EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations increase (*a*) the minimum charges to be paid by persons in accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948, (including children who are admitted with adults to such accommodation) and (*b*) the sum to be assumed as needed for the personal requirements of such persons. The changes have been made in view of the new standard rate of retirement pension and (in respect of children) of the amounts now prescribed in the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1954, (S.I. 1954/1704). The Regulations have effect from the same date as the new retirement pension rates.

The old and new weekly amounts are as follows:—

Minimum charges for accommodation	*Old*	*New*
(*a*) Adults	26s.	32s. 6d.
(*b*) Children (according to age)	11s.;	12s.;
	13s. 6d.;	14s. 6d.;
	16s.	17s.
Personal allowance (" *pocket-money* ") ...	6s. 6d.	7s. 6d.

1955 No. 1905

The National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1955

Laid before Parliament in draft
Made - - - - 16*th December*, 1955
Coming into Operation 23*rd January*, 1956

Whereas a draft of the following regulations was laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(**a**), and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of that Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations in the terms of the said draft regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1955, shall be read as one with the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations, 1948(**b**), as amended(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations "), and shall come into operation on the 23rd January, 1956.

(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (**b**) S.I. 1948/1334 (Rev. XV, p. 251 : 1948 I, p. 2023).
(**c**) S.I. 1950/718, 1951/1305, 1952/873, 1954/1704 (1950 I, p. 1279 ; 1951 I, p. 1376 ; 1952 II, p. 2036 ; 1954 I, p. 1244).

Amendment of scales for the computation of requirements other than rent

2.—(1) Paragraph 2 of Part I of the Schedule to the principal regulations (which paragraph provides the ordinary scale for computing the requirements other than rent of applicants for assistance) shall have effect as if for the sums specified in the said paragraph there were substituted the sums following:—

	s.	d.
(*a*) For a husband and wife	67	0
(*b*) For a person who is living alone, or is a householder and, as such, is directly responsible for rent and household necessaries	40	0
(*c*) For any other person, being—		
(i) aged 21 years or over	36	0
(ii) aged 18 years or over but less than 21 years ...	29	0
(iii) aged 16 years or over but less than 18 years ...	23	6
(iv) aged 11 years or over but less than 16 years ...	18	0
(v) aged 5 years or over but less than 11 years ...	15	6
(vi) aged under 5 years	13	0

(2) Paragraph 3 of Part I of the said Schedule (which paragraph provides a special scale for computing the requirements other than rent of blind and certain tuberculous persons who are applicants for assistance) shall have effect as if for the sums specified in the said paragraph there were substituted the sums following:—

	s.	d.
(*a*) For a husband and wife—		
(i) of whom one is such a person	87	0
(ii) of whom both are such persons	101	0
(*b*) For any other such person, being—		
(i) aged 21 years or over	60	0
(ii) aged 18 years or over but less than 21 years ...	46	0
(iii) aged 16 years or over but less than 18 years ...	37	6

Dated this 16th day of December, 1955.

Osbert Peake,
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

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

These Regulations provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed for requirements, other than rent, for the purpose of determining the need of applicants for assistance under the National Assistance Act, 1948.