

JAMAICA

No. 14 – 2012

I assent,

[L.S.]

(Sgd.) P. L. Allen
Governor-General

24th December, 2012

AN ACT to Amend the National Insurance Act; and for connected matters.

[24th December, 2012]

BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the National Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2012. Short title.

2.—(1) Subject to section 3, the provisions of the National Insurance Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) and the other enactments specified in the first column of the Schedule are amended in the manner specified respectively, in relation to them in the second column of the Schedule. Amendment and construction of enactments. Schedule.

(2) Each amendment so specified shall be read and construed as one with the enactment specified in relation to that amendment and all other amendments to the enactment.

Commence-
ment.

3. The amendments specified in the second column of the Schedule shall come into operation, in relation to—

- (a) section 5 of and the Second Schedule to the Act, on the 7th day of January, 2013;
- (b) sections 10A and 21 of and the Third Schedule to the Act, on the 10th day of January, 2013;
- (c) regulation 4 of the National Insurance (General Benefits) Regulations, 1966, on the 10th day of January, 2013; and
- (d) regulation 3 of the National Insurance (Sugar Workers Transitional) Regulations, 1966, on the 10th day of January, 2013.

SCHEDULE (Section 2)
Amendment of Enactments

Provisions of Enactments	Amendments
National Insurance Act	
Section 5	In relation to subsection (2)(a), delete the symbol and numerals "\$1,000,000.00" and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals "\$1,500,000.00".
Section 10A	Delete section 10A and substitute therefor the following— "Special pensioner. 10A. Subject to the provisions of this Act, a person born before the 1st day of January, 1908, (hereinafter called a "special pensioner") shall be entitled to a pension under this Act at a rate of \$1,400.00 per week."
Section 21	Delete the words "eight hundred" wherever they appear and substitute therefor, in each case, the words "nine hundred".
Second Schedule	1. In relation to paragraph 1 (a), in the second column under the— (a) sub-heading "Payable by Insured Person"; and (b) sub-heading "Payable by Employer", delete the symbol and numerals "\$25.00" and substitute therefor, in each case, the symbol and numerals "\$50.00". 2. In relation to paragraph 1 (b), in the second column under the sub-heading "Payable by Insured Person" and the sub-heading "Payable by Employer", respectively— (a) delete the symbol and numerals "\$19,230.76" and substitute therefor, in each case, the symbol and numerals "\$28,846.00";

SCHEDULE, *contd.*
Amendment of Enactments

Provisions of Enactments	Amendments
	<p>(b) delete the symbol and numerals “\$1,000,000.00” and substitute therefor, in each case, the symbol and numerals “\$1,500,000.00”.</p> <p>3. In relation to paragraphs 2 and 3, in the second column under the sub-heading “Payable by Insured Person” delete the symbol and numerals “\$50.00” and substitute therefor, in each case, the symbol and numerals “\$100.00”.</p>
Third Schedule	<p>1. In relation to paragraph 1 (old age and invalidity pension)—</p> <p>(a) in the second column, under the sub-heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$2,400.00” and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals “\$2,800.00”;</p> <p>(b) in the third column, under the sub-heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$40,000.00” and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals “\$50,000.00”.</p> <p>2. In relation to paragraph 2 (widow’s and widower’s benefit)—</p> <p>(a) in the second column, under the sub-heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$2,400.00” wherever they appear and substitute therefor, in each case, the symbol and numerals “\$2,800.00”;</p> <p>(b) in the third column, under the sub-heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$40,000.00” in sub-</p>

SCHEDULE, *contd.*
Amendment of Enactments

Provisions of Enactments	Amendments
	paragraph (a) and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals “\$50,000.00”.
	3. In relation to paragraph 3 (orphan’s and special child’s benefit)—
	(a) in the second column, under the sub- heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$4,200.00” and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals “\$4,900.00”;
	(b) in the third column, under the sub- heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$48,000.00” and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals “\$55,000.00”.
	4. In relation to paragraph 7 (funeral grant) in the third column, under the sub-heading “Basic”, delete the symbol and numerals “\$70,000.00” and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals “\$80,000.00”.
National Insurance (General Benefits) Regulations, 1966	
Regulation 4	Delete paragraphs (2) and (3), and substitute therefor the following—
	“ (2) Where the yearly average is less than thirty-nine but not less than twenty- six, benefit shall be payable at the rate of \$2,100.00 per week.
	(3) Where the yearly average is less than twenty-six, benefit shall be payable at the rate of \$1,400.00 per week.”.

SCHEDULE, *contd.*
Amendment of Enactments

<u>Provisions of Enactments</u>	<u>Amendments</u>
National Insurance (Sugar Workers Transitional) Regulations, 1966 Regulation 3	 In paragraph (c), delete the symbol and numerals "\$1,200.00" and substitute therefor the symbol and numerals "\$1,400.00".

Passed in the Honourable House of Representatives this 11th day of December, 2012.

MICHAEL A. PEART
Speaker.

Passed in the Senate this 14th day of December, 2012.

STANLEY ST. JOHN REDWOOD
President.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.

Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.