STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1443 (S. 114)

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1969

Made - - -	*3rd October* 1969
Laid before Parliament	*16th October* 1969
Coming into Operation	*3rd November* 1969

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. These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1969 and shall come into operation on 3rd November 1969.

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

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1967(c) (which prescribed minimum charges for accommodation provided under Part III of the Act and the sum to be assumed as needed by a resident in such accommodation for his personal requirements) are hereby revoked.

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

(a) 1948 c. 29. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1967/1390 (1967 III, p. 4064).

6. For the purposes of section 22(4) of the Act a local authority shall assume that a person to whom section 22(3) of the Act applies will need for his personal requirements the sum of 20 shillings per week.

William Ross,

One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

3rd October 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations replace the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) 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 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 18s. to 20s.