EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for the exercise by officers of the Secretary of State, authorised for the purpose, of powers of entry into and inspection of premises in which accommodation is provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948, and powers of inspecting arrangements made by or on behalf of local authorities for the welfare of blind, deaf, dumb, crippled and other handicapped persons, or made by voluntary organisations for providing old people with recreation or meals.

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## 8. RECEPTION CENTRES

# The National Assistance (Reception Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument, 1948

## 1948 No. 1481

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| *Made* - - - - | *30th June*, 1948 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *1st July*, 1948 |
| *Coming into Operation* | *5th July*, 1948 |

M.N.I. 143.

Whereas the Assistance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 19 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, made on the 30th day of June, 1948, the National Assistance (Reception Centres) Regulations, 1948; 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.

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 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 (Reception Centres) Regulations, 1948, contained in the Schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the National Assistance (Reception Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 5th July, 1948.

Dated this 30th day of June, 1948.

*James Griffiths,*
Minister of National Insurance.

## SCHEDULE

### THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (RECEPTION CENTRES) REGULATIONS, 1948

The 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 (Reception Centres) Regulations, 1948, and shall come into operation on the 5th July, 1948.

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

11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.

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

"centre" means a reception centre provided and maintained by, or on behalf of, the Board under section 17 of the Act;

"local authority" means the council of a county or of a county borough in England or Wales, and the council of a county or of a large burgh in Scotland;

"officer" means an officer of a centre, whether a servant of the Board or a servant of the local authority;

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

52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

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

Admission.

2. Centres shall be open for the admission of persons seeking lodging therein during the hours between 6 o'clock in the evening and 8 o'clock in the morning, or between such other hours as the Board may, in the case of any particular centre, direct:

Provided that an officer may, if he thinks fit, having regard to the circumstances of any particular case, admit such a person at any time.

Bathing and disinfection of clothing.

3.—(1) Unless an officer otherwise directs, every person admitted to the centre shall, as soon as practicable after admission, be bathed in clear warm water.

(2) A person admitted to a centre shall, if an officer so directs, surrender his clothing to be dried and disinfected.

Medical examination.

4. Every person admitted to a centre shall, if so required by an officer, submit himself for examination by a registered medical practitioner specified by that officer.

Assistance in running of centres.

5. Unless an officer otherwise directs, every person admitted to a centre shall assist in the running of the centre by doing such work within his physical capacity as an officer may require, and no such person shall leave the centre until he has completed such work to the satisfaction of the officer:

Provided that no person, other than a person in relation to whom a direction under section 18 of the Act is in force, shall, unless he voluntarily remains in the centre after the hour of noon on any day, be required to do work which he could not reasonably be expected to complete before that hour.

Behaviour in centres.

6. Every person admitted to a centre 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 any person admitted to the centre; or

(*d*) wilfully destroy or otherwise damage his clothing or wilfully destroy, damage or deface the structure, equipment or decorations of the centre.

7. Every person admitted to a centre shall obey all reasonable orders and directions given by an officer for the purpose of the management of, and preservation of order in, the centre. Orders of officers to be obeyed.

8.—(1) No person admitted to a centre shall introduce any intoxicating liquor into the centre. Intoxicating liquor.

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

9. Any person admitted to a centre who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of regulations 3 to 8 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. Penalties for breach of regulations.

Given under the official seal of the Assistance Board this 30th day of June, 1948.

(L.S.)

*Jennie Adamson,*
Deputy Chairman of the Assistance Board.

*H. Fieldhouse,*
A person authorised to act as Secretary of the Assistance Board.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Instrument confirms regulations made by the Assistance Board relating to the management of, and preservation of order in, reception centres maintained by or on behalf of the Board under Part II of the National Assistance Act, 1948. The main provisions of the regulations are concerned with the admission of persons seeking lodging in reception centres, and the laying down of rules of behaviour to be observed by such persons. The provisions of the regulations, the breaches of which attract the statutory penalty, are specified.

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## 9. ISLES OF SCILLY

# The Isles of Scilly (National Assistance) Order, 1948

## 1948 No. 1589

*Made - - - -* *3rd July,* 1948

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The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section sixty-six of the National Assistance Act, 1948(a), hereby makes the following order:—

**1.** This order may be cited as the Isles of Scilly (National Assistance) Order, 1948.

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