

SAINT LUCIA

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I Assent

[L.S.]

NEVILLE CENAC,
Governor-General.

April 23, 2020.

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AN ACT to amend the National Insurance Corporation Act,
Cap. 16.01.

[23rd April, 2020]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by
and with the advice and consent of the House of Assembly and the
Senate of Saint Lucia, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

No. 2] *National Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Act* [2020**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the National Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “principal Act” means the National Insurance Corporation Act, Cap. 16.01.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting in the correct alphabetical sequence the following new definition —

“economic relief programme” means a plan of action established under section 65A to provide financial assistance to insured persons;”.

Amendment of section 3

4. Section 3(2) of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (j) and by substituting the following

—

“(j) sums for giving assistance under an economic relief programme;”;

(b) by inserting a new paragraph (k) as follows —

“(k) any other prescribed payments.”.

Insertion of new Part 5A

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after Part 5 the following new Part 5A —

“Part 5A**ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAMME****“Economic relief programme**

65A. Subject to this Act, the Board may establish an economic relief programme where thirty per cent or more of insured persons have suffered a loss of income as a result of a pandemic declared by the World Health Organization.

Entitlement under an economic relief programme

65B. Subject to this Act, an insured person who satisfies the prescribed conditions is entitled to a payment under an economic relief programme.

Conditions under an economic relief programme

65C. Without prejudice to section 65B, an insured person shall satisfy the Director that —

- (a) he or she is under the pensionable age on the date that he or she makes the claim under section 65D;
- (b) he or she is engaged in insurable employment on the prescribed date;
- (c) he or she has paid not less than the prescribed contributions; and
- (d) he or she has paid contributions for the prescribed contribution period.

Claim for economic relief

65D. An insured person shall make a claim for economic relief in the prescribed form and manner.

Payment under an economic relief programme

65E.—(1) A payment under an economic relief programme shall be paid for each day the prescribed conditions under section 65B continue to exist for the prescribed maximum period.

(2) The rate for a payment under an economic relief programme is the prescribed percentage of the insured person's relevant earnings.

(3) Subject to this section, the Corporation shall make the prescribed payments under an economic relief programme.

Grounds for ceasing payment

65F. The Corporation shall, on the prescribed grounds, cease a payment under an economic relief programme.

Regulations for economic relief programme

65G. The Minister may make Regulations for all matters —

- (a) required or permitted to be prescribed under this Part;
- (b) relating to an economic relief programme.”.

Amendment of section 82

6. Section 82(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) in paragraph (j), by deleting the comma at the end of the paragraph and by substituting a semi-colon;
- (b) by inserting immediately after paragraph (j), the following new paragraph (k) as follows —

“(k) for the purpose of obtaining a payment under a prescribed economic relief programme for himself or herself or some other person —

- (i) makes any false statement or representation,
- (ii) produces or furnishes or causes to be produced or furnished any document or information which he or she knows to be false,”.

Passed in the House of Assembly this 21st day of April, 2020.

ANDY G. DANIEL,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this 23rd day of April, 2020.

JEANNINE GIRAUDY-MCINTYRE,
President of the Senate.