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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1967

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Coming into Operation	*30th October* 1967

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 1967, and shall come into operation on 30th October 1967.

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 1965(c) are hereby revoked.

Prescription of minimum charges

4. For the purposes of section 22(3) 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 72 shillings per week.

5. Where accommodation is provided for a child accompanied by a person over the age of 16, the liability of that person under section 22(7) 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 5 years of age, the sum of 25 shillings per week;

(*b*) in respect of a child aged 5 years or over but less than 11 years, the sum of 30 shillings per week;

(*c*) in respect of a child aged 11 years or over but less than 16 years, the sum of 37 shillings per week.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1965/224 (1965 I, p. 516).

Prescription of sum needed for personal requirements

6. For the purpose of section 22(4) 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 18 shillings per week.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 4th September 1967.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations replace the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1965. 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 64s. to 72s. 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 22s. 6d., 27s. and 33s. 6d. to 25s., 30s. and 37s. 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 increased from 16s. to 18s.