# 1953 No. 1413

# The National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument, 1953

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| *Made* - - - - | 23*rd September*, 1953 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | 23*rd September*, 1953 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 1*st October*, 1953 |

Whereas the National Assistance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 19 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, made on the 16th day of September, 1953, the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations, 1953;

And Whereas by virtue of section 63 of the Act no regulations made by the said Board shall take effect unless confirmed by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said section 63 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby confirm the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations, 1953, contained in the Schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument, 1953, and shall come into force on the 1st October, 1953.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1953.

*Osbert Peake,*
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

## SCHEDULE

### The National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations, 1953

The National Assistance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 19 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 1st October, 1953.

(2) In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the National Assistance Act, 1948;

"centre" means a centre administered by the Board at which persons in need of re-establishment attend or are maintained for the purposes of section 16 of the Act;

"officer" means an officer of the Board;

"assisted person" means a person at a centre for the purposes of occupation, training or instruction, whether in consequence of a decision of the Board under section 10 of the Act or otherwise;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.

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

*Orders of officers to be obeyed*

2. Every assisted person shall obey all reasonable orders and directions given by an officer for the purpose of—

(*a*) the well-ordering of the centre;
(*b*) the maintenance of his person and of the centre premises in a state of decency and cleanliness; and
(*c*) fitting him by occupation, training or instruction for entry into or return to regular employment;

and every assisted person shall in addition assist in the running of the centre by doing such work within his physical capacity as an officer may require.

*Medical examination*

3. Every assisted person shall, if so required by an officer, submit himself for examination by a registered medical practitioner specified by that officer.

*Behaviour in centres*

4. Every assisted person shall act in an orderly and decent manner and, in particular, shall not—

(*a*) insult or revile an officer; or
(*b*) use obscene or profane language, or act or write indecently or obscenely; or
(*c*) assault, or threaten by word or deed to assault, an officer or assisted person; or
(*d*) wilfully destroy or otherwise damage his clothing or wilfully destroy, damage or deface the structure, equipment or decorations of the centre.

*Intoxicating liquor*

5.—(1) No assisted person shall introduce any intoxicating liquor into the centre.

(2) An officer may take from any assisted person any such liquor, and may retain it while that person is in the centre.

*Penalties for breach of regulations*

6. Any assisted person who contravenes or fails to comply with the requirements of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Given under the official seal of the National Assistance Board this 16th day of September, 1953.

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*George Buchanan,*
Chairman of the National Assistance Board.

*H. Fieldhouse,*
Secretary of the National Assistance Board.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Confirmation Instrument, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Instrument confirms regulations made by the National Assistance Board relating to the management of, and preservation of order in, re-establishment centres provided by the Board under section 16 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. The regulations lay down rules of behaviour to be observed by persons attending or being maintained at re-establishment centres. Breaches of the regulations attract the statutory penalty.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.