

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

2013 NO. 28

(Gazetted 5th December, 2013)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 47 of the National Insurance Act, Chapter 296, the Minister makes the following Regulations –

**NATIONAL INSURANCE (PERSONS ABROAD AND VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTORS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2013**

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Persons Abroad and Voluntary Contributors) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. **Citation and commencement**

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1 January 2014.

2. Regulation 8 of the National Insurance (Persons Abroad and Voluntary Contributors) Regulations, referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations, is amended – **Amendment of regulation 8, Chapter 296**

- (a) by deleting the words “sixty years” in each place where they occur and inserting the words “the pensionable age”;
- (b) in subregulation (1A) by deleting the words “regulation 8” and inserting the words “subregulation (1)”;
- (c) by deleting subregulation (1B) and inserting the following subregulation –

“(1B) Pursuant to subregulation (1A), to be entitled to a pension, a person who elects to be a voluntary contributor and who would attain the pensionable age during the years shown in column 1 of the Table below, must pay the corresponding weekly

contributions shown in column 2 of the Table –

TABLE

During the year (s)	Qualifying number of weekly contributions for pensions
1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015	five hundred weeks
1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018	five hundred and fifty weeks
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021	six hundred weeks
1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024	six hundred and fifty weeks
1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027	seven hundred weeks
1 January 2028 and continuing	seven hundred and fifty weeks."

- (d) by deleting subregulation (3) and inserting the following subregulation –

“(3) A certificate under subregulation (2) if issued, shall entitle the person (hereinafter called a voluntary contributor) to pay voluntary contributions valid for age, survivor’s or invalidity benefit and funeral grant only, for a week not later than thirteen contribution weeks prior to the date of application, in respect of any contribution week for which no contribution is otherwise payable by him or on his behalf.”.

3. The Schedule of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the column headed "Quarterly Contribution U.S. \$ (4.84%) or its equivalent" and inserting the following column –

"Quarterly Contribution U.S.\$ (8.84%) or its equivalent
369.16
254.59
203.67
152.76
102.10
39.78."

Made this 29th day of November, 2013.

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Economic Planning, National Security,
Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs.

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