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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Travelling and Removal 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 (Travelling and Removal) Allowances Order 1968, and, subject to Article 10(16), shall come into operation on 1st May 1968.

Revocations

2. The Royal Ulster Constabulary Allowances (Travelling and Removal) Order 1962(**c**) is hereby revoked.

Definitions

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

"Depot" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary Depot, Enniskillen;
"the Force" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
"Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
"Member" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
"Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs;
"Officer" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary not below the rank of District Inspector.

(2) A reference to a member's private motor vehicle is a reference to a motor vehicle which he keeps and uses.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

Use of Private Motor Vehicle—General

4. No allowance shall be payable under Articles 5 or 6 in respect of the use of a member's private motor vehicle unless there was (and, if appropriate, there continues to be) in force in relation to such use a policy of insurance in terms approved by the Ministry.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.
(b) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 8 (N.I.).
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 211.

Locomotion Allowance

5.—(1) Subject to the provision of this Order a member who for the purposes of duty maintains and uses a private motor vehicle which the Inspector General considers suitable, having been required to do so by the Inspector General with the approval of the Ministry, shall be entitled to a locomotion allowance in accordance with Appendix 1.

(2) A locomotion allowance shall be deemed to cover all travelling expenses in connection with the journeys specified in this paragraph, namely—

(*a*) in the case of an officer stationed at the Inspector General's Headquarters or at the Depot, or at Central Police Stores, Sprucefield, all journeys other than any to or from a place at least 50 miles distant by the recognised direct route from the premises at which he is stationed;

(*b*) in the case of any other officer stationed in the County Borough of Belfast, all journeys within that County Borough;

(*c*) in the case of any other officer, all journeys within the County in which he is stationed; and

(*d*) in the case of any other member, all journeys within Northern Ireland undertaken in connection with the duties in respect of which he is required to maintain and use a motor vehicle.

(3) A member who has been continuously absent from duty for a period of 3 months shall cease to be entitled to locomotion allowance and shall not again become entitled until he resumes duty.

Motor Mileage Allowance

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, where a member entitled to locomotion allowance uses his private motor vehicle for a journey in connection with his duty or for a privilege journey and the expense involved is not deemed to be covered by the locomotion allowance or where any other member uses his private motor vehicle for a journey in connection with his duty, having been either authorised or permitted to do so, or for a privilege journey, he shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, be entitled to motor mileage allowance for the distance necessarily travelled reckoned in accordance with directions given by the Ministry.

(2) The rate of motor mileage allowance payable for any journey shall be determined in accordance with Appendix 2.

(3) For the purposes of this Order—

(*a*) a reference to a member being authorised to use his private motor vehicle for a journey is a reference to his being so authorised by the District Inspector in charge of the District or by the County Inspector because public transport is either not available or is unsuitable and it is impracticable or undesirable to use police transport;

(*b*) a reference to a member being permitted to use his private motor vehicle for a journey is a reference to his being permitted to do so by the person in charge of the station or by the District Inspector in charge of the District as an alternative to using public transport;

(*c*) a reference to a privilege journey is a reference to a journey not in connection with a member's duty but which he is entitled with the approval of the Ministry to make at public expense.

Other Travelling Allowances

7. Where a member incurs travelling expenses otherwise than through the use of his private motor vehicle on an authorised journey in connection with

his duty or on a privilege journey he shall be entitled to an allowance equal to the expenses reasonably incurred, which shall be deemed, if he travels or could reasonably travel by public transport, to be not more than the lowest fare available for the journey by the appropriate means and at the appropriate class.

Appropriate Means and Class of Travel by Public Transport

8. For the purposes of Article 7 the appropriate means of travel where more than one means is available shall be the means which involves the lowest charge on public funds when regard is had to the amount of subsistence or other allowances which the various means would involve, unless the use of that means would be likely to result in appreciable loss of working time.

9. For the purposes of Article 7 the appropriate class of travel shall be—

(*a*) by air, tourist class;

(*b*) by train, first class for officers and second class for other members of the force;

(*c*) by boat to or from Great Britain, ordinarily first class but second class for members escorting prisoners:

Provided that for any particular journey the appropriate class shall be first class instead of tourist class or second class if the Inspector General is satisfied that only first class accommodation is available or that for some special reason tourist class or second class is unsuitable.

HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL ALLOWANCES

10.—(1) For the purposes of this Article—

the word "station" does not, in relation to a recruit undergoing training, include the Depot; and

the expression "household" includes household furniture and effects.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3), a member who in the opinion of the Inspector General is required by the exigencies of police duty to move his household shall be entitled to a cost of removal allowance, that is to say, an allowance equal to the necessary and reasonable cost of removing his household to his new residence, including travelling allowance for himself and the members of his household.

(3) A member shall not be entitled to a cost of removal allowance—

(*a*) in respect of the removal of his household whilst he is undergoing training as a recruit at the Depot; or

(*b*) in respect of the first occasion on which he moves his household to a station after joining or re-joining the Force:

Provided that, where a member does not remove his household to the first station to which he is posted after joining or re-joining the Force but removes it subsequently to another station to which he has been transferred, he may be paid a cost of removal allowance of such amount and subject to such conditions as the Ministry may determine.

(4) Where in the opinion of the Inspector General suitable accommodation is not immediately available for the household of a member entitled to a cost of removal allowance and the member or the members of his household occupy reasonably situated temporary accommodation the reasonably incurred cost of removing the member's household to his new residence shall be deemed to