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HOUSING

Standard Amenities

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH DECEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE HOUSING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1963.

The Ministry of Development, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 2, 6 and 38 of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing (Standard Amenities) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—
"the Act of 1963" means the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(a);
"the Act of 1967" means the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(b);
"standard amenity" means a standard amenity as referred to in Section 1 of the Act of 1963 or Section 3 of the Act of 1967;
"standard grant" means a grant payable in respect of a standard amenity;
"the principal Regulations" means the Housing (Standard Amenities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(c).

3. A person desiring to apply for a standard grant shall make application to the local authority in the form set out in the Schedule.

4. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is hereby revoked.

5. Regulations 4, 5 and 6 of the principal Regulations shall apply in respect of a standard amenity provided under the Act of 1967 as they apply in respect of a standard amenity provided under the Act of 1963.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 14th day of December 1967.

(L.S.)

W. K. Fitzsimmons,
Minister of Development.

(a) 1963. c. 26 (N.I.). (b) 1967. c. 34 (N.I.). (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 185.

SCHEDULE

FORM S.G. 1

HOUSING ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1963 AND 1967

Application for Standard Grant

N.B.—Before filling in this form the notes should be carefully studied. When completed the application form should be sent to your local council.

THE WORK OF PROVIDING ANY OF THE STANDARD AMENITIES MUST NOT BE STARTED BEFORE THE COUNCIL HAVE GIVEN APPROVAL IN WRITING TO THIS APPLICATION: IF WORK IS STARTED BEFORE THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED THE COUNCIL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE A GRANT.

1. Name of Applicant .....

2. Address of Applicant .....
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3. Address of house to be improved .....
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4. State (i) Approximate age of house.....years.
(ii) Net annual value £.....

5. State—(*a*) Whether Owner or Tenant (see Note 1) .....
(*b*) If leasehold, has lease 15 years or more to run? .....

6. (i) If house is mortgaged state name of Building Society or other mortgagee
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(ii) Has approval of mortgagee been obtained to the application for grant?
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7. Has any previous application been made for any kind of improvement grant for this house? (see Note 6) .....
If so, give details .....
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8. State in Column A which, if any, of the standard amenities are already available and, in Column B, which of the amenities you propose to provide:

Standard Amenities	Column A Tick those already available	Column B Tick those to be provided
(*a*) Fixed bath or shower . .		
(*b*) Wash-hand basin . .		
(*c*) Hot and cold water supply at a fixed bath or shower		
(*d*) Hot and cold water supply at a wash-hand basin .		
(*e*) Hot and cold water supply at a sink . . .		
(*f*) Water closet in or attached to the dwelling-house .		
(*g*) Satisfactory facilities for storing food . . .		

9. If the works involve replacement of any of the existing items mentioned at 8 above explain why this is necessary .....
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10. Is it proposed to provide a bathroom by building a new structure or by the conversion of an outbuilding? (see Note 5). If so, give a full description of the works proposed and attach plans (if any) of such works. State the estimated cost or attach a copy of the detailed estimate which you propose to accept. .....

11. Is it proposed to install a septic tank? (see Note 5). If so, state estimated cost of installation of septic tank. .....

12. Is a piped supply of cold water to be brought into the house for the first time and a sink provided? (see Note 5). If so, state estimated cost of such work .....

13. Has any necessary permission been obtained (if so give dates)—
    (i) under the Planning Acts? .....
    (ii) under the Building Bye-Laws? .....

I hereby apply for standard grant in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 and the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 towards the cost of the proposed works and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars contained in this application form are correct.

(Signed) .....

Date .....

CONSENT OF LANDLORD

(To be completed where the applicant is the tenant)

I declare that I am the landlord of the dwelling-house referred to in this application and that the dwelling-house is one to which the Rent Restriction Acts apply. I hereby consent (*a*) to the execution of the works necessary to provide the standard amenities specified in this application and (*b*) in the event of a standard grant being made to the tenant to comply with the conditions set out in section 16(1)(*a*) to (*c*) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) and Rent Restriction Law (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1956 for a period of ten years.

Signature of Landlord or his Agent acting on his behalf .....

Address .....
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Date .....

NOTES

1. An application for standard grant may be made by a person who has a Fee Simple (including a Fee Farm) estate in a house or a lease which has at least 15 years to run and also by a tenant (this does not include sub-tenant) of a dwelling-house to which the Rent Restriction Acts apply if the landlord has given his written consent to the proposed works.
2. The house must have been built before 1946 (except in certain cases of war damage) and its valuation must not exceed £60.
3. The standard amenities provided must be for the exclusive use of the occupants of the house.

4. The basic standard amenities in respect of which grants are payable and the amount of grant in each case are:—

(*a*) a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom	£25
(*b*) a wash-hand basin	£5
(*c*) a hot and cold water supply at a fixed bath or shower	£35
(*d*) a hot and cold water supply at a wash-hand basin	£15
(*e*) a hot and cold water supply at a sink	£25
(*f*) a water closet in or attached to the dwelling-house	£40
(*g*) satisfactory facilities for storing food (a permanent construction of not less than 25 cubic feet capacity and ventilated to the outside air)	£10

5. Grants may also be made towards—

(1) the cost of the provision of a bathroom by the building of a new structure or the conversion of outbuildings attached to the house (provided the local authority are satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable to provide the bathroom in any other way);

(2) installing a septic tank for connection with a water closet (where the local authority are satisfied that connection of the water closet to main drainage is not possible or reasonably practicable);

(3) bringing a piped supply of cold water into a house for the first time and providing a sink connected to that supply.

The amount of grant payable in respect of these works is one-half of the expenditure as determined by the local authority or £195 whichever is the lesser—the aggregate of any grants for all the works at (1), (2) and (3) may not exceed £195. The grant payable under this paragraph will normally be based on the estimated cost of the works and such costs may include an estimated amount for professional fees.

6. The total maximum grant payable by way of standard grant as indicated above is £350. Where, however, an improvement grant of any kind has previously been given in respect of the same house, the total combined grants may not exceed £500.

7. If the local authority are satisfied that a standard amenity already in existence must be replaced to enable the other amenities to be provided, a grant may be made for such replacement.

8. Depending on the nature of the work to be done the prior approval of both the byelaw authority and the local planning authority may be necessary. Advice should be sought at the offices of the appropriate local authority.

9. The local authority before approving an application must be satisfied that after the work specified in the application is carried out the house will be in such condition as not to be unfit for human habitation and that it is likely to remain in that condition and available as housing accommodation for a period of not less than 15 years. Any works included in the application which are necessary to fulfil this condition must be carried out before any grant can be paid. All works carried out must be to the satisfaction of the local authority and inspection by officers of the local authority will be made as necessary.

10. If the local authority do not approve the application they must, if so requested by the applicant in writing, notify him in writing of the reasons for their disapproval.

11. When grant is paid the house becomes subject to certain conditions. The effect of these is that the house must continue to be used as a private dwelling house for ten years and must provide satisfactory housing accommodation during that period.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations prescribe a revised form of application for standard grant to cover additional standard amenities provided for in the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

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THE REPORTS OF APPOINTED FACTORY DOCTORS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

ORDER, DATED 13TH DECEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 151 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland in exercise of powers conferred by Section 151(6) of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Reports of Appointed Factory Doctors Order (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1968.

(2) So much of the Factories (Forms and Particulars) Order (Northern Ireland) 1953(b) as deals with Form N.I.520 is hereby revoked.

2. The report to the Ministry required by Section 151(6) of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 to be made each year by every Appointed Factory Doctor as to examinations made and other duties performed by him in pursuance of that Act shall be made during the month of January in each year in respect of the year ended on the immediately preceding 31st December and shall be in the form set out in the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 13th day of December 1967.

(L.S.)

W. Slinger,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 20 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 160.