

Government Circular No.27/61
Government Office Reference No.2803/15

NATIONAL INSURANCE (ISLE OF MAN) ACT, 1961.

Notice of intention to apply to contract certain Isle of Man Local Government Officers out of the State Graduated Pension Scheme.

Regulation 3 of the National Insurance (Isle of Man) (Non-participation - Certificates) Regulations, 1961, and paragraph 3 of the National Insurance (Isle of Man) (Non-participation - Local Government Staffs) Order, 1961).

This notice is addressed to all Isle of Man Local Government Officers whose employment qualifies them for superannuation benefits under the Douglas Corporation Superannuation Scheme 1936.

His excellency the Lieutenant Governor hereby gives notice expiring on the 21st March, 1961, that after that date he intends to elect, in pursuance of his powers under the National Insurance (Isle of Man) (Non-participation - Local Government Staffs) Order, 1961, that the employments specified in paragraph A below shall be non-participating employments for the purposes of Part II of the National Insurance (Isle of Man) Act, 1961, in relation to the description of persons shown in paragraph B, being persons who are over the age of 65 for men or 60 for women when contracting out begins on 3rd April, 1961.

A
EMPLOYMENTS

Employments subject to, and in which a person's service qualifies him for retirement benefits by way of pension under the Douglas Corporation Superannuation Scheme, 1936.

B
DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS

(i) Employees whose rate of remuneration (as defined in paragraph (iii)) from the employments concerned or any combination of such employment either

(a) on the third day of April, 1961, or

(b) on the first day of any subsequent pay period

exceeds £13 a week in the case of a man or £12 a week in the case of a woman other than employees who cannot before attaining the age of 65 years in the case of a man or 60 years in the case of a woman complete a period of 10 years service reckonable for pension purposes under the Douglas Corporation Superannuation Scheme, 1936.

(ii) employees whose employments have been non-participating employments because their rate of remuneration has been in excess of the relevant amounts mentioned in paragraph (i) above

and who have continued without a break in employment under the same employer or employers at a lesser rate of remuneration (as defined in paragraph (iii) below) provided that either:

(a) on the first day of any pay period such lesser rate of remuneration exceeds £11 a week in the case of a man or £10 a week in the case of a woman; or

(b) in a case not falling within the preceding subparagraph, the reduction is due to the working of shorter hours by reason of incapacity, so however that any employee whose remuneration is reduced on this ground shall not remain within the category of persons described in this paragraph after the expiry of the pay period current twelve months after the reduction began.

(iii) For the purpose of the foregoing paragraphs the expression remuneration means the employee's basic salary or wages together with the money value of any apartments, rations or other allowances in kind appertaining to his employments and any emoluments which are a usual incident of his employment but excluding any travelling or subsistence allowances or other moneys to be spent, or to cover expenses incurred for the purposes of his employment. Provided that where the remuneration as so ascertained is not constant, the rate of remuneration for each pay period shall be regarded as exceeding the relevant amount specified in the foregoing paragraphs (i) and (ii) if the remuneration ascertained as aforesaid, expressed as a weekly rate, will normally exceed that amount for more than half the weeks in any period of twelve months including the pay period in question.

The election will be made by means of an application by the Governor to the Registrar of Non-participating Employments, who will be asked for a certificate providing that the persons referred to above shall be contracted out of the graduated national insurance scheme. If he thinks fit the Registrar may, in the light of any representations made by persons to whom this notice is given, or by organisations representing those persons, defer the issue of a certificate to enable the decision to apply for contracting out to be further considered by those concerned.

By Order

A. R. St. A. DAVIES

Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man.

March, 1961.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This is not part of the Notice of Intention but is intended to show its general effect.)

The purpose of the Notice of Intention is to inform employees who are subject to the Douglas Corporation Superannuation Scheme that the Governor, acting on behalf of the employing bodies, will apply for a certificate of non-participation. The proposed certificate would provide broadly that such employees would be contracted out of the new graduated national insurance scheme (starting in April, 1961) if getting more than £13 a week (men) or £12 a week (women). The pay to be taken into account for this purpose is described in paragraph (i) under column B of the Notice. It would follow that employees getting less than these amounts would take part in the graduated scheme next April.

Some employees getting more than these amounts would also take part in the graduated scheme. These would be employees who could not be contracted out on age grounds (i.e. people who are over the age of 65 for men or 60 for women when contracting out begins or who are under the age of 18; and also people who cannot complete ten years of service reckoning for pension purposes by age 65 (men) or age 60 (women).

The certificate would also provide that any employees who became contracted out of the graduated scheme would continue to be contracted out, if in the same employment under the same employer their pay fell, unless it fell below £11 a week (men) and £10 a week (women).

The Governor's application to the Registrar of Non-participating Employments for a certificate will be made some time after 21st March, 1961. It is open to any of the employees referred to in the first paragraph of the Notice of Intention, or organisations representing them, to make representations about what is proposed (see last paragraph of the Notice).

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ADDENDA

After the word "persons" where it secondly occurs in line 8 of the third paragraph of the Circular add the words -

"qualifying for pension benefits under the Douglas Corporation Superannuation Scheme, 1936 who are over the age of 18, other than persons"

The third paragraph will then read as follows:-

"His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor hereby gives notice expiring on the 21st March, 1961, that after that date he intends to elect, in pursuance of his powers under the National Insurance (Isle of Man) (Non-participation - Local Government staffs) Order, 1961, that the employments specified in paragraph A below shall be non-participating employments for the purposes of Part 11 of the National Insurance (Isle of Man) Act, 1961, in relation to the description of persons shown in paragraph B, being persons qualifying for pension benefits under the Douglas Corporation Superannuation Scheme, 1936, who are over the age of 18, other than persons who are over the age of 65 for men or 60 for women when contracting out of ins on 3rd April, 1961."

Government Office,
4th March, 1961.