

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS, 1911-1914.  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

The Unemployment Insurance (Short Time) Regulations, 1914, dated the 16th December 1914 made by the Board of Trade under Part II. of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the National Insurance (Part II. Amendment) Act, 1914.

*Short Title and Commencement.*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Short Time) Regulations, 1914, and shall come into force on the date hereof.

*Interpretation.*

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires or admits:

The expression "certificate of exceptional unemployment" means a certificate issued by the Board of Trade that there is exceptional unemployment in the trade or branch of a trade specified in the certificate.

The expression "order of exemption" means an order made by the Board of Trade under Section 7 of the National Insurance (Part II. Amendment) Act, 1914, exempting workmen of a specified class or description employed by a specified employer, and the employer, from contributions under Part II. of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

The expression "the Labour Exchange" means the Labour Exchange at which the unemployment books of the workmen to whom the Order of Exemption applies are deposited by the employer in accordance with these Regulations.

The expression "the reduced working hours" means the working hours as set out in the Order of Exemption or as varied in accordance with Regulation 9 of those Regulations.

*Certificate of Exceptional Unemployment.*

3. (1) An order of exemption shall not be granted to an employer in any trade or branch of a trade unless a certificate of exceptional unemployment has been granted and remains in force in respect of such trade or branch of a trade.

(2) Any employer of workmen in an insured trade and any association of such employers may make application to the Board of Trade for a certificate of exceptional unemployment. Such application shall be made in the form set forth in the First Schedule to these Regulations or in such other form as the Board may direct.

(3) A certificate of exceptional unemployment may be modified or cancelled at any time by the Board of Trade, but before modifying or cancelling a certificate the Board of Trade shall give notice in writing to the applicant, and shall take into consideration any representations made by the applicant within fourteen days or any longer period specified in the notice thereafter. Similar notice shall also be given to each employer in the trade or branch of a trade covered by the certifi-

cate in respect of whom an order of exemption is then in force.

(4) Notice of the issue, amendment or cancellation of a certificate of exceptional unemployment shall be given by the Board of Trade in writing to the applicant and shall be published by the Board of Trade in the Board of Trade Journal or in such other manner as the Board may think fit.

*Application for Order of Exemption.*

4. (1) Any employer of insured workmen who desires to obtain an order of exemption shall—

(i) make application for a certificate of exceptional unemployment in accordance with Regulation 3 of these Regulations, unless a certificate of exceptional unemployment has already been issued and remains in force in respect of the trade or branch of a trade concerned, and—

(ii) make application to the Board of Trade for an Order of Exemption in the form set forth in the second schedule to these Regulations or in such other form as the Board may direct.

(2) The Board of Trade, if satisfied that an order of exemption should be granted whether in the form applied for or in some modified form, shall give notice in writing to the employer that such order will be granted.

(3) (i) The employer shall thereupon, within 14 days after the receipt of the notice by him, deposit at a convenient Labour Exchange or Labour Exchanges to be specified in the notice, the unemployment books of all the workmen to whom the order of exemption will apply. Before depositing the unemployment books the employer shall affix stamps representing the full number of contributions that would have been due if the employment of the workman had terminated at the date of deposit. The books deposited shall be accompanied by a list in duplicate of the names of the workmen and the numbers of their unemployment books.

(ii) Where the employer has an arrangement with the Board of Trade under Section 99 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, he shall in lieu of depositing the unemployment books give notice to the Labour Exchange of the date from which he desires the order of exemption to commence and stamps shall be affixed to the unemployment books as if the employment of the workmen had terminated at this date.

(4) As soon as the unemployment books have been deposited, or notice has been given to the Labour Exchange as aforesaid, the Board of Trade, if satisfied that the conditions of Section 7 of the Amending Act and of these Regulations continue to be fulfilled, shall issue the order of exemption which shall be in the form set forth in the third schedule to these Regulations or in such other form as the Board may direct.

(5) As soon as an order has been issued contributions shall cease to be payable in respect of the workmen to whom the order will apply, as from the date at which the unemployment books were