries to

**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE  
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,  
CLIFTON BOULEVARD,  
NOTTINGHAM.**

**YOUR NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER IS**

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*Always quote this number when applying for benefit or making any enquiry.  
Failure to do so may lead to delay in the payment of benefit.*

### MEDICAL TREATMENT

Enquiries about treatment by your Insurance Doctor should be addressed to your  
*Insurance Committee*  
the address of which may be obtained from your Post Office.

### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES, TRADE UNIONS, ETC.

Your Friendly Society, Trade Union, etc., membership is *not* affected.  
Your Friendly Society/Trade Union business will be dealt with *at the same address as before.*

### NOTE

**Any person who wishes to claim sickness benefit from his Friendly Society or Trade Union as well as National Health Insurance benefit may ask the National Insurance Office to which he submits his medical certificate for an extract copy of the certificate to be given to him or his Society.**

**A.S.F. 4**

## **National Insurance Stamps 1948-1993.**

I have detailed these in a series of booklets.

- 1. Pre-decimalisation Single Rate National Insurance stamps**  
5 July 1948 - 14 February 1971.
- 2. Post-decimalisation Single Rate National Insurance stamps**  
15 February 1971 - 10 April 1993
- 3. Announcements of Contribution rate changes 1948 - 1982.**
- 4. High Value National Insurance Stamps of Great Britain 1948 - 1975.**
- 5. National Insurance Stamps of Northern Ireland 1948 - 1993**
- 6. National Insurance Stamps and Graduated Pension Stamps of the Isle of Man**  
1948 - 1993. This includes some notes about the stamps which accompany the stamp archives kept by the D.H.S.S. in Douglas , Isle of Man.

The stamps referred to were those held in the British Library, Isle of Man Department of Social Security and the National Archives with a few from H. M. Revenue and Customs in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Pre-Decimalisation National Insurance Stamps of Great Britain.  
5 July 1948 - 14 February 1971



Post-Decimalisation National Insurance Stamps of Great Britain.  
15<sup>th</sup> February 1971 - 10 April 1993.

Announcements of National Insurance Contribution Rate changes  
1948 - 1982

## High Value National Insurance Stamps of Great Britain - 1948 - 1975.

## National Insurance Stamps of Northern Ireland 1948 - 1993

High value stamps after 1968 have not been found though I have fabricated illustrations of them up to 1975.

National Insurance Stamps of the Isle of Man.

5 July 1948 - 10 April 1993.

with Graduated Pension Stamps.

3 April 1961 - 5 April 1975.

Notes accompanying the D.H.S.S. stamp collection in Douglas Isle of Man.

**Leaflet IOM 116***Employer's Guide to Graduated National Insurance Contributions  
March 1961*

MARCH, 1961

LEAFLET I.O.M. 116

## NATIONAL INSURANCE (ISLE OF MAN) ACT, 1961

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EMPLOYER'S GUIDE  
TO  
GRADUATED NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

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GRADUATED CONTRIBUTION RATES

Gross weekly remuneration (see paragraphs 3, 14 and 15)	Employee	Employer	Total
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Exceeding £9 but not exceeding £10	-:10	-:10	1: 8
" £10 " " " £11	1: 8	1: 8	3: 4
" £11 " " " £12	2: 6	2: 6	5: 0
" £12 " " " £13	3: 4	3: 4	6: 8
" £13 " " " £14	4: 2	4: 2	8: 4
" £14 .. .. ..	5: 0	5: 0	10: 0

**A selection of Leaflets N.I. 20 of different dates.****The Employer's Guide to National Insurance - 1948**

Leaflet NI 20.

Leaflet N.I. 20

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1946 AND 1948



# *Employer's Guide to National Insurance*

*Copies of the National Insurance Act, 1946, and the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts, 1946 and 1948, and of all Regulations made under the Acts, may be purchased directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses :—*

YORK HOUSE, KINGSWAY	. . .	LONDON, W.C.2
13A, CASTLE STREET	. . .	EDINBURGH, 2
39-41, KING STREET	. . .	MANCHESTER, 2
1, ST. ANDREW'S CRESCENT	. . .	CARDIFF
80, CHICHESTER STREET	. . .	BELFAST
TOWER LANE	. . .	BRISTOL, 1

*or through any bookseller.*

November, 1948

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

# The Employer's Guide to National Insurance - 1958

Leaflet NI 20.

FEBRUARY, 1958

LEAFLET N.I. 20

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS



& NATIONAL INSURANCE

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## Employer's Guide to National Insurance

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**The Employer's Guide to National Insurance - 1968**  
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JANUARY 1968

LEAFLET NI 20

**Employer's Guide  
to Flat-rate  
National  
Insurance  
Contributions**

**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Employer's Guide to National Insurance - 1973  
Leaflet NI 20.

LEAFLET NI 20  
MARCH 1973

## National Insurance

# Employer's guide to flat-rate National Insurance Contributions

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

**A further selection of forms and leaflets.****N.I. 53 -Information for Men and Women leaving H.M. Forces.****(September 1951)**

Leaflet N.I. 53

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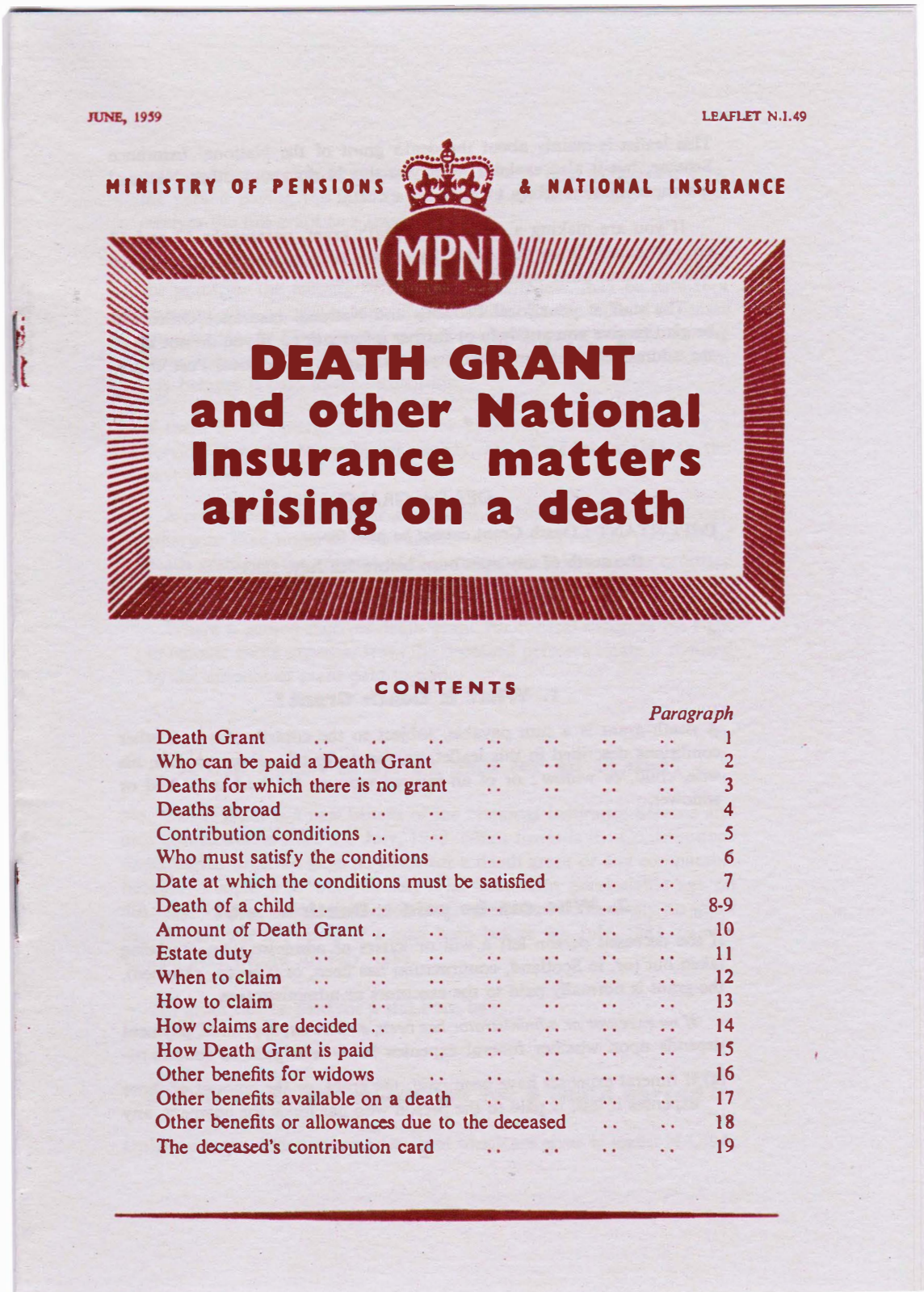
**NATIONAL INSURANCE****Information  
for Men and Women  
leaving H.M. Forces***September, 1951 (revised)***MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE**

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**N.I.49. Death Grant &c. (June 1959)**

The whole pamphlet was printed in brown, but here reproduced in black.



**N.I.15 Retirement Pensions.** (August 1959)

AUGUST, 1959

LEAFLET N.I. 15

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS &amp; NATIONAL INSURANCE



# Retirement Pensions

This leaflet explains the conditions upon which retirement pensions under the National Insurance scheme are paid and how claims should be made. There is a special leaflet (N.I.15A) about retirement pensions for widows.


The pensions described are *retirement* pensions, that is to say, they are available to men of 65 and over and women of 60 and over who have retired, or can be regarded as retired, from regular employment (see paragraph 3). Up to the age of 70 (65 for a woman) your pension will be reduced if you earn over 60s. a week (see paragraphs 16-19). At 70 (65 for a woman) you can draw your pension whether you have in fact retired or not.

First of all, please read 'Thinking It Out' on pages 3 and 4. If you are wondering whether to retire or not, this may help you to decide.

If you do not find what you want to know in this leaflet, or if you have any difficulty in filling up your claim form, the staff at your local Pensions and National Insurance Office will be pleased to help you and to supply you with copies of any other National Insurance leaflets. If you do not know the address of your local office you can get it at the Post Office.

**N.I. 38. National Insurance for Persons Abroad.** (September 1959)  
Printed in blue.

SEPTEMBER, 1959 LEAFLET N.I. 3

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS  & NATIONAL INSURANCE

**MPNI**

NATIONAL INSURANCE FOR  
**Persons  
Abroad**

This leaflet is intended for people who are going abroad whether permanently or temporarily. The general position explained in it is modified by a number of reciprocal agreements with other countries (see page 2).

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*This leaflet does NOT apply*

TO PERSONS GOING TO NORTHERN IRELAND OR THE ISLE OF MAN. The national insurance schemes there and in Great Britain operate as a single system.

TO SEAFARERS, AIRMEN AND MEMBERS OF HER MAJESTY'S FORCES for whom there are special arrangements.

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## National Insurance Cards.

Under the pre-1948 Insurance Scheme there was only one contribution year which ran from the first Monday in July each year. This meant that contribution cards had to be exchanged each July but because this work was done by hundreds of Approved Societies which had agents or offices in most towns this did not prove a problem. In addition insurance was not compulsory for all the working population.

From 5th July 1948 every working person became compulsorily insured and the administration of maintaining National Insurance contribution records was centralised at Newcastle. To ease the burden of millions of contribution cards arriving in one batch, it was decided to introduce staggered contribution years based on the suffix letter of the National Insurance number. There were no separate cards for Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Thus all cards bearing a National Insurance number ending in A had a contribution year beginning on the first Monday in March each year, B in June, C in September and D in December and they had to be exchanged within six days of the relevant Monday. Thus there were three months to bring the contributions to account and issue statements &c. before the next batch arrived.

The cards were of various colours and were alternated each year. This helped identify the type of card at a glance and also provided some security. For example:

1948/49	A - green	B - mauve	C - yellow	D - pink
1949/50	A- orange	B- grey	C - blue	D - straw

These colours alternated until 1975 when Class 1 contributions became earnings related and were collected along with PAY tax. From 6<sup>th</sup> April 1975 contribution years were aligned with tax years and so the stagger system came to an end. However Class 2 and 3 and Share Fishermen still paid by stamp card until these were abolished on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1993.

The colours were

<b>1975/76</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>1976/77</b>	<b>Straw</b>
<b>1977/78</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>1978/79</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>1979/80</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>1980/81</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>1981/82</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>1982/83</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>1983/84</b>	<b>Straw</b>
<b>1984/85</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>1985/86</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>1986/87</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>1987/88</b>	<b>Straw</b>
<b>1988/89</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>1989/90</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>1990/91</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>1991/92</b>	<b>Straw</b>
<b>1992/93</b>	<b>Blue</b>

There were six kinds of cards for class 1 stamps. The colours of the cards were as previously mentioned but the colour of the printing varied.

Man - aged 18 and under 65 or aged 65 and under 70 and not retired. black

Woman - aged 18 and under 60 or aged 60 and under 65 and not retired. red

Boy - aged under 18. black

Girl - aged under 18. red

Special card. Man aged 70 or over blue

Aged 65 or over and retired from regular employment and therefore only liable for industrial injuries contributions.  
Aged 65 on or after 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 and had not completed 5 years insurance on reaching age 65, or entered insurance on or after 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946.

Special card. Woman aged 65 or over. brown

Aged 60 or over and retired from regular employment and therefore only liable for Industrial Injuries contributions.  
Entered into insurance on or after 30<sup>th</sup> September 1946 and had not completed ten years insurance on reaching the age of 60.  
Married or widowed and elected not to pay National Insurance contributions but were liable to pay a contribution under the Industrial Injuries Act.

There was also an emergency card.



## The Change-over Period.

The First set of cards was as follows:

**Period A** - green 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 - 6<sup>th</sup> March 1949. 35 weeks

For Official Use					
Industry No.	<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b> For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland				
Occupational No.	<b>MAN (age 18 or over)</b>				
<b>A GREEN</b>			National Insurance Number		
From 5th July 1948 To 6th March 1949					<b>A</b>

SURNAME  
(BLOCK LETTERS) \_\_\_\_\_

CHRISTIAN  
NAME(S)  
(IN FULL) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Ordinary Rate</b>					
AGE	EMPLOYED (Class I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (Class II)	NON-EMPLOYED (Class III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
Age 18 and under 65	4s. 2d.	4s. 11d.	9s. 1d.	6s. 2d.	4s. 8d.
Age 65 and over* (including retirement pensioners)	4s. 2d.	4d.	4s. 6d.	*	-

\* Men reaching age 65 on or after 5th July, 1948, will, if they are not retirement pensioners, normally continue to have contributions paid at the rates for men age 18 and under 65 (see special leaflet).

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There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for :—

Certain men of 65 and over. Men in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an inconsiderable extent. Men paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less and not receiving board and lodging. Self-employed and non-employed men whose income does not exceed £104 a year.

See special leaflets obtainable at any local National Insurance Office. The address can be obtained at the Post Office.

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Period B - mauve 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 - 5<sup>th</sup> June 1949. 48 weeks

For official use

See instruction to Employers on reverse of this strip,  
(Not applicable to self-employed and non-employed persons).

Industry No.

Occupational No.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD**  
For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland

MAN (age 18 or over)

National Insurance Number

B MAUVE

From 5th JULY 1948  
To 5th JUNE 1949

B

SURNAME (BLOCK LETTERS) .....

CHRISTIAN NAME(S) (IN FULL).....

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ADDRESS.....

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**COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Ordinary Rate**

AGE	EMPLOYED (Class I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (Class II)	NON-EMPLOYED (Class III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
Age 18 and under 65	4s. 2d.	4s. 11d.	9s. 1d.	6s. 2d.	4s. 8d.
Age 65 and over* (including retirement pensioners)	4s. 2d.	4d.	4s. 6d.	*	—

\* Men reaching age 65 on or after 5th July 1948 will, if they are not retirement pensioners, normally continue to have contributions paid at the rates for men age 18 and under 65 (see special leaflet).

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There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for :-

Certain men of 65 and over. Men in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an inconsiderable extent. Men paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less and not receiving board and lodging. Self-employed and non-employed men whose income does not exceed £104 a year.

See special leaflets obtainable at any local National Insurance Office. The address can be obtained at the Post Office.

C.F.:B.
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Period C- yellow 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 - 4<sup>th</sup> September 1949. 61 weeks

For official use

See instruction to Employers on reverse of this strip.  
(Not applicable to self-employed and non-employed persons).

Industry No.

Occupational No.

**NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD**

For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland

MAN (age 18 or over)

C **YELLOW**

From 5th July 1948  
To 4th Sept 1949

National Insurance Number

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SURNAME  
(BLOCK LETTERS) .....

CHRISTIAN  
NAME(S)  
(IN FULL) .....

ADDRESS .....

COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Ordinary Rate

AGE	EMPLOYED (Class I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (Class II)	NON-EMPLOYED (Class III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
Age 18 and under 65	4s. 2d.	4s. 11d.	9s. 1d.	6s. 2d.	4s. 8d.
Age 65 and over* (including retirement pensioners)	4s. 2d.	4d.	4s. 6d.	*	—

\* Men reaching age 65 on or after 5th July, 1948, will, if they are not retirement pensioners, normally continue to have contributions paid at the rates for men age 18 and under 65 (see special leaflet).

There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for :—

Certain men of 65 and over. Men in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an Inconsiderable extent. Men paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less and not receiving board and lodging. Self-employed and non-employed men whose income does not exceed £104 a year.

See special leaflets obtainable at any local National Insurance Office. The address can be obtained at the Post Office.

C.F.1.C.
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**Period D** - pink card. 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948 - 4<sup>th</sup> December 1949. 74weeks  
 One sheet of card with six 'pages'.

For official use.

See Instructions to Employers on reverse of this strip  
(Not applicable to self-employed and non-employed persons)

Industry No.	<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b>				
Occupational No.	For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland				
	<b>MAN</b> (age 18 or over)				
	<b>D</b>	National Insurance Number			<b>D</b>
From 5th July 1948 To 4th Dec. 1949					

SURNAME  
(BLOCK LETTERS) .....

CHRISTIAN  
NAME(S)  
(IN FULL) .....

ADDRESS  
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**COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION Ordinary Rate**

AGE	EMPLOYED (Class I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (Class II)	NON-EMPLOYED (Class III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
Age 18 and under 65	4s. 2d.	4s. 11d.	9s. 1d.	6s. 2d.	4s. 8d.
Age 65 and over* (including retirement pensioners)	4s. 2d.	4d.	4s. 6d.	*	—

\* Men reaching age 65 on or after 5th July, 1948, will, if they are not retirement pensioners, normally continue to have contributions paid at the rates for men age 18 and under 65 (see special leaflet).

There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for :—  
 Certain men of 65 and over. Men in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an inconsiderable extent. Men paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less and not receiving board and lodging. Self-employed and non-employed men whose income does not exceed £104 a year.  
 See special leaflets obtainable at any local National Insurance Office. This address can be obtained at the Post Office.

C.F.I.D. 51-8069 N.M.Ltd.

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Card for a Woman 1949-1950 Period B - grey card.

For Official Use

Industry Letters	<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b> For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland <b>WOMAN</b> (age 18 and under 60, or age 60 and under 65 not retired)			
Occupation No.	<b>B GREY</b>	National Insurance Number		
From 6th JUNE 1949 To 4th JUNE 1950				<b>B</b>

SURNAME (BLOCK LETTERS) .....

CHRISTIAN NAME(S) (IN FULL) .....

ADDRESS .....

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**COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS Ordinary Rates**

AGE	EMPLOYED (CLASS I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (CLASS II)	NON-EMPLOYED* (CLASS III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
18 and under 60	3s. 3d.	3s. 10d.	7s. 1d.	5s. 1d.	3s. 8d.
60 and under 65 (not retired)					
(including Industrial Injuries rates)					

\*Non-employed women are not liable for compulsory contributions after age 60.

There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for:—

Married Women — see Leaflet N.I.1.

Women age 65 and over — see Leaflet N.I.40.

Women age 60 and under 65 who have retired — see Leaflet N.I.40.

Women in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an inconsiderable extent — see Leaflets N.I.11 and N.I.37.

Women paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less and not receiving board and lodging — see Leaflet N.I.40.

Self-employed and non-employed women whose income does not exceed £104 a year — see Leaflet N.I.27.

These Leaflets are obtainable at any local National Insurance Office.

**THE LOCAL NATIONAL INSURANCE OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AT ONCE IN THE EVENT OF MARRIAGE, WIDOWHOOD OR DIVORCE.**

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**Card for a Boy.** (Pages 2, 3 and 4 were the same as the woman's card except that they were printed in black and there was a vertical bar between pages 2 and 3 and a vertical bar to the right of page 4.)

<i>Industry Letters</i>	<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b> For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland				
<i>Occupation No.</i>	<b>BOY</b> (age under 18)				
	<b>B</b> GREY	National Insurance Number			<b>B</b>
From 6th JUNE 1949 To 4th JUNE 1950					

SURNAME  
(BLOCK LETTERS) .....

CHRISTIAN  
NAME(S)  
(IN FULL) .....

ADDRESS.....

DATE OF BIRTH .....

### COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS Ordinary Rates

INSURED PERSON	EMPLOYED (CLASS I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (CLASS II)	NON-EMPLOYED (CLASS III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
Age 15 and under 18	2s. 5½d. <small>(Including Industrial Injuries rates)</small>	2s. 10½d.	5s. 4d.	3s. 7d.	2s. 9d. <small>From age 16 only</small>
Unpaid Apprentice (age 15 and under 18)	5d. <small>(Industrial Injuries rates only)</small>	—	5d.	—	—
Man age 18 and over	4s. 2d. <small>(Including Industrial Injuries rates)</small>	4s. 11d.	9s. 1d.	6s. 2d.	4s. 8d.

A boy under 18 is excused contributions while under full-time education and not working.

On reaching age 18 contributions are payable at the man's rate. This card may be used for contributions at the man's rate, where appropriate, up to the date when the card is due for surrender.

There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for :—

Boys in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an inconsiderable extent — see Leaflet N.I.37.

Unpaid apprentices age 18 and over — see Leaflet N.I.31.

Boys on attaining age 18 and paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less, and not receiving board and lodging — see Leaflet N.I.40.

Self-employed and non-employed boys whose income does not exceed £104 a year — see Leaflet N.I.27.

These Leaflets are obtainable at any local National Insurance Office.

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**Card for a Girl.** (Pages 2, 3 and 4 were the same as the woman's card but there was a vertical bar between pages 2 and 3 and a vertical bar to the right of page 4. .)

<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b> For use in Great Britain and Northern Ireland					
<b>GIRL</b> (age under 18)					
Industry Letters	<b>B</b> GREY				
Occupation No.					
From 6th JUNE 1949 To 4th JUNE 1950				National Insurance Number	
				<b>B</b>	
SURNAME (BLOCK LETTERS) .....					
CHRISTIAN NAME(S) (IN FULL) .....					
ADDRESS .....					
DATE OF BIRTH .....					
<b>COMPULSORY WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS Ordinary Rates</b>					
INSURED PERSON	EMPLOYED (CLASS I)			SELF-EMPLOYED (CLASS II)	NON-EMPLOYED (CLASS III)
	Employer	Employee	TOTAL		
Age 15 and under 18	1s. 11d. (Including Industrial Injuries rates)	2s. 4d.	4s. 3d.	3s. 1d.	2s. 3d. From age 16 only
Unpaid Apprentice (age 15 and under 18)	4d. (Industrial Injuries rates only)	—	4d.	—	—
Woman age 18 and over	3s. 3d.	3s. 10d.	7s. 1d.	5s. 1d.	3s. 8d.
A girl under 18 is excused contributions while under full-time education and not working.					
On reaching age 18, contributions are payable at the woman's rate. This card may be used for contributions at the woman's rate, where appropriate, up to the date when the card is due for surrender.					
There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for :—					
Girls in casual or subsidiary employment or employed only to an inconsiderable extent — see Leaflets N.I.11 and N.I.37.					
Unpaid apprentices age 18 and over — see Leaflet N.I.31.					
Girls on attaining age 18 and paid at a weekly rate of 30s. or less, and not receiving board and lodging — see Leaflet N.I.40.					
Self-employed and non-employed girls whose income does not exceed £104 a year — see Leaflet N.I.27.					
Married women — see Leaflet N.I.1.					
These Leaflets are obtainable at any local National Insurance Office.					
<b>THE LOCAL NATIONAL INSURANCE OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AT ONCE IN THE EVENT OF MARRIAGE OR WIDOWHOOD.</b>					
C.F.4B					

A Card for a Woman Period D 1954/55 can be found on page 44.

Card for a Man 1961-1962 Period C. - blue card.

<b>61/62</b> (Blue)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 30px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> <td style="width: 15%;"></td> </tr> </table>							<b>C</b>
National Insurance Number								
<b>MAN</b> 18 and under 65 65 and under 70 (not retired)	<b>NATIONAL INSURANCE CARD</b>  Great Britain and Northern Ireland From 4th SEP. 1961 To 2nd SEP. 1962							

SURNAME  
(BLOCK CAPITALS).....

CHRISTIAN  
NAME(S) in full  
(BLOCK CAPITALS).....

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FULL POSTAL  
ADDRESS .....

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This part to be filled in before final surrender of card

SIGNATURE of insured person .....

Style or title .....

**IMPORTANT** INSERT PERMANENT ADDRESS (BLOCK CAPITALS)  
IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

.....

(TOWN) (COUNTY)

This card must be exchanged through a local Pensions and National Insurance Office for a new card immediately after 2nd SEP., 1962. and not later than 8th SEP., 1962.

C.F.IC

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Label CF 16. - example of 1967.

The person named on this card is not liable to pay flat-rate National Insurance contributions, except for Industrial Injuries, from ..... until further notice.

An employer should pay flat-rate contributions as follows:-

	Employer	Employee	Total		Employer	Employee	Total
<b>WOMAN</b>							
Age 18 or over Ordinary rate	26s. 1d.	7d.	26s. 8d.				
Age 18 or over Contracted out	27s. 7d.	7d.	28s. 2d.	<b>MAN</b>	41s. 0d.	10d.	41s. 10d.
Under age 18	16s. 7d.	3d.	16s. 10d.				

Form CF 16 251386 Dmd 036908 500M 7/67 JT&SLtd

To be stuck to the cards of those who did not have to pay the flat rate contribution.



# Emergency Card. - 1967/68

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SECURITY  
**EMERGENCY CARD**

Date of issue 19... NOT TO BE USED AFTER 19...

(Stamp of L.O. of issue)	NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER			
	DATE OF BIRTH (if under 18 years)	D	M	Y
SURNAME (Block capitals)				
CHRISTIAN NAMES (in full)				
ADDRESS				
Signature (See paragraph 2 overleaf)				

Period covered from ..... to .....

Each stamp should be date cancelled immediately after affixing (see paragraph 5 overleaf).

SEE INSTRUCTIONS		OVERLEAF		
1	2	3		
USE NATIONAL INSURANCE STAMPS ONLY				
4	5	6	7	8
STAMPS MUST BE BOUGHT AT A POST OFFICE				
9	10	11	12	13

For official use	Employer's Stamp	<b>Box S</b>				
		Commencing Date	Ordinary		Contr'd out	
			Rate s. d.	No. of conts.	Rate s. d.	No. of conts.
		Page No.				
L.O. Code No.	Line No.					

Form CF 5

## Label CF 16. - example of 1968.

The person named on this card is not liable to pay flat-rate National Insurance contributions, except for Industrial Injuries, from ..... until further notice.

An employer should pay flat-rate contributions as follows:-

WOMAN	Employer	Employee	Total	MAN
Age 18 or over				
Ordinary rate	32s. 11d.	7d.	33s. 6d.	Employer 54s. 5d.
Contracted-out rate	34s. 5d.	7d.	35s. 0d.	Employee 10d.
Under age 18	20s. 10d.	3d.	21s. 1d.	Total 55s. 3d.

Form CF 16 Dmd. 553445/346895/18/7/68 J.T. & S./L

To be stuck to the cards of those who did not have to pay the flat rate contribution.

# Isle of Man Card - Woman - 1972 Period B.

This shows the use of both National Insurance and Graduated Pension stamps.

If you are employed in Great Britain or Northern Ireland you should exchange this card for a British or Northern Ireland card at the local Insurance Office.  
A fresh card must be obtained when an insured person takes up employment with a new employer.

<b>71/72</b> GREY	Surname				
	Christian Names				
	National Insurance Number				
<b>WOMAN</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>B</b>		For official use	
<b>Isle of Man National Insurance Card</b>				<b>ISSUED</b>	
From 7th JUNE, 1971, to 4th JUNE, 1972				Ex/	
<p><b>IMPORTANT TO EMPLOYERS</b>—If gross weekly remuneration exceeds £9, a graduated contribution stamp is required in Part B in addition to a flat-rate contribution stamp in Part A (See page 6).</p>				Date	Incls.
				For stamping from	
<b>GENERAL NOTES</b>					
<p>1. This card is the property of the Isle of Man Board of Social Security. Anyone finding it should drop it into a Post Office letter box or return it to the Board's Head Office, Hill Street, Douglas.</p> <p>2. This card should be used for all National Insurance flat-rate and graduated contributions and National Health Service contributions and (for an employed person) those for industrial injuries insurance.</p> <p>3. You should keep this card in a safe place. The Board cannot undertake to make any allowance for it if it is lost or destroyed.</p>					Lodged I.E.
					Reason
					Rec.
					Ack.
<p><b>TO THE INSURED PERSON.</b> This card must be returned to the Board of Social Security Head Office, Hill Street, Douglas, within one week after the expiry of the card. An employed person who terminates an employment should either return the card to the Board of Social Security or lodge it at the Employment Exchange without delay.</p>					
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Insert permanent address here if different from above.</p>					
<p>INSURED PERSON'S SIGNATURE</p>					

**WARNING**—To buy insurance stamps other than from a Post Office, or sell them, or to buy, sell or deface or counterfeit a stamp or affix a used stamp may result in prosecution.

(National Health Service contributions)

**CLASS II — SELF-EMPLOYED WOMAN ... £1.03**  
(You should continue to stamp at Class II rate even if temporarily non-employed)

**CLASS III — NON-EMPLOYED WOMAN ... £0.78**  
(not payable after age 60)

There are SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS for women who—

- (1) are aged 40 and under 65 and have retired or are aged 65 and over — see Leaflet N.I. 40;
- (2) are in subsidiary employment or are employed only to an inconsiderable extent;
- (3) are receiving full-time education or training — see Leaflet N.I. 30;
- (4) are paid at a weekly rate of £6 or less and are not receiving board and lodging — see Leaflet N.I. 40;
- (5) are self-employed or non-employed and whose income does not exceed £312 a year — see Leaflet N.I. 27;
- (6) go abroad — see Leaflet N.I. 38.

These Leaflets can be obtained from the Board of Social Security Head Office, Hill Street, Douglas.

Week Commencing 6 Mar. 1972	Week Commencing 13 Mar. 1972	Week Commencing 20 Mar. 1972	Week Commencing 27 Mar. 1972	Week Commencing 3 Apr. 1972
Week Commencing 10 Apr. 1972	Week Commencing 17 Apr. 1972	Week Commencing 24 Apr. 1972	Week Commencing 1 May 1972	Week Commencing 8 May 1972
Week Commencing 15 May 1972	Week Commencing 22 May 1972	Week Commencing 29 May 1972	<p><b>CARD ENDS</b></p> <p>When card expires the employer (if any) should complete the declaration on page 6 and return the card to the employee. The insured person should complete page 1 and return the card without delay to Board of Social Security, Hill Street, Douglas.</p>	
£1.52	£1.52	£1.52		
£1.52	£1.52	£1.52		
£1.52	£1.52	£1.52	CONTINUE STAMPING AT TOP OF PREVIOUS PAGE (2)	

**PART B — GRADUATED CONTRIBUTIONS (see page 5)**

**GROSS WEEKLY REMUNERATION** on which graduated contributions must be calculated, includes:—

- (1) Salary or wages.
- (2) Overtime pay, commission, fees and bonuses.
- (3) Amounts set aside out of the employee's pay throughout the year, to be paid out to him at a certain time (e.g., at Christmas or for his annual holiday); these should be included in the gross pay figure at the time they are set aside. The amounts used to buy special stamps under the holiday pay scheme in the building and civil engineering industries and similar schemes are, however, excepted.
- (4) Pay continuing during sickness or other absence from work.
- (5) Pay received by the employee after the employment has ended.
- (6) Payment in lieu of benefits in kind, e.g., board wages.
- (7) Gratuities paid out by the employer, e.g., from a "Service Charge."

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BOARD OF SOCIAL SECURITY, HILL STREET, DOUGLAS

Week 6 — 12 March 1972	Week 13 — 19 March 1972	Week 20 — 26 March 1972	Week 27 Mar. — 2 Apr. 1972	Week 3 — 9 April 1972
Week 10 — 16 April 1972	Week 17 — 23 April 1972	Week 24 — 30 April 1972	Week 1 — 7 May 1972	Week 8 — 14 May 1972
Week 15 — 21 May 1972	Week 22 — 28 May 1972	Week 29 May — 4 June 1972	<p><b>CARD ENDS</b></p>	
£0.38	£0.56	£0.28		
£0.46	£0.46	£0.4		
£0.46	£0.46	£0.46	CONTINUE STAMPING AT TOP OF NEXT PAGE (5)	

Card 1976/77 - straw card

**CONTRIBUTION CARD**

GREAT BRITAIN  
AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND

Keep this card in a safe place. If lost or destroyed it can be a serious loss to you. Anyone finding it should drop it into a Post Office letter box or return it to the Department of Health and Social Security whose property it is.

**76/77**  
From 11 April 1976  
To 9 April 1977  
(52 weeks)  
STRAW

NOTE: Contributors who cease to be ordinarily self-employed should tell their local office at once. See Instruction 3 on page 4.

National	Insurance	Number

Exchange this for a new card during the week beginning 10 April 1977 at a local office of the Department of Health and Social Security.

<b>BLOCK CAPITALS</b>	<b>FIRST FORENAME</b>	<b>SECOND FORENAME</b>
<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>MR/MRS/MISS *</b>	
<b>FULL POSTAL ADDRESS</b>	In the event of a change of PERMANENT address, please enter your new address in full below in BLOCK CAPITALS	
	Postcode	
	Town or City	Postcode
	County	

Form CFI  
(Env EW 43)

\*Delete inappropriate title

For official use	
LO & RI No	
No. of contributions	
CLASS 2 MAN	
WOMAN	
CLASS 3	
L or LX and if so date of payment	

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## An unusual error on the card for 1984/85

Look at the box dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 1985.

Issued other than on exchange	Intls	Date	LO & RI No.
Continuation			

CARD STARTS HERE

FOR STAMPING FROM.....

* Week Beginning 8 APR 1984	Week Beginning 15 APR 1984	Week Beginning 22 APR 1984	Week Beginning 29 APR 1984
Week Beginning 6 MAY 1984	Week Beginning 13 MAY 1984	Week Beginning 20 MAY 1984	Week Beginning 27 MAY 1984
Week Beginning 3 JUNE 1984	Week Beginning 10 JUNE 1984	Week Beginning 17 JUNE 1984	Week Beginning 24 JUNE 1984
Week Beginning 1 JULY 1984	Week Beginning 8 JULY 1984	Week Beginning 15 JULY 1984	Week Beginning 22 JULY 1984
Week Beginning 29 JULY 1984	Week Beginning 5 AUG 1984	Week Beginning 12 AUG 1984	Week Beginning 19 AUG 1984
Week Beginning 26 AUG 1984	Week Beginning 2 SEP 1984	Week Beginning 9 SEP 1984	Week Beginning 16 SEP 1984
Week Beginning 23 SEP 1984	Week Beginning 30 SEP 1984	Week Beginning 7 OCT 1984	Week Beginning 14 OCT 1984

CONTINUE STAMPING AT TOP OF PAGE 3

For Official Use		
Reason for surrender if not exchanged		
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.....		
CF 400 sent for commencement/cessation of Class 2 Stamping	Intls	Date

**WARNING: To buy contribution stamps other than from a Post Office or sell them, or to buy/sell or deface a card or remove a stamp or affix a used stamp may result in prosecution. (If a stamp is affixed in error, ask the Department's local office what to do.)**

DATE-CANCEL THE STAMPS (see page 4)

Week Beginning 21 OCT 1984	Week Beginning 28 OCT 1984	Week Beginning 4 NOV 1984	Week Beginning 11 NOV 1984
Week Beginning 18 NOV 1984	Week Beginning 25 NOV 1984	Week Beginning 2 DEC 1984	Week Beginning 9 DEC 1984
Week Beginning 16 DEC 1984	Week Beginning 23 DEC 1984	Week Beginning 30 DEC 1984	Week Beginning 6 JAN 1985
Week Beginning 13 JAN 1985	Week Ending 20 JAN 1985	Week Beginning 27 JAN 1985	Week Beginning 3 FEB 1985
Week Beginning 10 FEB 1985	Week Beginning 17 FEB 1985	Week Beginning 22 FEB 1985	Week Beginning 3 MAR 1985
Week Beginning 10 MAR 1985	Week Beginning 17 MAR 1985	Week Beginning 24 MAR 1985	Week Beginning 31 MAR 1985
			CARD ENDS HERE

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION RATES FROM 8 APRIL 1984 (See also page 4)

Compulsory Self-employed (Class 2) (payable weekly)	£4.60
Voluntary Non-employed (Class 3)	£4.50

(Class 2 and 3 contributions include a contribution to the National Health Service.)

# Card 1986/87 - yellow card.

## CONTRIBUTION CARD

GREAT BRITAIN  
AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND

*Keep this card in a safe place. If lost or destroyed it can be a serious loss to you. Anyone finding it should drop it into a Post Office letter box or return it to the Department of Health and Social Security whose property it is.*

National Insurance Number

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86/87

From 6 April 1986  
To 11 April 1987  
(53 weeks)  
(yellow)

Exchange this for a new card during the week beginning 12 April 1987 at a local office of the Department of Health and Social Security.

**NOTE: Contributors who cease to be ordinarily self-employed should tell their local office at once. See instruction 3 on page 4.**

BLOCK CAPITALS	FIRST FORENAME
SURNAME	SECOND FORENAME
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS	In the event of a change of PERMANENT address, please enter your new address in full below in BLOCK CAPITALS
Postcode	Postcode

For Official use

LO & RI No.	
No. of Contributions	
CL2	
CL3	
L or LX and if so date of payment	
If entries above differ from no. of stamps show reason in box on page 2	
MF 65 sent for change of address.	Tick

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# Card 1986/87 - yellow card.

Modified with slips A, B and C from Form CF 1. for use by a Share Fisherman

**SHARE FISHERMAN**  
For official use

LO & RI No

No of contributions

CLASS 2 MAN

WOMAN

CLASS 3

SHARE FISHERMAN

L or LX

Date

Form CF 1 (Slip A)

**RATE FOR SHARE FISHERMEN**

16.55

Form CF 1 (Slip B)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHARE FISHERMEN**

- Stamp at the special Class 2 rate every week during which you are ordinarily employed as a share fisherman unless excused a contribution for complete weeks of sickness or unemployment. If you cease working as a share fisherman but are self-employed in some other capacity, stamp the card at the ordinary Class 2 rate for that period.
- Share fisherman's special stamps are available only at certain Post Offices in share fishing ports.
- This card **MUST** be exchanged on expiry at a designated Social Security Office serving a share fishing port.

Form CF 1 (Slip C) 8010324 4M. 1.79 E.P.

**CONTRIBUTION CARD**

GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Keep this card in a safe place. If lost or destroyed it can be a serious loss to you. Anyone finding it should drop it into a Post Office letter box or return it to the Department of Health and Social Security whose property it is.

Exchange this for a new card during the week beginning 12 April 1987 at a local office of the Department of Health and Social Security.

**86/87**  
From 6 April 1986  
To 11 April 1987  
(53 weeks)  
(yellow)

**NOTE:** Contributors who cease to be ordinarily self-employed should tell their local office at once. See instruction 3 on page 4.

National Insurance Number

Block Capitals

First Forename

Second Forename

Surname

Full Postal Address

Postcode

Postcode

In the event of a change of permanent address, please enter your new address in full below in BLOCK CAPITALS

SHARE FISHERMAN For official use

LO & RI No

No of contributions

CLASS 2 MAN

WOMAN

CLASS 3

SHARE FISHERMAN

L or LX

Date

Form CF 1 (Slip A)

of address.

Form CF 1

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1992/93 - blue card.

# CONTRIBUTION CARD

GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND



## 92/93 (Blue)

52 weeks from 12 April 1992 to 10 April 1993  
Exchange this for a new card during the week  
beginning 12 April 1993 only at a local office  
of the Department of Social Security.

National Insurance Number

**NOTE:** If you cease to be self-employed you should write to:  
Department of Social Security, Contributions Agency, Class 2 Group  
Longbenton, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE98 1YX.  
(Contributors in Northern Ireland who cease to be self-employed before December 1992  
should tell their local Social Security office. If self-employment ceases after that date  
they should write to the above address).

For Official Use	
LO No.	
No. of contributions	
RATE 1	RATE 2
CLASS 2	
CLASS 3	
L or LX and if so date of payment	
If entries above differ from number of stamps - how reason in box on page 2	
CHANGE OF ADDRESS	TICK
MF65 sent	
TPR noted (class 2 only)	

BLOCK CAPITALS	FIRST FORENAME	SECOND FORENAME
SURNAME	In the event of a change of PERMANENT address, please enter your new address in full below in BLOCK CAPITALS	
FULL POSTAL ADDRESS AND POSTCODE	Postcode	

Keep this card in a safe place. If lost or destroyed it can be of serious loss to you. Anyone finding it should drop it in a Post Office letter box or return it to the Contributions Agency whose property it is.



## Prescription Charges.

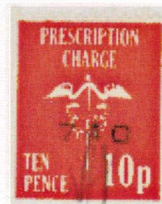
Contributions into the National Insurance scheme had become mixed with general taxation so there were always pressures to raise additional funds or avoid expenditure and this happened when politicians could get away with it.

Thus there were fees for opticians and dental treatment, and there were prescription charges. The prescription charge introduced in 1952 was supposedly intended to reduce waste and abuse.

In the 1960s stamps were issued to help save towards prescription charges. There was 6d. yellow; 1/- ultramarine; 2/-, scarlet;; 2/-, blue and 2/6d. turquoise. These are examples.



In the 1970s there were decimal issues, 5p, green; 10p, scarlet; 20p, blue; 45p, yellowish brown and 50p orange brown. This is an example.



In 1980 stamps were issued in Units rather than monetary values to allow for more frequent increases in charges. These were purple or brown or pink.



Presumably these were fixed to cards, but I have not yet found one. It is possible that they were affixed to prescriptions, but if so how would used specimens survive?

**After 1948 the distinction between Contributory and Non-Contributory Benefits is unclear, as most benefits were given depending on need and not on contributions paid. Some examples of benefits follow.**

## Tobacco Tokens.

From 13<sup>th</sup> November 1947 until 15<sup>th</sup> November 1958 Pensioners could use tokens to enable them to buy tobacco products free of excise duty..

This is an Application Form. (*Item 202*):— Paragraph 1 of the instructions indicates which pensioners were eligible to apply.

### TOBACCO DUTY RELIEF

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO PENSIONERS

*Read this Form or have it explained to you.*

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#### WHO MAY APPLY

1. An applicant must be a habitual user of tobacco (whether pipe tobacco, cigarettes or any other form of manufactured tobacco) or snuff, and must be in possession of a pension or allowance order book for one of the following pensions or allowances :—

- (a) a national insurance **retirement pension** ; or
- (b) **if aged 60 or over**, in the case of a woman, a **widow's allowance** or a **widowed mother's allowance** under national insurance ; or
- (c) a non-contributory old age pension or a blind person's pension under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1936. This is payable on Fridays.

#### WHEN TO APPLY

2. If you have been awarded one of the pensions or allowances described in paragraph 1 you may apply for tobacco duty relief on or after, **but not before**, the date when the first order in your order book is due for payment. You cannot be granted duty relief until you are in possession of an order book for one of the pensions or allowances described in paragraph 1.

#### HOW TO APPLY

3. Fill up the form overleaf and sign the declaration in the presence of one of the persons qualified to give the required **Certificate** in the lower part of the form. Take the completed form, or have it taken by your Agent, with your pension or allowance order book to the Post Office at which you draw your pension or allowance. **Application forms taken to the Post Office without the pension or allowance order book will not be accepted.**

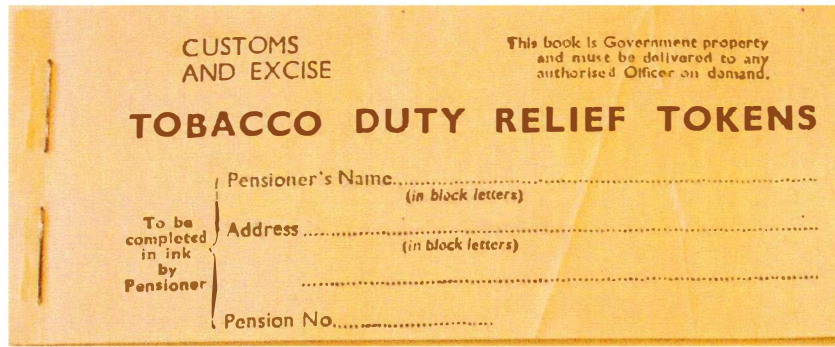
#### HOW TOBACCO DUTY RELIEF WILL BE GRANTED

4. If your application is accepted, a book of weekly tobacco duty relief tokens will be sent to you by post from the Tobacco Token Issue Office, and not issued at the Post Office. The first token in the book will bear the date of the Monday following the receipt of your application by the Post Office, or, if the application is accepted on a Monday, the date of that Monday.

#### HOW TO USE THE TOBACCO DUTY RELIEF TOKENS

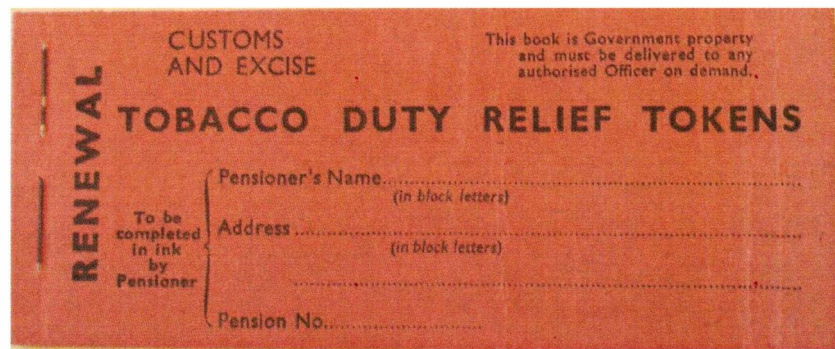
5. Each book of tokens will contain directions telling you how they may be used.

### The first book of tobacco tokens.



### The Third booklet of tobacco tokens. (Renewal)

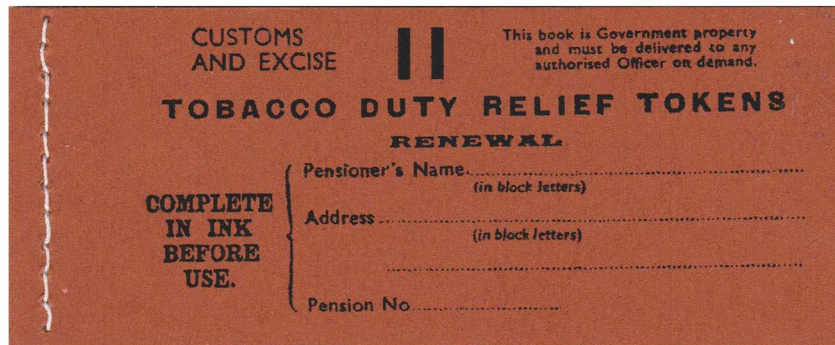
The First-time recipients had a book with a blue cover.



The covers of the books were numbered with the issue number from at least issue 5.

**The last book of tobacco tokens (Issue 11).** - Their use ceased on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1958 with some tokens unused.

Based on a Renewal booklet, numbered 11, in Gloucestershire County Record Office.  
 [Ref: D5184/7]  
 Cover reddish brown. (Item 203)



There were eleven annual issues of books each containing dated coupons, perforated for separation. Information taken from R.G. Booth's catalogue pages 492 and 493. Except for the first book the covers were the same colour every year - blue (or reddish brown for renewal) later issues bore the issue number.

Issue	Start date	No. of tokens in book	Colour of tokens
1 <sup>st</sup>	13th October 1947	48 @ 2/-	Navy Blue
2 <sup>nd</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> September 1948	48 @ 2/4d.	Brown
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1949	56	Red
4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> September 1950	52	Blue
5 <sup>th</sup>	10th September 1951	52	Green
6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> September 1952	52	Green
7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> September 1953	52	Green
8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> September 1954	52	Green
9 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 1955	52	Green
10 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 1956	54	Orange
11 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> September 1957	52	Orange



issue 5



issue 7



issue 8



issue 9

Booklets were issued in wallets advertising tobacco products. Front of a tobacco token wallet.  
 [purchased on eBay.] (Item 204)

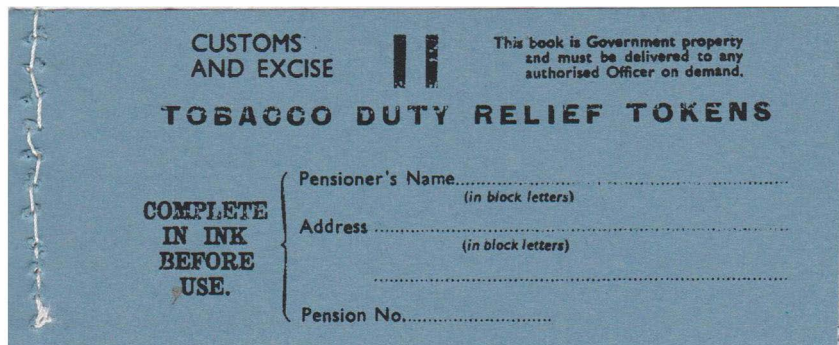


With the Compliments of  
*J. & H. Wilson Ltd., Sheffield*

**TOBACCO TOKEN WALLET**

First time applicants received booklets with blue covers - without the word Renewal.

This booklet with a blue cover and numbered 11 contained tokens of the final issue. [purchased on eBay.] (Item 205)



This is another example of a tobacco token wallet. This illustration shows the wallet unfolded and the centre inverted. [purchased on eBay.] (Item 206)

# Five Good Points -



- \* LOOKS GOOD
- \* SMELLS GOOD
- \* TASTES GOOD
- \* IS GOOD
- \* AND—IT LASTS

PRESENTED WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF *Ogden's* FAMOUS FOR QUALITY TOBACCOS.



 ISSUED BY THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY (OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND) LIMITED.

Smoke  
**COBNUT**  
**S·L·I·C·E·D**

NAME.....ADDRESS.....


## Welfare Foods.

There had been welfare 'foods' for children during the war but there may have been coupons in the child's ration book though I thought that they had been issued by the doctor as we collected the gruesome concoctions from the clinic. Orange juice (not very nice), cod-liver oil. (repugnant) and rose-hip syrup (rather bland) come to mind. The bottles of orange and cod-liver oil were like medicine bottles containing, I guess, about a quarter of a pint, but the orange juice was concentrated and had a distinctive tang of its own. The rose-hip syrup bottles were not like medicine bottles but I can not remember exactly what they were like.

After 1948 there were tokens for orange juice and cod-liver oil issued in ration-book style booklets. Ration books were still in use at the time. There were also tokens for National Dried Milk for a child under 12 months old similarly presented. The items were not necessarily free as they were part of the Rationing scheme.

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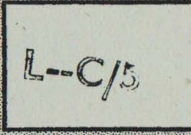
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**MINISTRY  OF FOOD**

**WELFARE FOODS  
SERVICE  
ENTITLEMENT BOOK**


Surname.....Initials.....  
Address.....  
.....  
.....

Date of birth (Day) ..... (Month) ..... 19.....

<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE</b>	<b>Serial No. of Book</b>
	<b>C 206196</b>

Cover black on pale green.  
October 1954 - May 1955

N.D.M. 1A

**MINISTRY  OF FOOD**

**NATIONAL DRIED MILK**  
FOR A CHILD UNDER 12 MONTHS OLD

Surname of Child.....  
Other Names.....  
Address.....  
.....

Date of Birth (Day).....(Month).....(Year).....


	<b>R.B. SERIAL No.</b>
<b>IF FOUND RETURN TO</b> <b>L--C/5</b> <b>FOOD OFFICE</b>	<b>SERIAL No.</b> <b>E 353415</b>

**THE WEEKS NAMED IN THIS BOOK REFER TO  
WEEKS OF AGE NOT RATION WEEKS**

Cover red on cream.  
1954 for 52 weeks

# Welfare Foods Coupon Sheet June to October 1955


on 'hairy' yellow/orange paper.

<b>COD LIVER OIL</b> June to July 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE FREE</b>	<b>COD LIVER OIL</b> July to August 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE FREE</b>	<b>COD LIVER OIL</b> September to October 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE FREE</b>	<b>COD LIVER OIL</b> October 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE FREE</b>
<b>WELFARE FOODS SERVICE</b>			
<p>These are vitamin tokens for June to October, 1955. Keep them in your present Welfare Foods Service entitlement book.</p> <p>Form F.W. 15</p>			
<b>ORANGE JUICE</b> June to October 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE AT 5d.</b>		<b>VCM 410100</b>	
<b>ORANGE JUICE</b> October 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE AT 5d.</b>		<b>ORANGE JUICE</b> October 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE AT 5d.</b>	
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<b>ORANGE JUICE</b> June 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE AT 5d.</b>		<b>ORANGE JUICE</b> June 1955 <b>ONE BOTTLE AT 5d.</b>	

There were smaller booklets, (The tokens were to be destroyed if unused or out-of date, so the booklets I have are empty.) for a choice of liquid milk or National Dried Milk for older children at a special welfare price.

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE Form F.W.4

## MILK TOKEN BOOK (Child)



Name of Child.....  
(Beneficiary) Date of Birth.....

BOOK NUMBER } CA 1 } 553325

Issued to  
(on behalf of  
the beneficiary  
named above)

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Quote this National Insurance number on all communications | | | | |

If found this book should be returned to any local Pensions and National Insurance Office.  
**THIS BOOK is Government property and must be delivered to any authorised officer on demand.**

Cover black on buff. It had sixteen pages of tokens. Probably 1955 or later

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE Form F.W.4

## MILK TOKEN BOOK (Child)

Name of Child.....  
(Beneficiary) Date of Birth.....

BOOK NUMBER } CH 1 } 784016

Issued to  
(on behalf of  
the beneficiary  
named above)

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Quote this National Insurance number on all communications | | | | |

If found this book should be returned to any local Pensions and National Insurance Office.  
**THIS BOOK is Government property and must be delivered to any authorised officer on demand.**

The cover is black on buff. It had twenty-one pages of tokens and contained pink information pages.

It was issued in 1955 when the Ministry of Food had merged with other departments to become the Ministry of Food Agriculture and Fisheries, and Welfare Foods had been taken over by the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance.




There were small books of vitamin tokens - which were for orange juice - two bottles per month and cod-liver oil one free bottle per month.

Form F.W. 16

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE

**VITAMIN TOKEN BOOK  
(CHILD)**



VALID FROM ..... **NOV 1955** ..... 195.....  
(month of Issue)

Please fill in the following :—

Name of Child.....

Permanent address.....

.....

.....

If found, this book should be returned to any local Pensions and National Insurance Office.

(S.10351) 6/55 Hw.  
Wt. 55229/598

**BOOK  
NUMBER**

**VC/8 225615**

Ministry of Food Vitamin Token Book.

Form U.F.W. 41

WELFARE FOODS SERVICE

**VITAMIN TOKEN BOOK (CHILD)**

VALID ONLY IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
AND GREAT BRITAIN FROM ..... **9 NOV 1955** ..... 19.....  
(month of Issue)

Please fill in the following :—

Name of Child.....

Address .....

.....

**TAKE CARE OF THIS BOOK. WITHOUT IT YOU CANNOT GET  
WELFARE VITAMINS**

If found, this book should be returned to any Local Office of the Ministry of Labour  
and National Insurance

Ministry of Labour and National Insurance Vitamin Token Book.

Some benefits were allocated to specific groups of people such as pensioners on supplementary benefit and tokens were issued to limit the amount given. In 1974 Britain had joined the European Common Market and there were 'beef mountains' and 'butter mountains' to be disposed of at reduced prices.

## Beef Tokens 1974/5

Beef Tokens were advertised in the Newspapers but I have not located any.

### HOW 8 MILLION WILL GET BEEF TOKENS\*

Weekly Beef Tokens will be issued to people over retirement age—that is, 65 for men and 60 for women—provided they are entitled to one of the benefit payments, shown above and are living in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland:

Please note that you can't get Beef Tokens until you are 60 if you are a woman or 65 if you are a man.

Each Beef Token is worth 20p off the price of fresh, frozen or chilled beef or veal provided you spend not less than the same amount on those meats. The scheme begins on 2nd December and will run until 6th April 1975. If you are a

retirement pensioner, paid by order book, you should receive Beef Tokens when cashing your pension due in the week beginning 25th November.

If you haven't an order for payment that week but are entitled to Beef Tokens—you will receive them direct without application.

In case of difficulty get in touch with your local Social Security office.

Retailers wanting information should write to Token Surrender Unit, Blackpool FY5 3TB.

Issued by the Department of Health and Social Security.

\*Subject to Parliamentary approval.

*The Times*, Friday, Nov 08, 1974

## Cheaper beef for aged next month

Tokens to enable 8,500,000 old age pensioners and other needy people to get 40p worth of beef at half-price through the winter will go out to post offices within a month, Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday.

"Most pensioners will be able to collect them at the post office in the week beginning November 25, and the scheme will come into force on December 2", he said in a Commons written reply. The issue of tokens will be for an 18-week period up to the end of March.

The tokens, valued at 20p each, can be used for beef and veal, provided at least another 20p is spent on them.

This is probably a wrapper for the Beef Tokens.  
[Gloucestershire Record Office.]

# BEEF TOKENS

Name .....

Address .....

Please write your name and address above immediately.  
Unused tokens must be returned to your local  
Social Security Office if you cease to be entitled  
to the qualifying benefit.

51-4711 MCC

### NOTES - Please read carefully

- Each token has a cash value only when used for the purchase of fresh, frozen or chilled BEEF or VEAL. Tokens must **not** be used for the purchase of any other items or any other meats.
- The value of each token is 20p provided that at least another 20p is spent on beef or veal.
- Tokens can be used from the dates printed on them and for the periods shown.

- Tokens must not be used other than by, or on behalf of, the person for whom they are issued.
- Retailers needing information about the encashment of tokens should write to:  
**DHSS Token Surrender Unit,**  
**Blackpool FY5 3TB.**

Form CM18

AP 359587

## Butter Tokens.

The butter tokens were worth 6p each and were issued to be used two per month. The scheme was too expensive to administer so the January Tokens were not used.

CM8A

# BUTTER TOKEN BOOK

BOOK NUMBER 75E No 395226

To be completed immediately on receipt

Name

Address

Unused tokens must be returned to your local Social Security Office if you cease to be entitled to the qualifying benefit. Please read carefully the notes at the front of this book.



This is the last of five sheets of tokens, the others having been used. The scheme must have started in September 1974.

*The Times*, Friday, Dec 20, 1974

### 12p butter token scheme to end

The Government's butter token scheme for needy people is to be abandoned at the end of the month. Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday.



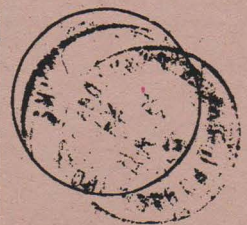
The administrative costs were wholly disproportionate to the benefit obtained. People receiving assistance were given two 6p tokens a month.

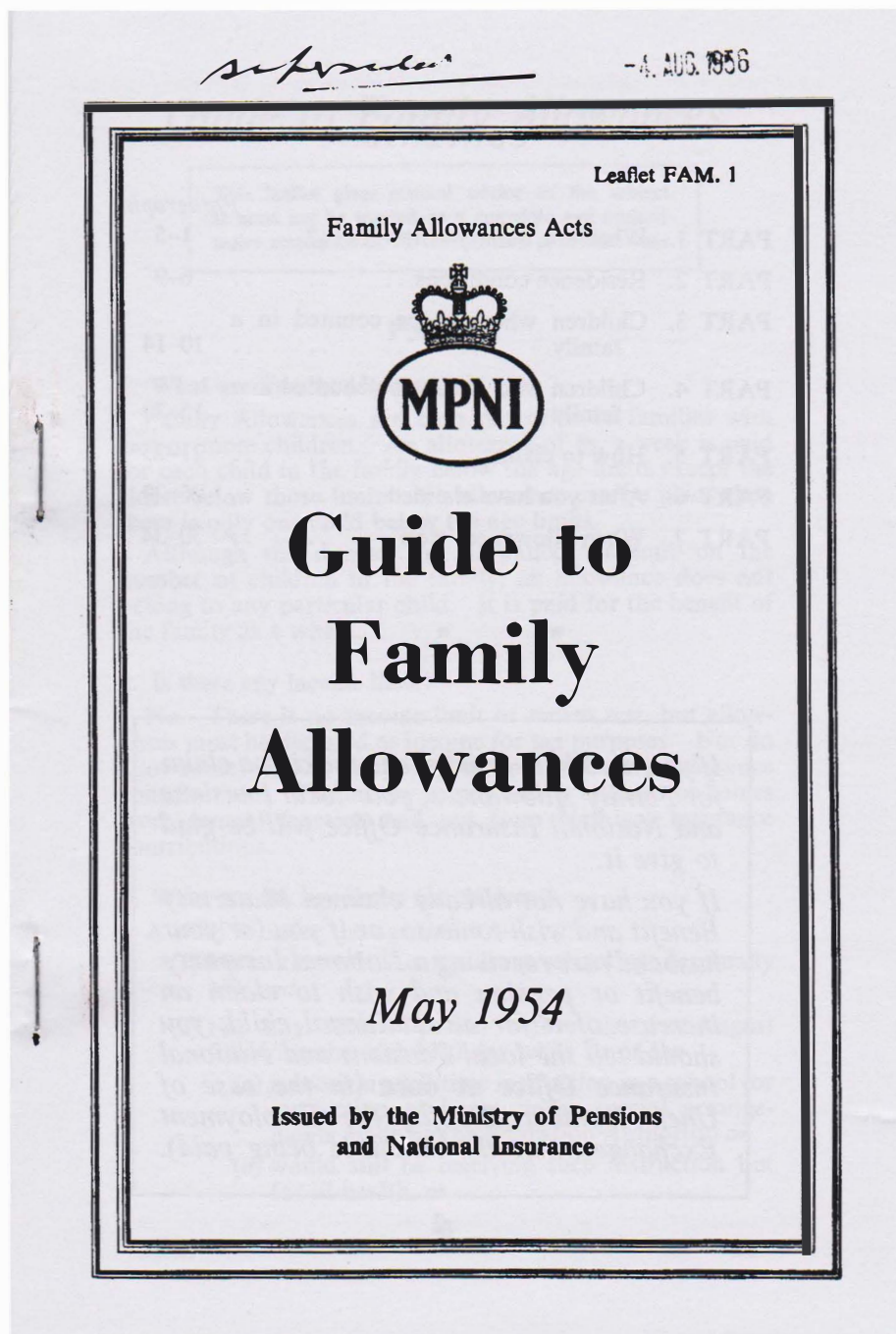
# Family Allowances – 1946

## FAMILY ALLOWANCES

The Family Allowances Act, 1945, which was brought into operation from August 6, 1946, provided for a payment by the Minister of National Insurance out of moneys provided by Parliament of an allowance of 5s. a week for each child in a family other than the elder or eldest. The allowance is payable (through the Post Office) while a child is of school age and up to the 1st August next following his or her sixteenth birthday if undergoing full-time instruction in a school or if an apprentice. Claim forms for allowances can be obtained at any post office. Claimants have a right of appeal to an independent Referee.

Family Allowance Book (without payment orders) 1947.

 <p>The orders in this book are of no value except to the person named on the cover. The book is no security for debt.</p> <p>Authorization Stamp.</p>  <p>You must quote the ALLOWANCES NUMBER (shown here above your name) on all communications about your Family Allowances.</p> <p>BOOK No FB 874952 4</p>	<p>FAMILY ALLOWANCES ACT, 1945</p> <h3>ALLOWANCES ORDER BOOK</h3> <p>Issuing Authority:— MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE Family Allowances, Newcastle-on-Tyne.</p> <p>The INSTRUCTIONS at the end of the book must be READ CAREFULLY.</p> <p>Allowance payable at Post Office at:—</p> <p>KNARESBOROUGH RD HARROGATE YORKS</p> <p>F A M 1919057 MRS ESTHER HARPER 11 ST ANDREWS PLACE HARROGATE MR CLIFFORD HARPER</p>	<p>FAM. 6</p> <p><b>WARNING.</b></p> <p>Any person presenting this book at a Post Office for payment of allowance without the authority of the person named on the cover, or after his (her) death will be prosecuted.</p> <p>This allowance is due on <b>TUESDAYS</b></p> <p>DATE-STAMP OF FIRST PAYING OFFICE</p> 
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**1954 Booklet about Family Allowances.**

**Death Grant.**

**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE**



WAVERLEY HALL,  
31C, HIGH STREET,  
ANDOVER, HANTS.

- 5 SEP 1955 19.....

**DEATH GRANT**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your claim for death grant in respect of the death of

.....  
has been allowed by the Insurance Officer, and I accordingly enclose a postal draft for £..... which, as you will see from the table given overleaf, is the full amount payable on your claim.

The following documents are returned:—

Yours faithfully,

Manager

M.....

Reverse of the Death Grant Notification.

Where all the conditions are satisfied, the rates of death grant payable under the National Insurance Acts are as follows:—

In respect of the death of	£	s.	d.
<b>(1) A person aged at death—</b>			
under 3 years ... ..	6	0	0
3–5 years (inclusive) ... ..	10	0	0
6–17 years (inclusive) ... ..	15	0	0
<b>(2) A person aged 18 or over at death, except one who was born before 5th July, 1893 (man), or 5th July, 1898 (woman) ... ..</b>			
	20	0	0
<b>(3) A person who on 4th July, 1948, was aged 55–64 inclusive (man) or 50–59 inclusive (woman) ... ..</b>			
	10	0	0

**Note**—No grant is payable for the death of a child who was born on or before 4th July, 1948, and who died under the age of 10; or for the death of a person who at that date was already over 65 (man) or 60 (woman).



## **Non-Contributory Pensions and Supplementary Benefit are dealt with in Volume II (Miscellaneous topics).**

Non-contributory Pensions lasted from January 1909 until 1961.

Winter Fuel Payments for Pensioners are provided by the Department of Work and pensions.

There was an Unemployment Assistance Board from 1934 to 1940 which became The Assistance Board 1940 - 1948

I have collected no information on the following:

From 1948 to 1966 this became the National Assistance Board.

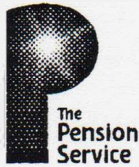
From 1966 to 1980 this became the Supplementary Benefits Commission.

Gradually the direct connection between benefits and contributions has been eroded.

The National Health Service is under the Department of Health and provides a wide range of services.

There are many other benefits and allowances like Job Seeker's Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Disability allowances.

## Winter Fuel Payment 2008.



Part of the Department for Work and Pensions

Your reference is  
Please tell us this number  
if you get in touch with us

MR BARRY NORMAN DENNIS  
CHINCHEN  
97 CHAMBERLAYNE ROAD  
EASTLEIGH  
SO50 5JJ

National Pensions Centre  
Tyneview Park  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE98 1YZ

Phone 0845 3013011

Date 16/11/2008

### Winter Fuel Payment

We are sending out Winter Fuel Payments to help meet the cost of winter heating bills. This payment also includes the additional amount for winter 2008/09.

### About this payment

The decision to pay the amount awarded below is based on information we hold for the qualifying week of 15-21 September 2008.

A Winter Fuel Payment £250.00

You do not have to pay income tax on this payment.

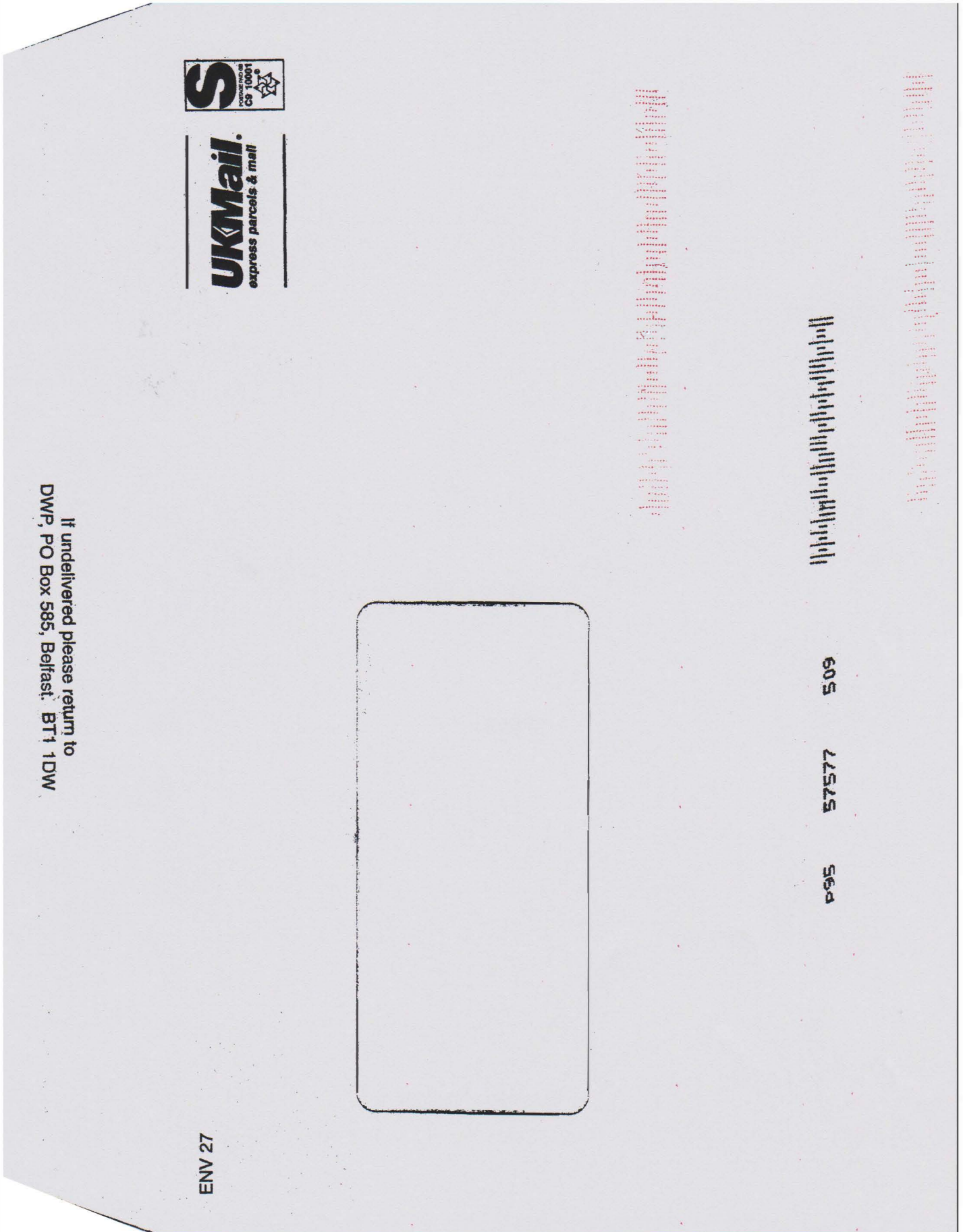
This amount will normally be paid direct into your account within the next 3 weeks.

We are making these payments over a number of weeks from November so people may get their payment at a different time, even if they are living at the same address. We aim to make all payments by Christmas.

The Winter Fuel Allowance for pensioners began in 1998 when the allowance was £20.

# Envelope used for Fuel Payment Letter.

Buff Paper with cellophane window,

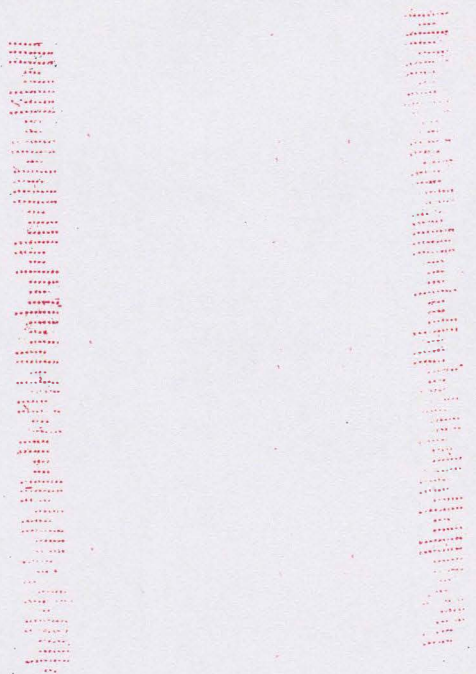
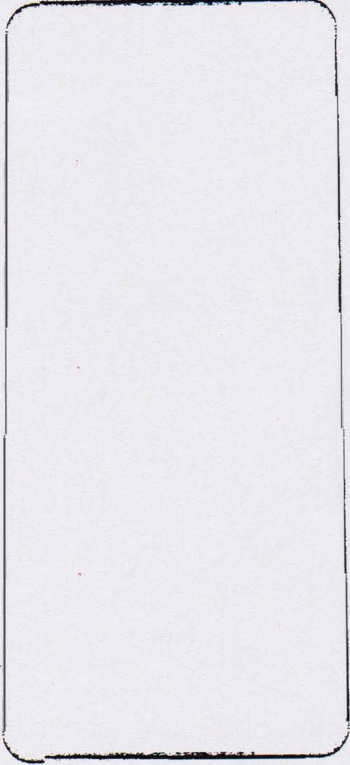


# Envelope used for National Insurance Number Card.

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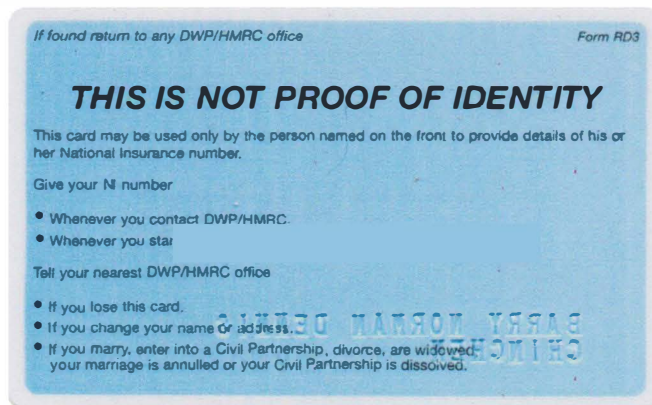
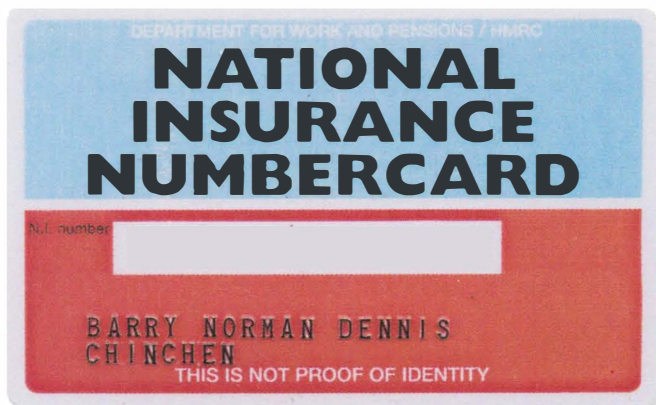
Advanced Mail  
 Second Class  
 AAAA-BTTH-THXZ



If undelivered please return to:  
 HM Revenue & Customs, National Insurance Contributions Office,  
 Newcastle Upon Tyne, GREAT BRITAIN, NE98 1ZZ

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## National Insurance Number Card.



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