

# TA.4B

## MAIN FEATURES OF NICS 6 APRIL 1975 TO 5 OCTOBER 1985

		Rate in 1975-1976	Rate in 1976-1977	Rate in 1977-1978	Rate in 1978-1979	Rate in 1979-1980	Rate in 1980-1981	Rate in 1981-1982	Rate in 1982-1983	Rate in 1983-1984	Rate in 1984-1985	Rate in 06-Apr-85 to 05-Oct-85
<b>Class 1</b>												
Lower earnings limit (LEL) – a week		£11.00	£13.00	£15.00	£17.50	£19.50	£23.00	£27.00	£29.50	£32.50	£34.00	£35.50
Upper earnings limit (UEL) – a week		£69.00	£95.00	£105.00	£120.00	£135.00	£165.00	£200.00	£220.00	£235.00	£250.00	£265.00
Primary contributions (employee)												
Range of weekly earnings		Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL
Rate payable		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Range of weekly earnings		Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL
Rate payable on all earnings up to UEL		5.50%	5.75%	5.75%	6.50%	6.50%	6.75%	7.75%	8.75%	9.00%	9.00%	9.00%
Contracted out rebate (LEL to UEL) (1)		-	-	-	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.15%	2.15%	2.15%
Reduced rate for married women and widow optants (2)		2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.75%	3.20%	3.85%	3.85%	3.85%
Secondary contributions (employer) (3)												
Range of weekly earnings		Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL	Below LEL
Rate payable on all earnings		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Range of weekly earnings		Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL	Above LEL
Rate payable on all earnings up to UEL		8.50%	8.75%	8.75%	10.00%	10.00%	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	10.45%	10.45%	10.45%
Contracted out rebate (LEL to UEL)		-	-	-	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
<b>Class 2</b>												
Flat rate contribution – a week	Men	£2.41	£2.41	£2.66	£1.90	£2.10	£2.50	£3.40	£3.75	£4.40	£4.60	£4.75
	Women	£2.10	£2.20	£2.55	£1.90	£2.10	£2.50	£3.40	£3.75	£4.40	£4.60	£4.75
Small earnings exception – a year		£675	£775	£875	£950	£1,050	£1,250	£1,475	£1,600	£1,775	£1,850	£1,925
<b>Class 3</b>												
Flat rate contribution – a week		£1.90	£2.10	£2.45	£1.80	£2.00	£2.40	£3.30	£3.65	£4.30	£4.50	£4.65
<b>Class 4</b>												
Lower profits limit (LPL) – a year		£1,600	£1,600	£1,750	£2,000	£2,250	£2,650	£3,150	£3,450	£3,800	£3,950	£4,150
Upper profits limit (UPL) – a year		£3,600	£4,900	£5,500	£6,250	£7,000	£8,300	£10,000	£11,000	£12,000	£13,000	£13,780
Contribution rate (LPL to UPL)		8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.75%	6.00%	6.30%	6.30%	6.30%

(1) Since 6 April 1978, it has been possible for final salary schemes to contract out of the State Related Pension Scheme (SERPS), now known as the State Second Pension. Contracted out rebates only apply between the LEL and the UEL.

(2) Prior to 1977 married women could opt to pay contributions at the reduced rate. There is no entitlement to contributory National Insurance benefits as a result of these contributions.

(3) Between April 1977 and the end of September 1984 a National insurance Surcharge applied in addition to employers' Class 1 contributions. This was levied on employees' gross earnings on the same basis as employer's NICs. Rate were:

06-April-1977	2.0%
02-October-1978	3.5%
02-August-1982	2.0%
06-April-1983	1.5%
01-August-1983	1.0%

### Notes:

For general notes on National Insurance contributions see Table TA.4

