EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations increase the weekly sums prescribed for the purpose of computing the requirements, other than rent, of applicants for assistance under the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, and also increase the weekly sum taken to be the requirements of an applicant for national assistance who is residing in accommodation provided under the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1949.

Residence Condition for Assistance Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957.

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND MAY, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance in exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Residence Condition for Assistance Grants) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957, and shall come into operation on the 1st June, 1957.

Modification of residence condition

2. A person shall not by reason of subsection (1) of section 9 of the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, be disqualified for the receipt of an assistance grant if he proves that during the five years immediately preceding the date on which his application for a grant is made he has when not resident in the United Kingdom been:—

(*a*) employed as a member of any of Her Majesty's forces; or

(*b*) employed on board any ship, vessel or aircraft in an employment which for the purposes of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(b), has been treated as an employed contributor's employment; or

(*c*) employed under a contract of service by an employer having a place of business in the United Kingdom and was resident in the United Kingdom immediately before becoming so employed; or

(*d*) resident in a country with which an Agreement or Convention has been made providing for reciprocity in the matter of assistance under the National Assistance Act

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(a) 1948, c. 13. (b) 1946, c. 23.

(Northern Ireland), 1948, and under the legislation of the other country applying to persons without sufficient resources and is a person to whom the Agreement or Convention applies; or

(*e*) not so resident for any cause which in the opinion of the National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland was in all the circumstances reasonable.

Revocation of existing regulations

3. The National Assistance (Residence Condition for Assistance Grants) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a), are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of May, 1957, in the presence of

(L.S.) *William Allen,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, which replace regulations made in 1948, provide that a person who has not been resident in the United Kingdom for the five years immediately preceding the date of his application may nevertheless receive national assistance if any absence from the United Kingdom during the material period was due to service in Her Majesty's forces or the Merchant Navy or on board aircraft, employment abroad for a United Kingdom employer, residence in a country with which there is a reciprocal agreement on assistance, or any other cause which in the opinion of the National Assistance Board was in all the circumstances reasonable.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 214.