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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Determination of Need

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH JULY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948(**a**), and in exercise of powers conferred by section 5 of that Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959, shall be read as one with the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations"), and shall come into operation on the 7th September, 1959.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. At the end of regulation 2 of the principal regulations (which regulation provides for the determination of the need for assistance of an applicant in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to those regulations), there shall be added the words "and with the rules as to the disregarding of certain assets set out in the Second Schedule to the Act".

Provisions substituted for the provisions of the Schedule to the principal regulations

3. For the provisions of the Schedule to the principal regulations (which Schedule provides for the computation of the requirements and the resources of an applicant for assistance), there shall be substituted the provisions set out in the First Schedule.

Revocation of regulations

4. The regulations specified in the Second Schedule are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 6th day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.) *W. N. McWilliam,*
Secretary.

(**a**) 1948. c. 13.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 213 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 84; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 137; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 82; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 192; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 13; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 45; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 200 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 246.

FIRST SCHEDULE Regulation 3

Containing the Schedule to the principal regulations as substituted by these regulations

SCHEDULE

PART I

Rules for the Computation of Requirements

Aggregation of requirements

1. The requirements of an applicant, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6, shall be taken to be the aggregate amount of the sums in respect of the requirements—

(*a*) of the applicant; and

(*b*) of the husband or wife of the applicant; and

(*c*) of any other member of the household dependent on the applicant;

allowed in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

Requirements other than rent

2. *Ordinary scale.* Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph a weekly sum in respect of requirements other than rent shall be allowed as follows, that is to say:

	s.	d.
(*a*) For a husband and wife	85	0
(*b*) For a person who is living alone, or is a householder and, as such, is directly responsible for rent and household necessaries	50	0
(*c*) For any other person, being—		
(i) aged 21 years or over	46	0
(ii) aged 18 years or over but less than 21 years	36	0
(iii) aged 16 years or over but less than 18 years	30	0
(iv) aged 11 years or over but less than 16 years	23	0
(v) aged 5 years or over but less than 11 years	19	0
(vi) aged under 5 years	16	0

3. *Scale for blind and certain tuberculous persons.* Where a person aged 16 years or over, or his wife or her husband, is a blind person or has suffered a loss of income in order to undergo treatment for tuberculosis of the respiratory system, the weekly sum in respect of requirements other than rent shall be allowed as follows, that is to say:

	s.	d.
(*a*) For a husband and wife—		
(i) of whom one is such a person	107	6
(ii) of whom both are such persons	122	6
(*b*) For any other such person, being—		
(i) aged 21 years or over	72	6
(ii) aged 18 years or over but less than 21 years	55	0
(iii) aged 16 years or over but less than 18 years	45	0

Rent

4.—(1) A weekly sum in respect of requirements for rent shall be allowed as follows, that is to say:

(*a*) where the applicant, or his wife or her husband, is a householder, or where the applicant is living alone, the net rent payable, or such a part thereof as is reasonable in the circumstances;

(*b*) in any other case (unless there are special circumstances or the applicant is under the age of 18 years) a reasonable share of the rent payable by the householder of whose household the applicant is a member, but not less than 2s. 6d. nor more than 15s.