NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

1955 No. 109

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*20th January*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*25th January*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*25th April*, 1955

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 22 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1955.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations the expression "the Act" means the National Assistance Act, 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Revocation of existing regulations

3. The regulations specified in the schedule to these regulations are hereby revoked without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered or to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under any of those regulations.

Prescription of minimum charges

4. For the purposes of subsection (3) of section 22 of the Act (which relates to charges to be made for accommodation provided under Part III of the Act) the liability of a person to pay for accommodation provided in premises managed by a local authority shall in no case be reduced below the sum of thirty-two shillings and sixpence per week.

5. Where accommodation is provided for a child accompanied by a person over the age of sixteen, the liability of that person under subsection (7) of section 22 of the Act to pay for the accommodation of that child shall in no case be reduced below such one of the following sums as is appropriate, that is to say:—

(*a*) in respect of a child under five years of age, the sum of twelve shillings per week;

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*b*) in respect of a child aged five years or over but less than eleven years, the sum of fourteen shillings and sixpence per week;

(*c*) in respect of a child aged eleven years or over but less than sixteen years, the sum of seventeen shillings per week.

Prescription of sum needed for personal requirements

6. For the purposes of subsection (4) of section 22 of the Act a local authority shall assume that a person to whom subsection (3) of that section applies will need for his personal requirements the sum of seven shillings and sixpence per week.

SCHEDULE

Regulations Revoked

National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1948(a).

National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952(b).

National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1952(c).

National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953(d).

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twentieth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

Iain Macleod,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations consolidate with amendments the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1948 to 1953. The minimum weekly amount which a person is required to pay for accommodation managed by a local authority under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948, is increased from 26s. to 32s. 6d. In the case of a person accompanied by a child, the weekly amounts payable in respect of the child (which vary according to the child's age) are increased from 11s., 13s. 6d. and 16s. to 12s., 14s. 6d. and 17s. respectively. The weekly sum by way of "pocket money" which (unless in special circumstances the local authority considers a different sum appropriate) a local authority shall allow in assessing a person's ability to pay for such accommodation is also increased from 6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.

(a) S.I. 1948/1385 (Rev. XV, p. 260: 1948 I, p. 1987).
(b) S.I. 1952/1100 (1952 II, p. 2032).
(c) S.I. 1952/1439 (1952 II, p. 2033).
(d) S.I. 1953/1115 (1953 I, p. 1233).