

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 3: SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

§ 3301. Who is Covered.

(a) After December 31, 1975. All services for wages received by a person after December 31, 1975, and, effective for taxable years beginning after 1980, all self-employment income derived by an individual, shall be covered by this division unless such wages or self-employment income are derived from employment or self-employment which:

(1) Is covered under the United States Social Security System or a retirement system established by a law of the United States, or

(2) Is performed for the Trust Territory government and no agreement has been made to provide coverage under this division for such employment pursuant to 3 CMC § 3302, or

(3) Was performed before July 1, 1976, and was not covered under the Trust Territory Social Security Act [73 TTC § 1 et seq.], or

(4) Is performed on or after October 1, 1980, in the Commonwealth by a resident of the Republic of the Philippines or of the Republic of Korea while in the Commonwealth on a temporary basis as a foreign national worker admitted to the Commonwealth under conditions substantially similar to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii) [8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)] of the United States Immigration and Nationality Act: provided, that this paragraph shall remain in effect only so long as the United States Social Security System continues to exclude from coverage Filipino and Korean workers admitted to Guam under such section of such act.

(b) *Employment Before January 1, 1976.* The following persons shall be given credit under this division for wages received before January 1, 1976, for employment which was covered under the Trust Territory Social Security Act [73 TTC § 1 et seq.]:

(1) All persons born in the Northern Mariana Islands who were citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on January 1, 1976, and who on that date were domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands or in the United States or any territory or possession thereof;

(2) All persons who were citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands on January 1, 1976, who had been domiciled continuously in the Northern Mariana Islands for at least five years immediately prior to that date, and who, unless under age, registered to vote in elections for the Mariana Islands District Legislature or for any municipal elections in the Northern Mariana Islands prior to January 1, 1975; and

(3) All persons domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands on January 1, 1976, who, although not citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, on that date had been domiciled continuously in the Northern Mariana Islands beginning prior to January 1, 1974.

Source: DL 5-12, § 1; amended by PL 2-6, §§ 7, 10; (a)(4) amended by global amendment PL 15-108, § 5.