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RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

Resettlement Grants

ORDER*, DATED 16TH JUNE 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE RESETTLEMENT SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Development (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 2 of the Resettlement Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Resettlement Grants Order (Northern Ireland) 1971.

Definitions

2. In this Order:—

"house" includes a flat or maisonette;

"the Belfast Urban Area" means the area shown surrounded by a thick black line on the map sealed by the Ministry and marked "Resettlement Services Act (N.I.) 1971—Belfast Urban Area";

"receiving area" means an area shown surrounded by a thick black line on the five maps sealed by the Ministry and marked "Resettlement Services Act (N.I.) 1971" and further marked respectively "Bangor Receiving Area", "Newtownards Receiving Area", "Craigavon Receiving Area", "Antrim Receiving Area" and "Carrickfergus Receiving Area".

Grants and conditions of payment

3. Subject to the provisions of this Order the Ministry may pay a grant to a person who has transferred his household from the Belfast Urban Area and resettled in a receiving area.

4. A person shall not be eligible to apply for payment of a grant unless he has—

(*a*) registered with the Development Advice Centre of the Ministry; and

(*b*) satisfied the Ministry

(i) that he has, immediately prior to resettlement in the receiving area, been the head of a household occupying a house in the Belfast Urban Area for not less than the six months last past; and

(ii) that he is not eligible for assistance under Section 5 of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(b).

(a) 1971. c. 10 (N.I.). (b) 1950. c. 29.

*This Order was confirmed by Resolutions of the House of Commons on the 6th day of July 1971 and of the Senate on the 7th day of July 1971.

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the grant shall be payable in respect of an applicant who has resettled in a receiving area as the occupier of a house having a net annual value not exceeding £40.

(2) Where the applicant has resettled in either the Antrim, Bangor, Carrickfergus or Newtownards receiving areas other than as the first owner-occupier of a new house, the grant shall be payable only where either or both of the following conditions apply—

(*a*) immediately prior to such resettlement the applicant must have been

(i) the occupier of a house in the Belfast Urban Area who has vacated that house at the request of or on being required to do so by a Government Department, local authority or other statutory authority in the exercise of functions which involve the acquisition, demolition or removal of that house or a prohibition on its use for human habitation; or

(ii) the tenant of a house in the Belfast Urban Area owned by a local authority or the Northern Ireland Housing Trust;

(*b*) after registration the applicant satisfies the Ministry that he has become gainfully occupied in his main occupation in a receiving area.

6. The amount of grant payable to an applicant shall be £120, but where an applicant resettles as the first owner-occupier of a house on which subsidy under the Housing Acts (Northern Ireland) 1890 to 1971 has been paid, the grant shall be increased by £50 where that house is situated in

(*a*) the Antrim or Craigavon receiving area; or

(*b*) the Bangor, Carrickfergus or Newtownards receiving areas and where the conditions set out in Article 5(2) apply to the applicant.

7. Where any sum is payable to or on behalf of an applicant who has vacated his house in the Belfast Urban Area, whether as compensation for the acquisition thereof or as a grant or allowance under any statutory provision in respect of such vacation, such sum shall be deducted from any grant payable under this Order.

Recovery of grant by Ministry

8.—(1) If the applicant does not reside in the receiving area in respect of which grant has been paid for a continuous period of eighteen months from the receipt of payment he shall repay the grant to the Ministry less one-eighteenth part thereof for each month he has so resided, which amount may be recovered summarily by the Ministry as a civil debt due to it.

(2) The applicant shall be deemed to reside in a receiving area if a member of his household who transferred to the house in the receiving area for which grant was paid at the same time as the applicant continues to reside in the receiving area.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 16th day of June 1971.

(L.S.) *D. J. Perham,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 17th day of June 1971.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

This Order sets out the qualifications required, conditions for and the amounts of grants payable for the resettlement of persons from the Belfast Urban Area in the Bangor, Newtownards, Craigavon, Antrim and Carrickfergus receiving areas.