EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke and replace the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1949, as amended. Amendments have been made in consequence of the passing of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, the Ireland Act, 1949, and the Electoral Registers Act, 1949. Regulations 9 to 12 alter the procedure for dealing with claims and objections. The last day for applications to vote by post as an absent voter or postal proxy or for the issue of a proxy paper has been altered (Regulations 25 (2), 30 (3) and 32 (2)).

Regulation 62 (1) extends from five to fourteen days the time within which a person may appeal from the decision of the revising officer.

RETURNING OFFICERS' EXPENSES

The Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1950

1950 No. 769

Made - - - - 5*th May*, 1950
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The Treasury, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section twenty of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. A returning officer at a parliamentary election in England or Wales shall be entitled to his reasonable charges, not exceeding the sums specified in the subjoined Scale, in respect of services and expenses of the several kinds mentioned in the said Scale which have been properly rendered or incurred by him for the purposes of or in connection with that parliamentary election:

Provided that no charge for a disbursement shall exceed the sum actually and necessarily paid or payable by the returning officer.

Scale of maximum charges in respect of services rendered and expenses incurred by a Returning Officer at a Parliamentary election

A.—For Services of Returning Officers

	£ s. d.
I.—In a Contested Election.	
(i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a returning officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to Parliamentary elections (other than any duties in connection with voting by persons entitled to vote by post and the preparation and issue of the official poll cards, for which separate fees are prescribed by this scale):—	
(*a*) For each County constituency:—	
If the number of registered Parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	90 0 0

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68.

	£	s.	d.
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 50,000 up to 60,000		12	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 60,000		10	0
(*b*) For each Borough constituency:—			
If the number of registered Parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	80	0	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 50,000 up to 60,000		12	0
For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 60,000		10	0
Provided that the fee payable under (*b*) to a Returning Officer responsible for more than three Borough constituencies shall be reduced as follows:—			
For each constituency exceeding three but not exceeding six, a reduction of	20	0	0
For each constituency exceeding six, a reduction of	30	0	0
(ii) Fee for services in connection with the dispatch and receipt of the ballot papers of persons entitled to vote by post:—			
For each County or Borough constituency:—			
If the number of persons entitled to vote by post in the constituency does not exceed 500 ...	5	0	0
For each additional 50 or fraction thereof beyond 500 up to 2,000		3	4
For each additional 50 or fraction thereof beyond 2,000		1	0

II.—In an Uncontested Election.

One-third of the sum prescribed under Part I (i) for a contested election.

III.—Fee for services in connection with the preparation, maintenance and issue of official poll cards:—

(i) For each County constituency:—			
(*a*) For the preparation, the first annual revision and the issue of the cards on the occasion of an election	30	0	0
(*b*) For each annual revision after the first prior to the issue of the cards	10	0	0
(ii) For each Borough constituency for which the same Returning Officer is responsible:—			
(*a*) For the preparation, the first annual revision and the issue of the cards on the occasion of an election:			
For each constituency not exceeding three ...	30	0	0
For each constituency exceeding three but not exceeding six	20	0	0
For each constituency exceeding six	15	0	0
(*b*) For each annual revision after the first prior to the issue of the cards	10	0	0

N.B.—Where the general duties of a returning officer are performed by an acting returning officer the above fees shall be paid to such acting returning officer and shall include any payments made to a deputy acting returning officer for the discharge of any duties of an acting returning officer which may be assigned to him.

B.—Disbursements

I.—In a Contested Election

	In a County Constituency	In a Borough Constituency
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. For the Presiding Officer employed at a polling station, to include all expenses other than any travelling expenses authorised by this scale:—		
Fee at a General Election	5 5 0	5 5 0
Fee at a Bye-Election	4 10 0	4 10 0
In addition to either of the above fees a further sum, not exceeding 10s. 6d., may be paid to not more than one Presiding Officer employed at any one polling place provided that the total number of voters assigned to such polling place is not less than 3,000 (see note * below).		
2. For one Clerk at each polling station where not more than 600 voters are assigned to such station:—		
Fee at a General Election	2 10 0	2 10 0
Fee at a Bye-Election	2 5 0	2 5 0
For an additional Clerk at a polling station, for every number of 600 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 600 assigned to such polling station (see note * below):—		
Fee at a General Election	2 10 0	2 10 0
Fee at a Bye-Election	2 5 0	2 5 0
3. For the remuneration of persons engaged in counting the votes:—		
If the number of registered Parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	60 0 0	60 0 0
If the number exceeds 50,000, for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof	1 0 0	1 0 0
Provided that in the event of a recount being ordered a further sum not exceeding one quarter of the above allowance may be allowed in respect of each recount.		
4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of dispatching and receiving the ballot papers of persons entitled to vote by post:—		
For each 100 persons (or fraction thereof) entitled to vote by post	2 5 0	2 5 0

* In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling place or polling station, absent voters, other than those for whom proxies have been appointed, must be excluded.

	In a County Constituency	In a Borough Constituency
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
5. For the remuneration of persons engaged in the preparation and issue of the official poll cards:—		
(*a*) For an election held on the 1950 Register:— For each 100 registered Parliamentary electors in the constituency	12 0	8 6
(*b*) For an election held on the 1951 Register:— For each 100 registered Parliamentary electors in the constituency	14 0	10 0
6. For all clerical and other assistance employed by the acting Returning Officer or deputy acting Returning Officer for the purposes of the election, including any services for which payment is not otherwise authorised by this scale:—		
If the number of registered Parliamentary electors does not exceed 50,000	100 0 0	85 0 0
If the number exceeds 50,000, for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof	1 10 0	1 10 0
7. Returning or acting Returning Officer's or deputy acting Returning Officer's travelling expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise, in connection with the conduct of the election.	First-class railway expenses or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance not exceeding £1 10s. for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	
8. Travelling expenses of Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks (including any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes in those cases in which Presiding Officers or Poll Clerks are responsible for the transport of the boxes to or from the Polling Stations).	Third-class railway expenses or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance to Presiding Officers not exceeding £1 4s. and to Poll Clerks not exceeding £1 1s. for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	If a Presiding Officer or Poll Clerk is responsible for the conveyance of the ballot box (but not otherwise) actual and necessary cost.

	In a County or Borough Constituency
9. Travelling expenses of clerical or other assistants employed by the acting Returning Officer or deputy acting Returning Officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	Third-class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance not exceeding £1 1s. for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.
10. For printing and providing ballot papers ...	Actual and necessary cost.
11. For printing and providing official poll cards	Actual and necessary cost.
12. For printing and providing notices and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same ...	Actual and necessary cost.
13. For the renting of any building or room for the purpose of the election and for expenses of heating, lighting and cleaning any building or room	Actual and necessary cost.
14. For adapting any building or room for the purpose of the election and restoring it to fit condition for its normal use including the fitting up of voting compartments and the hire of necessary furniture where this is not otherwise obtainable	Actual and necessary cost.
15. For every ballot box required to be hired or repaired	Actual and necessary cost.
16. For the conveyance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, etc., in those cases where the cost of transport is not included in the travelling expenses of Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks under Head B (I) 8	Actual and necessary cost.
17. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered or repaired ...	Actual and necessary cost.
18. For copies of the register	Actual and necessary cost.
19. For general stationery, postage, telegrams, telephone calls, bank charges and miscellaneous expenses	Actual and necessary cost.
II. In an Uncontested Election:— For all necessary preliminary work ...	Actual and necessary cost within the above scale, not exceeding under Head B (I) 6 for clerical and other assistance one-third of the allowance for a contested election.

2. These Regulations shall have effect in relation to all parliamentary elections begun after the fifth day of May, 1950.

3. The Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1949(**a**) are hereby revoked:

Provided that nothing in this revocation shall affect any parliamentary election begun before the sixth day of May, 1950, and the said Regulations shall be deemed to continue in force for the purposes of any parliamentary election so begun.

4.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Returning Officers' Expenses (England and Wales) Regulations, 1950.

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

5. These Regulations shall come into force on the sixth day of May, 1950.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1950.

H. W. Bowden,
Charles Royle,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
His Majesty's Treasury.

The Returning Officers' Expenses (Scotland) Regulations, 1950

1950 No. 895

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The Treasury, in pursuance of subsection (2) of section twenty of the Representation of the People Act, 1949(**c**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. A returning officer at a parliamentary election in Scotland shall be entitled to his reasonable charges, not exceeding the sums specified in the subjoined Scale, in respect of services and expenses of the several kinds mentioned in the said Scale which have been properly rendered or incurred by him for the purposes of or in connection with that parliamentary election:

Provided that no charge for a disbursement shall exceed the sum actually and necessarily paid or payable by the returning officer.

(a) S.I. 1949 (No. 1965) I, p. 2918. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 68.