For the purposes of this subchapter—

(a) “Fully insured individual” defined

The term “fully insured individual” means any individual who had not less than—

(1) one quarter of coverage (whenever acquired) for each calendar year elapsing after 1950 (or, if later, the year in which he attained age 21) and before the year in which he died or (if earlier) the year in which he attained age 62, except that in no case shall an individual be a fully insured individual unless he has at least 6 quarters of coverage; or

(2) 40 quarters of coverage; or

(3) in the case of an individual who died before 1951, 6 quarters of coverage;

not counting as an elapsed year for purposes of paragraph (1) any year any part of which was included in a period of disability (as defined in section 416 (i) of this title), and who satisfies the criterion specified in subsection (c) of this section.

(b) “Currently insured individual” defined

The term “currently insured individual” means any individual who had not less than six quarters of coverage during the thirteen-quarter period ending with

(1) the quarter in which he died,

(2) the quarter in which he became entitled to old-age insurance benefits,

(3) the quarter in which he became entitled to primary insurance benefits under this subchapter as in effect prior to August 28, 1950, or

(4) in the case of any individual entitled to disability insurance benefits, the quarter in which he most recently became entitled to disability insurance benefits, not counting as part of such thirteen-quarter period any quarter any part of which was included in a period of disability unless such quarter was a quarter of coverage, and who satisfies the criterion specified in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Criterion described

For purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the criterion specified in this subsection is that the individual, if not a United States citizen or national—

(1) has been assigned a social security account number that was, at the time of assignment, or at any later time, consistent with the requirements of subclause (I) or (III) of section 405 (c)(2)(B)(i) of this title; or

(2) at the time any such quarters of coverage are earned—

(A) is described in subparagraph (B) or (D) of section 1101 (a)(15) of title 8,

(B) is lawfully admitted temporarily to the United States for business (in the case of an individual described in such subparagraph (B)) or the performance as a crewman (in the case of an individual described in such subparagraph (D)), and

(C) the business engaged in or service as a crewman performed is within the scope of the terms of such individual’s admission to the United States.

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Codification

Section 211(a) of Pub. L. 108–203, which directed amendment of section 214, was executed to this section, which is section 214 of the Social Security Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. See 2004 Amendment notes below.

Amendments

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–203, § 211(a)(1), inserted “, and who satisfies the criterion specified in subsection (c) of this section” before period at end. See Codification note above.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108–203, § 211(a)(2), inserted “, and who satisfies the criterion specified in subsection (c) of this section” before period at end. See Codification note above.


1972—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 92–603 struck out provisions setting a separate age computation point for women and reduced from age 65 to age 62 the age computation point for men.

1961—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87–64 required one quarter of coverage for each calendar year elapsing after 1950 (or after the year in which the individual attained age 21, if that was later than 1950) instead of one quarter of coverage for each three of the quarters elapsing after 1950, and struck out “unless such quarter was a quarter of coverage” after “a period of disability (as defined in section 416 (i) of this title)”.

1960—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86–778 changed provisions which required an individual to have one quarter of coverage for each two quarters to provide that an individual is fully insured if he has not less than one quarter of coverage for each three quarters elapsing after Dec. 31, 1950, or, if later, December 31 of the year in which he attained the age of 21 years, and inserted provisions defining fully insured in the case of an individual who died prior to 1951 as one who had six quarters of coverage.

1958—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 85–840 included within definition of “currently insured individual” an individual entitled to disability insurance benefits who has not less than six quarters of coverage during the thirteen-quarter period ending with the quarter in which he most recently became entitled to disability insurance benefits.

1956—Subsec. (a)(3). Act Aug. 1, 1956, provided that an individual who had at least six quarters of coverage after 1954 would be fully insured if all but four of the quarters elapsing after 1954 and prior to July 1, 1957, or if later, the quarter in which he attained retirement age or died, whichever first occurred, are quarters of coverage.

1954—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Act Sept. 1, 1954, § 106(b)(1), excluded from the elapsed period under subsec. (a)(2)(A) any quarter any part of which was included in a period of disability, unless such quarter was a quarter of coverage.

Subsec. (a)(3), (4). Act Sept. 1, 1954, § 108(a), added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

Subsec. (b). Act Sept. 1, 1954, § 106(b)(2), inserted “, not counting as part of such thirteen-quarter period any quarter any part of which was included in a period of disability unless such quarter was a quarter of coverage.”

1952—Subsec. (a)(2)(B). Act July 18, 1952, § 3(b)(1), inserted “not counting as an elapsed quarter for purposes of subparagraph (A) any quarter any part of which was included in a period of disability (as defined in section 416 (i) of this title unless such quarter was a quarter of coverage”.

Subsec. (b). Act July 18, 1952, § 3(b)(2), inserted “not counting as part of such thirteen-quarter period any quarter any part of which was included in a period of disability unless such quarter was a quarter of coverage” after “August 28, 1950”.

Effective Date of 2004 Amendment


Effective Date of 1972 Amendment

Section 104(j) of Pub. L. 92–603 provided that:

“(1) The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 415, 416, 423, and 427 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 415 of this title] (except the amendment made by subsection (i), and
the amendment made by subsection (g) to section 209(i) of the Social Security Act shall apply only in the case of a man who attains (or would attain) age 62 after December 1974. The amendment made by subsection (i), and the amendment made by subsection (g) to section 209(i) of the Social Security Act [section 409 (i) of this title and section 3121 (a)(9) of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code], shall apply only with respect to payments after 1974.

“(2) In the case of a man who attains age 62 prior to 1975, the number of his elapsed years for purposes of section 215(b)(3) of the Social Security Act [section 415 (b)(3) of this title] shall be equal to (A) the number determined under such section as in effect on September 1, 1972, or (B) if less, the number determined as though he attained age 65 in 1975, except that monthly benefits under title II of the Social Security Act [this subchapter] for months prior to January 1973 payable on the basis of his wages and self-employment income shall be determined as though this section had not been enacted.

“(3)(A) In the case of a man who attains or will attain age 62 in 1973, the figure ‘65’ in sections 214(a)(1), 223(c)(1)(A), and 216(i)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act [subsec. (a)(1) of this section and sections 423 (c)(1)(A) and 416 (i)(3)(A) of this title] shall be deemed to read ‘64’.

“(B) In the case of a man who attains or will attain age 62 in 1974, the figure ‘65’ in sections 214(a)(1), 223(c)(1)(A), and 216(i)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act [subsec. (a)(1) of this section and sections 423 (c)(1)(A) and 416 (i)(3)(A) of this title] shall be deemed to read ‘63’.

Effective Date of 1961 Amendment
Section 103(b) of Pub. L. 87–64 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply—

“(1) in the case of monthly benefits under title II of the Social Security Act [this subchapter] for months beginning on or after the effective date of this title [see note set out under section 402 of this title], based on applications filed in or after March 1961,

“(2) in the case of lump-sum death payments under such title with respect to deaths on or after the effective date of this title, and

“(3) in the case of an application for a disability determination (with respect to a period of disability, as defined in section 216(i) of such Act [section 416 (i) of this title]) filed in or after March 1961.”

Effective Date of 1960 Amendment
Section 204(d)(1) of Pub. L. 86–778 provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of this section [amending this section and provisions set out as a note under section 415 of this title] shall be applicable (A) in the case of monthly benefits under title II of the Social Security Act [this subchapter], for months after the month in which this Act is enacted [September 1960], on the basis of applications filed in or after such month, (B) in the case of lump-sum death payments under such title with respect to deaths occurring after such month, and (C) in the case of an application for a disability determination with respect to a period of disability (as defined in section 216(i) of the Social Security Act [section 416 (i) of this title]) filed after such month.”

Effective Date of 1958 Amendment
Amendment by section 205(l) of Pub. L. 85–840 applicable with respect to monthly benefits under this subchapter for months after August 1958, but only if an application for such benefits is filed on or after Aug. 28, 1958, see section 207(a) of Pub. L. 85–840, set out as a note under section 416 of this title.

Effective Date of 1954 Amendment
Amendment by section 106(b) of act Sept. 1, 1954, applicable with respect to monthly benefits under subchapter II of this chapter for months after June 1955, and with respect to lump-sum death payments under such subchapter in the case of deaths occurring after June 1955, but that no recomputation of benefits by reason of such amendments shall be regarded as a recomputation for purposes of section 415 (f) of this title, see section 106(h) of act Sept. 1, 1954, set out as a note under section 413 of this title.

Effective and Termination Date of 1952 Amendment
For effective and termination dates of amendment by act July 18, 1952, see section 3(f), (g) of act July 18, 1952, set out as a note under section 413 of this title.

Employees of Nonprofit Organizations as Fully Insured Individuals
“(1) If any individual—

“(A) on January 1, 1984, is age 55 or over, and is an employee of an organization described in section 210(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 410 (a)(8)(B)] (A) which does not have in effect (on that date) a waiver certificate under section 3121(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] [26 U.S.C. 3121 (k)] and (B) to the employees of which social security coverage is extended on January 1, 1984, solely by reason of the enactment of this section [amending section 410 of this title and section 3121 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 3121 of Title 26], and

“(B) after December 31, 1983, acquires the number of quarters of coverage (within the meaning of section 213 of the Social Security Act [section 413 of this title]) which is required for purposes of this subparagraph under paragraph (2),

then such individual shall be deemed to be a fully insured individual (as defined in section 214 of the Social Security Act [this section]) for all of the purposes of title II of such Act [this subchapter].

“(2) The number of quarters of coverage which is required for purposes of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) shall be determined as follows:

“In the case of an individual The number of quarters

who on January 1, 1984, of coverage so required

is— shall be—

age 60 or over 6
age 59 or over but less than age 60 8
age 58 or over but less than age 59 12
age 57 or over but less than age 58 16
age 55 or over but less than age 57 20.”

Determination of Entitlement to Monthly Benefits for Sept. 1960 and Prior Months and Individual’s Closing Date Prior to 1960

Section 204(d)(2) of Pub. L. 86–778 provided that the provisions of subsec. (a) of this section in effect prior to Sept. 13, 1960, and the provisions of section 109 of act Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1206, 68 Stat. 1084, set out as a note under section 415 of this title, as in effect prior to such date were to apply for purposes of determining entitlement to monthly benefits under this subchapter for Sept. 1960 and prior months with respect to wages and self-employment income of an individual and for purposes of determining an individual’s closing date prior to 1960 under section 415 (b)(3)(B) of this title.