STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1265

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1969

Made - - -	*5th September* 1969
Laid before Parliament	*12th September* 1969
Coming into Operation	*3rd November* 1969

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of his powers under 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 1969, and shall come into operation on 3rd November 1969.

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 1967(**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 80 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**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (**b**) 1889 c. 63. (**c**) S.I. 1967/1312 (1967 III, p. 3950).

(*a*) in respect of a child under 5 years of age, the sum of 28 shillings per week ;

(*b*) in respect of a child aged 5 years or over but less than 11 years, the sum of 33 shillings per week ;

(*c*) in respect of a child aged 11 years or over but less than 13 years, the sum of 41 shillings per week ;

(*d*) in respect of a child aged 13 years or over but less than 16 years, the sum of 44 shillings per week.

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 20 shillings per week.

R. H. S. Crossman,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

5th September 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations replace the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1967. 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 72s. to 80s. In the case of a person accompanied by a child, the weekly amounts payable in respect of the child are increased from 25s. and 30s. to 28s. and 33s. when the child is under 5 years and aged 5 years but less than 11 years respectively. Instead of the former amount of 37s. charged when the child is aged 11 years but less than 16 years, there are imposed charges of 41s. when the child is aged 11 years but less than 13 years and 44s. when the child is aged 13 years but less than 16 years. The weekly sum for "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 18s. to 20s.