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# ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

## Separation and Subsistence Allowances

ORDER, DATED 30TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT 1919 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922.

I, the Right Honourable William Craig, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(**a**) and section 2 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(**b**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and after considering representations made by the Representative Bodies constituted by the said Act of 1919, as required by section 4 of that Act, do hereby order as follows:—

*Citation and Commencement*

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Separation and Subsistence) Allowances Order 1968 and shall have effect from 1st April 1968.

*Revocation*

**2.**—(1) Articles 5 to 11, 13(1) and (2), 14 and 15 of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Allowances (Separation and Subsistence) Order 1963(**c**) are hereby revoked.

(2) The whole of the said Order of 1963 so far as amended shall be revoked on 30th April 1968.

*Definitions*

**3.** In this Order the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"member" means a member, including a woman member, of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

"family" means the member's wife and/or any child of his under the age of sixteen years;

"the Depot" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary Depot, Enniskillen;

"Officer" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary of a rank not below that of District Inspector;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs;

"Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

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(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.
(b) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 8 (N.I.).
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 181.

*Separation Allowance*

**4.**—(1) For the purposes of this Article an unmarried member residing with a dependent relative and in receipt of rent allowance shall be treated as a married member and his dependent relative as his family.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Article, a married member who is prevented from living with his family as the result of transfer or other action of his authorities, not being a recruit undergoing training at the Depot, shall be entitled to separation allowance at the appropriate rate shown in the following table:—

| *Rank* | *Where accommodation is provided at Government expense* | *Where accommodation is not provided at Government expense* |
|---|---|---|
| | *For each complete period of 24 hours* | *For each complete period of 24 hours* |
| | s. d. | s. d. |
| Officer . . . | 6 3 | 12 6 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . | 6 0 | 12 0 |

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Article, where a married member to whom paragraph (2) does not apply is unable to live with his family and—

(*a*) the Inspector General is satisfied that the only reason why he is unable to do so is that he cannot find suitable accommodation for his family at reasonable cost within a reasonable distance of his station, or

(*b*) he is undergoing training as a recruit at the Depot,

he shall be entitled to separation allowance at the rate of 5/- for each complete period of 24 hours.

(4) Separation allowance shall not be payable to a member in respect of any period during which he is in hospital or is provided with food and lodgings at Government expense.

(5) Separation allowance shall not be payable to any member for a continuous period of more than 3 months, temporary breaks being ignored, without the prior approval of the Ministry.

(6) Where a transferred member entitled to separation allowance at the higher rate specified for his rank in paragraph (2) is unable to find suitable accommodation for himself within reasonable distance of his station otherwise than in a hotel he may, in lieu of separation allowance, be paid Class 1 subsistence allowance for a period not exceeding 28 days.

*Day Subsistence Allowances in Northern Ireland*

**5.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) and of Article 7(3) a member who is absent from his station for a continuous period of duty of not less than five hours which does not qualify him for overnight subsistence allowance under the provisions of Article 7 shall be entitled to day subsistence allowance in accordance with the following scale:—

| *Rank* | *Continuous period of duty* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *5 hours but under 8 hours (Rate 1)* | *8 hours but under 12 hours (Rate 2)* | *12 hours but under 17 hours (Rate 3)* | *17 hours and over (Rate 4)* |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Officer . . . . . | 5 6 | 10 0 | 13 0 | 15 6 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . . . | 4 6 | 9 0 | 12 0 | 14 6 |

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) day subsistence allowance shall not be payable to—

(*a*) a member stationed in a county borough in respect of absence within that county borough; or

(*b*) a member stationed in a sub-district outside a county borough in respect of absence within that sub-district; or

(*c*) an officer in respect of absence within the area to which he is assigned for duty; or

(*d*) a member serving in a specialist branch in respect of absence within the area in which he is assigned for duty; or

(*e*) a member in respect of absence which does not prevent him from having his meal in accordance with his usual practice.

For the purposes of this paragraph a county borough or a sub-district shall respectively be deemed to include any area or place which for the purposes of police administration is attached to any area within that county borough or sub-district or for the protection of which members stationed in that county borough or sub-district are responsible.

(3) A member who does not qualify for day subsistence allowance under the provisions of paragraph (1) may nevertheless be granted an allowance at the following rates as set out in the said paragraph (1):—

Rate 1 for one meal
Rate 2 for two meals
Rate 3 for three meals
Rate 4 for four meals

provided that the County Inspector is satisfied that the member was unable through the exigencies of duty to obtain a meal or the appropriate number of meals in accordance with his usual practice and that it was necessary for him to incur additional expense thereby.

*Day Subsistence Allowance in Great Britain*

6. A member who is absent from his station for a continuous period of duty of not less than five hours, in the course of which he is in Great Britain, and does not qualify for overnight subsistence allowance shall be entitled to a subsistence allowance in accordance with the following scale:—

| *Rank* | *Period of absence from station* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *5 hours and over but under 8 hours* | *8 hours and over but under 12 hours* | *12 hours and over* |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Officer . . . | 9 6 | 14 0 | 24 0 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . | 8 6 | 12 6 | 20 6 |

*Overnight Subsistence Allowance*

**7.**—(1) A member who is necessarily absent from his station on duty overnight, that is to say, for a period of twelve hours or longer, covering the period between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m., shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, be entitled to overnight subsistence allowance at the appropriate rate and in accordance with the conditions of this Article and of Articles 8 and 9:

Provided that where a member receives separation allowance in respect of any period of 24 hours any overnight subsistence allowance to which he is entitled in respect of that period shall be reduced by the amount of the separation allowance.

(2) An overnight subsistence allowance shall be regarded as covering a period of absence from station of 24 hours and in the case of continuous absence of more than 24 hours shall be payable for each complete period of 24 hours and also for any additional absence, immediately following a period of 24 hours or a multiple thereof, of 12 hours or longer which covers the period between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

(3) Where a member has been absent on duty for a continuous period exceeding 24 hours or a multiple thereof, a day subsistence allowance shall be payable in accordance with the scale set out in Article 5(1) or the scale set out in Article 6 as appropriate for that period which is not covered by overnight subsistence allowance, provided that the excess period in which the day subsistence allowance is related is not less than five hours or if the absence is in Northern Ireland that Article 5(3) applies.

(4) Subsistence allowance shall not be paid to any member for a continuous period of more than three months, temporary breaks being ignored, without the prior approval of the Ministry.

*Overnight Subsistence Allowance in Northern Ireland*

**8.**—(1) Class 1 Subsistence Allowance: These rates are applicable in those cases where sleeping accommodation is necessary but is not provided for the member at Government expense.

| *Rank* | *First seven nights in one place: per night* | *Remainder of first twenty-eight nights in that place: per night* | *After twenty-eight nights in that place: per night* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | s. d. |
| Officer . . . | 2 7 0 | 2 0 0 | 12 6 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . | 2 3 0 | 1 16 9 | 12 0 |

(2) Class 2 Subsistence Allowance: These rates are applicable in those cases where sleeping accommodation is not necessary or is provided at Government expense.

| *Rank* | *First seven nights in one place: per night* | *Remainder of first twenty-eight nights in that place: per night* | *After twenty-eight nights in that place: per night* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Officer . . . | 13 0 | 10 0 | 6 6 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . | 12 0 | 9 0 | 5 6 |

*Overnight Subsistence Allowance in Great Britain*

**9.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3), a member absent from his station on duty in Great Britain for a period (including the period of travelling to and from Great Britain) involving one or more nights shall be entitled to subsistence allowance in accordance with the following scales:—

For nights necessarily spent at places in Great Britain other than London or in travelling between Northern Ireland and Great Britain

| *Rank* | *First 7 nights in one place: per night* | *After 7 nights in that place: per night* |
|---|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Inspector General . . . | 4 4 0 | 4 4 0 |
| Deputy Inspector General or Commissioner, Belfast . . | 3 3 0 | 2 13 0 |
| Other Officer . . . . | 2 14 0 | 2 6 6 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . . . | 2 7 0 | 2 1 0 |

For nights necessarily spent in London, i.e., within four miles of Charing Cross

| *Rank* | *First 7 nights: per night* | *After 7 nights in that place: per night* |
|---|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Inspector General . . . | 4 4 0 | 4 4 0 |
| Deputy Inspector General or Commissioner, Belfast . . | 3 10 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Other Officer . . . . | 3 0 0 | 2 12 6 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . . . | 2 11 0 | 2 5 0 |

(2) A member below the rank of District Inspector who is attending a Course of Instruction in Great Britain for a period exceeding seven days in any one place and is required to make his own arrangements for food and lodgings shall be entitled to a consolidated overnight subsistence allowance of £7 10s. 0d. a week in respect of the actual period of attendance at the training centre and of the period of any duly authorised break in the Course during which the member, with the consent of the Inspector General, remains in Great Britain. Payment for portion of a week shall be at the rate of one-seventh of the weekly rate for each night involved.

(3) A member attending a Course of Instruction in Great Britain for whom arrangements for food and lodgings are made by the training centre or the police authority concerned shall, for the period of actual attendance at the training centre be entitled to a consolidated overnight subsistence allowance amounting to reimbursement of the amount which he necessarily pays to the training centre or police authority in respect of such food and lodgings, and subsistence allowance under the foregoing provision of this Order

shall not be payable to the member in respect of such period of attendance. Where during any authorised break in the Course of Instruction the aforesaid arrangements for food and lodgings are not available to the member and, with the consent of the Inspector General, he remains in Great Britain during the break he shall for the period of the break be paid subsistence allowance at the appropriate rate set out in paragraph (1).

(4) A member attending a Course of Instruction in Great Britain who, with the consent of the Inspector General, returns to Northern Ireland during a duly authorised break in the Course shall be entitled to subsistence allowance at such of the rates set out in Articles 5 to 9 as may be appropriate from the time he leaves the training centre until he arrives at his station in Northern Ireland and from the time he leaves his station in Northern Ireland on his return journey until he arrives at the training centre in Great Britain.

*General*

**10.**—(1) Where a member, temporarily attached to a station other than his own station and not thereby entitled to Class 1 or Class 2 overnight subsistence allowance, is necessarily absent on duty from his temporary station he shall be entitled to subsistence allowance in respect of that absence under the provisions of this Order as if references in this Order to his station were references to his temporary station.

(2) When a member who is in receipt of an overnight subsistence allowance is required by duty to absent himself from a place of temporary duty for a period involving four or more nights, he shall, on his return to the same place of temporary duty, be allowed to accrue subsistence as if he were commencing his duty there. A period of absence from a place of temporary duty involving less than four nights will be ignored in assessing the first seven nights or first twenty-eight nights for the purposes of Articles 8 and 9.

(3) When a member entitled to subsistence allowance under the foregoing provisions of this Order is provided, during the relevant period of absence from his station, with a meal or meals the cost of which is borne on public funds a deduction shall be made from such subsistence allowance in accordance with the following scale:—

| *Rank* | *Deductions for meals provided in any continuous period of twenty-four hours* | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *One meal* | *Two meals* | *Three or more meals* |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Officer . . . . | 5 6 | 10 0 | 13 0 |
| Head Constable, Sergeant or Constable . . | 4 6 | 9 0 | 12 0 |

**11.** A member claiming any allowance under this Order shall comply with such directions as may be given by the Ministry from time to time as to the time and manner of claiming and certification.

Dated this 30th day of April 1968.

*Wm. Craig,*
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

The Ministry of Finance hereby concurs in the foregoing Order,

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 30th day of April 1968.

(L.S.)

*James V. Morrison,*
Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes a number of minor alterations to the previous Orders on Separation and Subsistence. Class 3 overnight subsistence allowance has been eliminated, and the special separation allowance has been increased from 2/6 to 5/-. Rates for Sergeants and Constables have been brought up to Head Constable level.