## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948. The main changes are:—

(1) They provide a procedure for the removal of the name of an ophthalmic medical practitioner, ophthalmic optician or dispensing optician from the ophthalmic list of a Joint Ophthalmic Services Committee where such practitioner or optician has never provided supplementary ophthalmic services or has ceased to provide such services.

(2) They enable applicants to have lenses supplied under the service with suitable privately purchased frames if they so desire.

(3) They enable a Joint Ophthalmic Services Committee in hardship cases to determine that the whole or any part of the charges for repairs or for certain replacements of glasses caused by lack of care, shall be paid by the Executive Council, whether or not the glasses are of a special type.

(4) They prescribe a revised form to be used in connection with testing of sight and supply of glasses.

These regulations also make a minor consequential amendment of the National Health Service (General Dental and Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1951, relating to the acknowledgment by the person to be supplied with glasses of his obligation to pay the statutory charge.

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### 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 1956 No. 322 (S. 6)

# The National Health Service (Travelling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956

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| *Made* - - - - | *5th March,* 1956 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *12th March,* 1956 |
| *Coming into Operation* | *15th March,* 1956 |

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the following provisions of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947(a), as amended by Part II of the Schedule to the National Health Service (Amendment) Act, 1949(b), namely—

(*a*) section (2) of section 39,

(*b*) paragraph 2 of the First Schedule,

(*c*) paragraph 3 of the Second Schedule,

(*d*) paragraph 2 of Part IV of the Fourth Schedule,

(*e*) paragraph 4 of the Sixth Schedule,

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(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 27. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 93.

(*f*) paragraph 3 of the Seventh Schedule, and

(*g*) paragraph 6 of the Eighth Schedule,

and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Travelling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 15th day of March, 1956.

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

**2.** The Second Schedule to the National Health Service (Travelling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Regulations, 1952(**b**), as amended(**c**), shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Part I, for sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph 1 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*b*) on sleeping accommodation engaged by the member for an overnight journey, subject to reduction by one-half of any subsistence allowance payable to him for that night."

(2) In Part II—

(*a*) for paragraph 1 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"1.—(1) An allowance not exceeding 48s. 6d. shall be payable in respect of each night when a member is necessarily absent from his home or place of business, on the business of the body, and such allowance shall be reduced after the first seven nights at one place to 39s. 6d. a night for the next twenty-one nights at that place.

(2) Any case in which a member is likely to spend, or does spend, more than twenty-eight nights in one place shall be reported to the Secretary of State who shall fix a special rate in accordance with the circumstances."

(*b*) for paragraph 3 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"3. A day allowance in respect of duties not involving a night's absence shall be payable at the rate of 5s. 6d. when a member is necessarily absent from his home or place of business for more than five hours but not more than eight hours and at the rate of 12s. when his absence exceeds eight hours:

Provided that where the member orders and pays for lunch or dinner on a train or boat, the above rates shall be respectively increased to 7s. 6d. and 13s.; or where lunch and dinner are both so ordered and paid for during an absence exceeding eight hours, the rate of 12s. shall be increased to 15s."

Dated this fifth day of March, 1956.

*James Stuart,*
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**b**) S.I. 1952/1297 (1952 II, p. 2110).
(**c**) S.I. 1952/1907, 1954/806, 1447 (1952 II, p. 2116; 1954 I, pp. 1378, 1379).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations alter the existing regulations by increasing the allowances to be made to the members of certain bodies constituted under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, in respect of subsistence expenses but they remove the provision for the payment of higher allowances in respect of absences overnight in London.

# NATIONAL INSURANCE

## ADMINISTRATION

## 1956 No. 1072 (C. 7)

## The Family Allowances and National Insurance Act, 1956 (Commencement) Order, 1956

For the text of this Order, *see* p. 924 above.

## 1956 No. 2107 (C. 22)

## The Family Allowances and National Insurance Act, 1956 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order, 1956

*Made* - - - - 31*st December*, 1956
*Coming into Operation* 7*th January*, 1957

The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Treasury, in exercise of powers conferred by section 6 of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act, 1956(a), and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order :—

**1.** The appointed day for the purposes of subsection (5) of section 2 of the said Act (which relates to the entitlement to a widow's pension of a widow who ceases to be entitled to a widowed mother's allowance) shall be the fourth day of February, 1957.

**2.** This order may be cited as the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act, 1956 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 7th January, 1957.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1956.

*John Boyd-Carpenter,*
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1956.

*Martin Redmayne,*
*Edward Wakefield,*
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 50.