STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1558 (S.129)

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1984

Made - - -	*27th September* 1984
Laid before Parliament	*15th October* 1984
Coming into Operation	*26th November* 1984

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 22(3) and (4) as read with section 26(1), (3) and (4) of the National Assistance Act 1948(**a**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1984, and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the National Assistance Act 1948;
"the Act of 1968" means the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968(**b**);
"Personal Injuries Scheme", "Service Pensions Instrument" and "1914–18 War Injuries Scheme" have the same meanings as in the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations 1979(**c**);

a reference to a section of the Act is a reference to the section as applied by section 87(3) of the Act of 1968 for the purposes of accomodation provided under the Act of 1968.

Revocation

2. The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1983(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Minimum charges

3.—(1) The liability of a person under section 22(3) of the Act (rate of liability to pay for accommodation provided under Part III of the Act) to pay for accommodation provided for him in premises managed by a local authority, or by an organisation with which arrangements have been made under section 26(1) of the Act, shall in no case be reduced below the sum of £28.65 per week.

(**a**) 1948 c. 29, as applied by section 87(3) and (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49).
(**b**) 1968 c. 49.
(**c**) S.I. 1979/597; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1980/1927.
(**d**) S.I. 1983/1465.

(2) Where accommodation is provided for a child accompanied by a person over the age of 16, the liability of that person under section 22(3) and (7) of the Act to pay for the accommodation of that child shall in no case be reduced below whichever of the following sums is appropriate, that is to say—

(*a*) in respect of a child under the age of 11, the sum of £9.60 per week;

(*b*) in respect of a child aged 11 years or over but under the age of 16, the sum of £14.35 per week.

Sum needed for personal requirements

4. The sum which a local authority shall under section 22(4) of the Act assume that a person needs for his personal requirements shall be £7.15 per week except that where that person is someone to whom there is payable attendance allowance under the provisions of section 35 of the Social Security Act 1975(**a**) or constant attendance allowance under any Personal Injuries Scheme, Service Pensions Instrument or any 1914–18 War Injuries Scheme, the said sum of £7.15 shall in respect of each week there is payable attendance allowance or constant attendance allowance be increased by the amount of such allowance.

George Younger,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

New St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
27th September 1984.

(**a**) 1975 c. 14; in section 35, subsections (2)(*b*), (3) and (4)(*a*) were amended, and sections (2A) and (5A) inserted, by the Social Security Act 1979 (c. 18), section 2; subsection (4A) was inserted by the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), Schedule 1, paragraph 8; and subsection (6)(*a*) was amended by the National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49), Schedule 15, paragraph 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations replace the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1983.

They increase from £27.25 to £28.65 the minimum weekly amount which a person is required to pay for accommodation provided for him under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (which by virtue of section 87(3) of that Act is to be regarded for purposes of charges as accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948). They also increase the minimum weekly amount payable for that accommodation in respect of a child accompanying such a person, from £9.15 to £9.60 where the child is under the age of 11, and from £13.70 to £14.35 where he is between the ages of 11 and 16.

The regulations also increase from £6.80 to £7.15 the weekly sum which, in assessing a person's liability to pay for such accommodation, a local authority is, in the absence of special circumstances, to assume will be needed for personal requirements.

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