

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States **XXXVI**

1971

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**The Social Insurance (Medical  
Certification) (Amendment) (Guernsey)  
Ordinance, 1971**

THE STATES LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by paragraph (3) of Article sixty-six of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948(a), and by subsection (6) of section forty-eight and section seventy-seven of the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1964, as amended(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order:—

1. Section four of the Social Insurance (Medical Certification) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1968(c) (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Ordinance”) is hereby repealed and the following section is hereby substituted therefor—

Amend-  
ment to  
principal  
Ordinance.

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(a) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 288.

(b) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIX, p. 286; Vol. XX, p. 126; Vol. XXI, p. 143; No. III of 1971.

(c) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XV, p. 271.

“Evidence of expected confinement or confinement.

4. (1) Every woman by whom or on whose behalf a claim for maternity benefit is made shall furnish evidence—

(a) where the claim is made in respect of expectation of confinement, that she is pregnant and as to the stage which she has reached in her pregnancy; or

(b) where the claim is made by virtue of the fact of confinement, that she has been confined;

by means of a certificate given by a medical practitioner or midwife in the form set out in Section A or Section B, as the case may be, of Part III of the Schedule to this Ordinance.

(2) Every woman to whom paragraph (2) of regulation three of the Social Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) (Guernsey) Regulations, 1964, relates and who claims sickness benefit in pursuance of the provisions of the said paragraph, shall furnish evidence of her confinement by means of a certificate given by a medical practitioner or midwife in the form set out in Section B of Part III of the Schedule to this Ordinance or by such other means as the Administrator or tribunal, as the case may be, may accept as sufficient in the circumstances of the case.

(3) Every certificate of expected confinement or confinement shall be completed in writing in ink or other indelible substance and shall bear, immediately

above the words "Medical Practitioner/  
Midwife", the signature of the certifying  
medical practitioner or midwife, as the  
case may be."

2. Part III of the Schedule to the principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the Part III set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance is hereby substituted therefor.

New Part III of the Schedule to the principal Ordinance.

3. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Social Insurance (Medical Certification) (Amendment) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1971.

Citation, collective title, extent and commencement.

(2) This Ordinance and the principal Ordinance may be cited together as the Social Insurance (Medical Certification) (Guernsey) Ordinances, 1968 and 1971.

(3) This Ordinance shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Jethou.

(4) This Ordinance shall come into force on the seventh day of June, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

SCHEDULE

Section two

PART III

Section A

*Certificate of expected confinement*

(To be given by a medical practitioner or midwife not earlier than the beginning of the fourteenth \* week before the week \* containing the day of expected confinement).

To: .....

I certify that I examined you on ..... and that in my opinion you may expect to be confined in the week \* which will include the ..... day of ..... 19...

(Here insert the expected date of confinement)

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Date of signing      Medical Practitioner/Midwife  
(If Midwife, add Registered Number or address and date of qualification .....  
.....  
.....)

Any other remarks by Medical Practitioner or Midwife .....  
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\* The week referred to is a contribution week, i.e. one which begins on a Monday.

Section B

*Certificate of confinement(a)*

(To be given by a medical practitioner or a midwife)

I certify that I attended .....  
in connection with her confinement which took place  
at ..... (address)  
and that she was there delivered of a child

.....children(b)

on the ..... day of ..... 19...

(It is important that, where the medical practitioner  
or midwife considers that the confinement took place  
before the week(c) in which it was expected, the  
following paragraph should be completed. In any  
other case, it should be struck through).

I certify that, in my opinion, it was to be expected  
that she would be confined in the week containing  
the ..... day of ..... 19...

.....  
Date of signing      Medical Practitioner/Midwife

(If Midwife, add Registered Number or address and  
date of qualification .....  
.....  
.....)

## NOTES:—

(a) Confinement is so defined in the Social Insurance Laws that this certificate can only be given—

(i) where labour results in the issue of a living child, or

(ii) where labour results in the issue of a dead child and pregnancy has lasted for at least 28 weeks.

The certificate must not be given in any other circumstances.

(b) Insert number of children, if more than one.

(c) A contribution week is one which begins on a Monday.”

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Her Majesty's Greffier.