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WELFARE AUTHORITIES

Minimum Weekly Charges for Residential Accommodation

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

General

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH SEPTEMBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE WELFARE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949 AND UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS &C. ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by section 5 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**a**) and by paragraph 15 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations (other than regulation 5) may be cited as the Welfare Authorities (Charges for Residential Accommodation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969.

(2) Regulation 5 shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969.

(3) These regulations shall come into operation on 3rd November 1969.

Revocation of regulations

2. The Welfare Authorities (Charges for Residential Accommodation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Minimum charges for residential accommodation

3. The minimum charge which a person shall be liable to pay for accommodation provided by or on behalf of a Welfare Authority, for the purposes of section 5(3) of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1949, shall be £4 per week.

4. Where accommodation is provided for a child accompanied by a person over the age of 16, the minimum charge which that person shall be liable to pay for the accommodation of that child shall be such one of the following sums as is appropriate:

(*a*) in respect of a child under 5 years of age, the sum of £1 8s. per week;

(*b*) in respect of a child aged 5 years or over, but less than 11 years, the sum of £1 13s. per week;

(**a**) 1949. c. 1.
(**b**) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 188.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 244.

(*c*) in respect of a child aged 11 years or over, but less than 13 years, the sum of £2 1s. per week;

(*d*) in respect of a child aged 13 years or over, but less than 16 years, the sum of £2 4s. per week.

Amendment of the principal regulations

5. In regulation 6 of the principal regulations (requirements of persons in welfare authority homes) for the reference to the sum of 18s. there shall be substituted a reference to the sum of £1.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 17th day of September 1969.

(L.S.) *H. A. Lowry,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations increase the minimum weekly amount which a person is required to pay for accommodation (in a welfare home) provided by or on behalf of a Welfare Authority from £3 12s. to £4. In the case of a person accompanied by a child the weekly amounts payable in respect of the child (which vary according to the child's age) are increased by amounts ranging from 3s. to 7s. per week.

The regulations also increase from 18s. to £1 the weekly sum taken to be the requirements of an applicant for supplementary benefit who is residing in such accommodation.

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