3. This Order may be cited as the Rate of Interest (Housing) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland), 1956.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this nineteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.)

John A. Oliver,
Assistant Secretary.

Approved by the Ministry of Finance this nineteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

D. C. B. Holden,
Assistant Secretary.

Housing Subsidy Order

ORDER*, DATED 19TH NOVEMBER, 1956, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE HOUSING (No. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1956. No. 187 [C]

The Ministry of Health and Local Government (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry"), with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by section one of the Housing (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Housing Subsidy Order (Northern Ireland), 1956.

(2) In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Act of 1945" means the Housing Act (Northern Ireland), 1945;

"Act of 1946" means the Housing and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946;

"Act of 1956" means the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) and Rent Restriction Law (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1956;

"apartment" and "flat" have the meanings assigned to them by section thirty of the Act of 1945;

* The above Order was confirmed by Resolutions of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the 4th day of December, 1956.

"housing accommodation" includes any house, flat or hostel;

"the Trust" means the Northern Ireland Housing Trust;

"housing association" means a housing association within the meaning of section twelve of the Act of 1946.

(3) For the purpose of determining the amount of the contributions payable under Article 3—

(*a*) a house of fewer than three apartments shall be deemed to be a house of three apartments; and,

(*b*) a house of more than five apartments shall be deemed to be a house of five apartments.

(4) For the purpose of determining the amount of any contributions payable under Articles 3 and 4 the area of each house shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Third Schedule to this Order.

Date of completion of housing accommodation

2. The provisions of Articles 3 and 4 shall apply in respect of each new house completed after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, in pursuance of a housing scheme approved by the Ministry under the provisions of Section one of the Act of 1945.

General contributions payable to and by local authorities

3. Subject to Article 2, where a new house of any of the numbers of apartments specified in the first column of the First Schedule to this Order has been provided by a local authority in pursuance of a contract or part of a contract—

(*a*) which has been designated by the Ministry for the purposes of this Article; and

(*b*) in respect of which the tender has been submitted for approval to the Ministry before the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six;

then the Ministry shall pay to the local authority in respect of that house sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified in the third column opposite the appropriate area in the second column of the said Schedule, and the local authority shall pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of that house sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified in the fourth column of the said Schedule opposite such first-mentioned amount.

4. Subject to Article 2, where a new house of any area specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to this Order has been provided by a local authority in pursuance of a contract or part of a contract—

(*a*) which has been designated by the Ministry for the purposes of this Article; and

(*b*) in respect of which the tender has been submitted for approval to the Ministry whether before or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six;

then the Ministry shall pay to the local authority in respect of that house sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified in the second column opposite the appropriate area in the first column of the said Schedule, and the local authority shall pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of that house sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified in the third column of the said Schedule opposite such first-mentioned amount.

Special provisions as to hostels

5. Where a hostel for single workers has been completed by a local authority—

(*a*) after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six; and

(*b*) in accordance with a housing scheme which has been approved by the Ministry and in respect of which a tender has been submitted for approval to the Ministry whether before or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six;

then subject to the local authority complying with such conditions, if any, as the Ministry may impose, each part of the hostel designed for separate occupation by such workers shall for the purposes of this Order be deemed to be a new house in respect of which sixty successive annual contributions are payable to and by a local authority under Sections one and two of the Act of 1945, so, however, that the amount of the annual contribution payable by the Ministry to the local authority in respect of each such part shall be the sum of eighteen pounds, and the amount of the annual contribution payable by the local authority to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of each such part shall be the sum of six pounds.

Special provisions as to flats

6. Where a building provided by a local authority after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, for the accommodation of workers in pursuance of a housing scheme approved by the Ministry, is divided into flats, each such flat completed after the said date shall, for the purposes of Articles 3 and 4, be deemed to be a new house in respect of which contributions are respectively payable under the said Articles.

7.—(1) The provisions of this Article shall apply in respect of any flat provided by a local authority and forming part of a block of flats the whole or any part of which is at least three storeys.

(2) Where any contributions are payable in respect of such a flat under the provisions of Article 3, those contributions shall be of the highest amount appropriate to the number of apartments in that flat, irrespective of its area.

(3) In addition to any contributions payable in respect of such a flat under the provisions of Article 4—

(*a*) the Ministry may pay to the local authority in respect of that flat sixty successive annual contributions not exceeding four pounds; and

(*b*) the Ministry may, in any or all of the circumstances referred to in paragraph (4) and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, pay to the local authority in respect of that flat sixty further successive annual contributions not exceeding thirty-six pounds;

and the local authority shall pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of each such additional contribution under (*a*) and (*b*) a sum equivalent to one-third thereof.

(4) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (3)(*b*) are that the cost of providing the flats has been substantially affected by—

(*a*) expenditure on acquiring the site;

(*b*) the installation of lifts; or

(*c*) the number of storeys comprised in the block of flats.

Special provisions as to houses in replacement of slums

8. Where—

(*a*) a person residing in a house has been dispossessed of that house after the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six;

(*b*) that house has been demolished or is no longer used for human habitation;

(*c*) a local authority has a duty in relation to that person under the provisions of Section 7 of the Act of 1956 (which refers to the provision of reasonable alternative accommodation for persons displaced by certain schemes and orders), or has in other circumstances with the approval of the Ministry, given for the purposes of this Article, undertaken to provide such accommodation;

(*d*) a new house has been provided by that local authority in consequence of such duty or undertaking, whether for that or for some other person; and

(*e*) contributions are payable by the Ministry in respect of such new house under Article 3 or Article 4 as the case may be;

then in addition to those contributions the Ministry shall make to the local authority in respect of such new house provided by them sixty successive annual contributions of two pounds, and the local authority shall in respect of each such further contribution pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account a contribution of one pound.

Application to the Northern Ireland Housing Trust and to housing associations

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) the Ministry shall in pursuance of Section sixteen of the Act of 1945 pay to the Trust

in respect of any housing accommodation provided by the Trust sixty successive annual contributions equivalent to the sum of the contributions which would have been payable to and by the local authority under the provisions of this Order if the housing accommodation had been provided by that local authority.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) the Ministry shall in pursuance of Section one of the Act of 1945 as applied to housing associations by virtue of Section twelve of the Act of 1946 pay to a housing association in respect of any housing accommodation provided by that association the like sixty successive annual contributions as would have been payable by the Ministry to the local authority under the provisions of this Order if the housing accommodation had been provided by that local authority.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this Order shall apply to the Trust and to housing associations, except that in Articles 3, 4 and 5, for the condition that the tender has been submitted for approval to the Ministry by reference to the prescribed date, there shall be substituted the condition that the tender has been accepted by reference to that date.

Conditions as to certain classes of persons

10. It shall be a condition of the payment of any contributions under the provisions of this Order in respect of any housing accommodation provided by a local authority or the Trust that the local authority or the Trust as the case may be shall satisfy the Ministry that the number of persons—

(*a*) who are willing to accept such accommodation; and

(*b*) to whom reasonable preference is required to be given in pursuance of regulations made under the provisions of section twenty-three of the Act of 1945, or for whom accommodation is to be provided in accordance with Article 8(*d*);

is at least equivalent to the number of houses to which the said contributions relate.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this nineteenth day of November,
(L.S.) nineteen hundred and fifty-six, in the presence of

Dehra Parker,
Minister of Health and Local Government.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance
(L.S.) this twentieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, in the presence of

Terence O'Neill,
Minister of Finance.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Amount of Contributions payable under Article 3

Number of Apartments (1)	Area in square feet (2)	Amount of Contribution payable by Ministry (3)	Amount of Contribution payable by local authority to credit of their Housing Revenue Account (4)
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Three Apartments	725 or over	33 14 0	11 6 0
	700 or over but less than 725	33 2 0	11 2 0
	675 " " " " " 700	32 10 0	10 18 0
	650 " " " " " 675	31 18 0	10 14 0
	625 " " " " " 650	31 6 0	10 10 0
	600 " " " " " 625	30 14 0	10 6 0
	575 " " " " " 600	30 2 0	10 2 0
	less than 575	29 10 0	9 18 0
Four Apartments	800 or over	36 0 0	12 0 0
	775 or over but less than 800	35 8 0	11 16 0
	750 " " " " " 775	34 16 0	11 12 0
	725 " " " " " 750	34 4 0	11 8 0
	700 " " " " " 725	33 12 0	11 4 0
	675 " " " " " 700	33 0 0	11 0 0
	650 " " " " " 675	32 8 0	10 16 0
	625 " " " " " 650	31 16 0	10 12 0
	less than 625	31 4 0	10 8 0
Five Apartments	875 or over	39 14 0	13 4 0
	850 or over but less than 875	39 2 0	13 0 0
	825 " " " " " 850	38 10 0	12 16 0
	800 " " " " " 825	37 18 0	12 12 0
	775 " " " " " 800	37 6 0	12 8 0
	750 " " " " " 775	36 14 0	12 4 0
	725 " " " " " 750	36 2 0	12 0 0
	less than 725	35 10 0	11 16 0

SECOND SCHEDULE

Amount of Contributions payable under Article 4

Area in square feet (1)	Amount of Contribution payable by Ministry (2)	Amount of Contribution payable by local authority to credit of their Housing Revenue Account (3)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
875 or over	40 0 0	13 7 0
850 or over but less than 875	39 0 0	13 0 0
825 " " " " " 850	38 0 0	12 13 0
800 " " " " " 825	37 0 0	12 7 0
775 " " " " " 800	36 0 0	12 0 0
750 " " " " " 775	35 0 0	11 13 0
725 " " " " " 750	34 0 0	11 7 0
700 " " " " " 725	33 0 0	11 0 0
675 " " " " " 700	32 0 0	10 13 0
650 " " " " " 675	31 0 0	10 7 0
625 " " " " " 650	30 0 0	10 0 0
600 " " " " " 625	29 0 0	9 13 0
575 " " " " " 600	28 0 0	9 7 0
less than 575	27 0 0	9 0 0

THIRD SCHEDULE

CALCULATION OF AREA

The area of a house shall be calculated in accordance with the following provisions:—

(1) The area shall be the whole area of the structure measured to the unfinished wall surfaces (the normal thickness of plaster, if any, being assumed) within the external or containing walls, so as to include the area of partitions, chimney breasts, bay windows and similar space, and, in the case of a house of more than one storey shall be the combined areas, as so measured, of the several storeys.

(2) The area of any accommodation provided in an attic or storey formed in the roof space and which has a ceiling height of less than seven feet six inches shall be excluded.

(3) The area of accommodation provided in an outbuilding of which the form of construction is approved by the Ministry shall be added to the area calculated at (1) above.

INLAND NAVIGATION

Compensation

REGULATIONS DATED 22ND FEBRUARY, 1956, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 16 OF THE INLAND NAVIGATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

1956. No. 22. **[C]**

The Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (4) of section 4 and by subsection (2) of section 16 of the Inland Navigation Act (Northern Ireland), 1954 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") hereby makes the following regulations with respect to claims for compensation under sections 4 and 5 of the Act:—

1. Claims for compensation under sections 4 and 5 of the Act shall be made in writing to the Ministry of Commerce, Chichester House, 64 Chichester Street, Belfast, not later than six years after the date upon which the loss or damage, in respect of which compensation is claimed, first occurred.

2. A claimant for compensation shall furnish in writing the following information and particulars in respect of his claim:—

(*a*) his full name and postal address;

(*b*) the nature of the loss or damage suffered and in respect of which compensation is claimed;

(*c*) the cause of such loss or damage;

(*d*) the date or dates on which the loss or damage was suffered;

(*e*) the nature of his interest in any lands, premises or rights alleged to be affected together with a full description thereof and particulars of his title thereto;