STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 242 (S. 14)

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	*9th February*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	*16th February*, 1961
Coming into Operation	*3rd April*, 1961

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 22 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1961, and shall come into operation on the third day of April 1961.

(2) The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955 and 1958(b) (which prescribed minimum charges for accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act and the sum to be assumed as needed by a resident in such accommodation for his personal requirements) are hereby revoked.

(3) Section 38 of the Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply in relation to the said regulations of 1955 and 1958 as if this regulation were an Act of Parliament and as if the said regulations of 1955 and 1958 were Acts of Parliament repealed by an Act of Parliament.

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

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

3. For the purposes of subsection (3) of section 22 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.

4. 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 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;

(*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.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.
(b) S.I. 1955/154, 1958/65, 604 (1955 I, p. 1242; 1958 I, pp. 1528, 1529).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

5. 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.

Dated this ninth day of February, 1961.

John S. Maclay,

One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations replace the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955 and 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.