

Retiree's Social Security ID issued to Maria Khadykina, resident of the Novosibirsk Region, RSFSR, 1955.

In booklet format measuring 3" x 4", softcover. The front cover shows the RSFSR state emblem and the lettering, reading "Ministry of Social Welfare, RSFSR. Certificate of a Social Security pensioner (old age)." The certificate states that Maria Khadykina, born in 1904, has been assigned an old age pension benefit based on average monthly salary of 385 rubles, in the amount of 192 rubles 50 kopeks. The benefit was in effect from 27 June 1955, and valid for the remainder of the pensioner's natural life.

In excellent condition, showing only minor wrinkles throughout. All the printed and handwritten material is clear and legible.

Note that in 1955 Soviet women's retirement age was 50. But don't envy them yet! Retirement was mandatory, and there were limits as to how much you could earn in addition to the retirement benefit, which was abysmally small. As Item 3 states on the last page, the retiree had to immediately report any additional income to the district department of social welfare. So, you could often see elderly women working as coat checks, janitors, and the like. In short, if the husband had passed away by the time the wife retired after a long and successful career as an engineer, or doctor, or teacher, or factory worker, she would be lucky to find a place where she could earn pennies mopping floors or hanging coats.

Please note that the penny in our photo is for size reference.

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