

BELIZE:

**SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2020**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Insertion of regulations 4A and 4B.
3. Negative Resolution.

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 43 of 2020

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for Social Security in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 12, 14, 15, and 64 of the Social Security Act, Chapter 44 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 28th March, 2020.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Social Security (Benefits) Regulations, which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

Citation.

Sub. Leg, 1991
Edn. CAP. 34
p.2.
S.I. 99 of 1993.
188 of 1994.
39 of 1996.
70 of 1997.
89 of 1998.
108 of 1999.
131 of 2000.
89 of 2011.
33 of 2016.
7 of 2019.
30 of 2019.

2. The principal Regulations is amended by inserting immediately after regulation 4, the following as regulations 4A and 4B-

Insertion of
new regulations
4A and 4B.

4A.-(1) Notwithstanding regulation 3, sickness benefit shall be payable to an uninsured person if-

"Sickness
benefit to
uninsured
person.

(a) in accordance with-

CAP. 4.
CAP. 41

- (i) section 18 of the Belize Constitution, there is the declaration of a public emergency as a result of the outbreak of an infectious disease;
 - (ii) section 6 of the Quarantine Act there is an order directing special measures to be taken during an emergency for the purpose of safeguarding public health and preventing the spread of an infectious disease; or
 - (iii) any other law, legislative action has been taken to protect public health as a result of an infectious disease.
- (b) that person-
- (i) was released from insurable employment as a result of the outbreak of that infectious disease; or
 - (ii) was self-employed and has ceased self-employment during the period of public emergency as a result of the outbreak of that infectious disease; and
- (c) that person becomes ill with the infectious disease-
- (i) after being released from insurable employment; or
 - (ii) after ceasing self-employment.

(2) An uninsured person shall not qualify for sickness benefit if that person becomes ill with the infectious disease three months after the commencement of the respective legislative action specified under sub-regulation (1)(a).

(3) The period of three months specified in sub-regulation (2) may be extended for such longer period as the Board in its absolute discretion decides.

(4) The Board shall publish in the Gazette any extension of the period specified in sub-regulation (2).

4B. An uninsured person claiming benefit under regulation 4A shall be entitled to such benefit if-

Conditions to be satisfied for the payment of benefits to an uninsured person.

(a) in relation to a person released from insurable employment-

(i) not less than fifty contributions have been paid in respect of him since the appointed day; and

(ii) in respect of his insurable employment, not less than five contributions have been paid in the period of thirteen weeks immediately preceding the week in which he was released from insurable employment;

(b) in relation to a self-employed person who has ceased self-employment-

(i) not less than fifty contributions have been paid in respect of him since the appointed day;

(ii) not less than twenty-six contributions have been paid by him as a self-employed person;

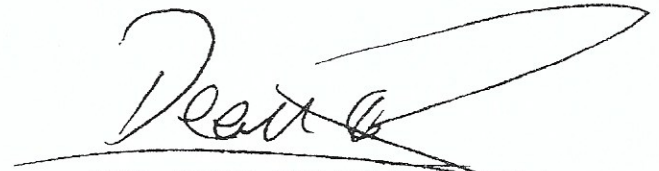
(iii) in respect of his self-employment, not less than five contributions have been paid in the period of thirteen weeks immediately preceding the week in which his self-employment ceased; and

(iv) contributions are paid for the month immediately preceding the month in which his self-employment ceased.”.

Negative
Resolution.

3. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Social Security this 27th day of March 2020.



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