STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 213

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	*2nd February*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	*8th February*, 1961
Coming into Operation	*3rd April*, 1961

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, 1961, and shall come into operation on the third day of April, 1961.

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 and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Revocation of existing regulations

3. The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955(**c**), the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1958(**d**), and the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1958(**e**), are hereby revoked.

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 forty-six shillings 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 seventeen shillings per week ;

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1955/109 (1955 I, p. 1240).
(d) S.I. 1958/42 (1958 I, p. 1526). (e) S.I. 1958/564 (1958 I, p. 1527).

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

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

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this second day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *J. Enoch Powell,*
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, 1955 to 1958. 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 40s. to 46s. 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 14s. 6d., 17s. and 20s. to 17s., 20s. and 24s. respectively. The weekly sum by way of "pocket money" which (unless in special circumstances the local authority considers a different sum appropriate) the local authority shall allow in assessing a person's ability to pay for accommodation is also increased from 10s. to 11s. 6d.