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CORONERS—SALARIES, FEES AND EXPENSES

RULES, DATED 1ST JULY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 36(1)(*a*) of the Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(a), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following rules:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1971. Rules 2, 3 and 4 shall have effect as from the 1st April 1970.

Salaries of Coroners

2. The annual salary payable to a Coroner appointed for a district set out in column 1 of the schedule shall be the amount specified in that behalf in column 2 and shall be inclusive of any travelling, subsistence, telephone and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him in the course of his duty as Coroner.

Salaries of Deputy Coroners

3. The annual salary payable to a Deputy Coroner shall be one-twelfth the annual salary of the Coroner whose deputy he is, and shall be inclusive of any travelling, subsistence, telephone and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him in the course of his duty as Deputy Coroner.

Salary of Coroner's Officer for City of Belfast

4. The annual salary of the Coroner's Officer for the City of Belfast shall be £1,100.

Superannuation for Coroner's Officer for City of Belfast

5. The same superannuation benefits may be paid in respect of service as a Coroner's Officer as would be paid under the Superannuation Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 if the said service had been service in the Civil Service of Northern Ireland.

Fee payable for making post-mortem examination

6. A registered medical practitioner on the list approved by the Ministry under section 26 of the Act, not being one employed by the Ministry under section 27(2), who makes a post-mortem examination of a body by the Coroner's direction or at the Coroner's request and reports the result thereof to the Coroner shall be paid a fee of £5.25, and, where travelling and subsistence expenses are necessarily incurred, allowances in respect thereof at the rates referred to in Rule 8.

(a) 1959. c. 15.

Payments in respect of persons assisting at post-mortem examinations

7. There shall be paid in respect of the services of a person who assists at a post-mortem examination such sum, not exceeding £2.25, as the medical practitioner carrying out the post-mortem may deem proper.

Payments to witnesses

8. A person properly attending to give evidence at an inquest may be paid allowances in respect of travelling and subsistence expenses and, except where he is a registered medical practitioner employed by the Ministry under section 27(2) of the Act, fees or allowances for trouble and loss of time at rates not in excess of those applicable from time to time to witnesses called by the Crown to attend Courts of Assize or County Courts in Northern Ireland.

Payments to jurors

9. A person who, in obedience to a summons to serve as a juror at an inquest or inquests, attends for such service shall be paid the sum of sixty-eight pence for each day on which he so attends:

Provided that if he is detained at an inquest or inquests for more than four hours in any day he shall be paid the sum of £1.35.

Revocations

10. The Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968(**b**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 1st day of July 1971, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. S. Hill,*
Secretary.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 12.

SCHEDULE

Column 1 District		Column 2 Annual salary
		£
City of Belfast		2,500
North Down	Co. Down	1,750
Baronies of Upper and Lower Belfast and Upper Massereene	Co. Antrim	1,100
Armagh	Co. Armagh	1,000
County Borough of Londonderry and Londonderry No. 1 Rural District (Claudy and Eglinton)	Co. Londonderry	1,000
Ballymena and Baronies of Upper Antrim, Upper Toome, Lower Massereene and Upper Glenarm	Co. Antrim	1,000
South Down	Co. Down	900
Mid-Tyrone	Co. Tyrone	800
Barony of Coleraine and Ballymoney ..	Co. Londonderry	800
East Tyrone and Magherafelt (Barony of Loughinshallin)	Co. Tyrone	700
Fermanagh	Co. Fermanagh	600
Limavady, Bellarena and Dungiven (Barony of Kennaght)	Co. Londonderry	300
North Tyrone	Co. Tyrone	300

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

These rules introduce increased salary rates for most Coroners and the Coroner's Officer in Belfast as from 1st April 1970, and consolidate the Principal Rules concerning salaries, fees and expenses covering post-mortem examinations and the attendance of witnesses and jurors at inquests. They also increase the fee payable under Rule 7 in respect of persons assisting at post-mortem examinations.

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These Orders have been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. Summaries are given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.