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Allowances

ORDER, DATED 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1956, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

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I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE TERENCE O'NEILL, D.L., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section two of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and by sub-section (1) of section four of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919, as applied by the said Act of 1922, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows, and I certify that sub-section (2) of section four of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919, which provides that a draft of any Order proposed to be made under the said section shall be submitted to the representative body or bodies constituted by the Act and representing any rank or ranks affected and that before making the Order the Ministry shall consider any representations made by such body or bodies, has been fully observed:—

1. (*a*) For sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*f*) respectively of paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Allowances Order, 1954, there shall, with effect from the 1st April, 1955, be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(*c*) The maximum amounts of Rent Allowance payable to men members in the various ranks shall be as follows:—

	Per annum
Inspector General	£175
Deputy Inspector General, Commissioner, Belfast, County Inspectors	£150
Medical Officer, District Inspectors, Cadets	£125

	Per week
Head Constables	33/-
Sergeants	30/-
Constables	28/-

(*f*) The maximum amounts of Rent Allowance payable to women members in the various ranks shall be as follows:—

	Per week
Head Constables	16/6
Sergeants	15/-
Constables	14/- "

(*b*) In sub-paragraph (*f*) of the said paragraph 1 as set out in this Article there shall with effect from the 15th June, 1956, be inserted the following:—

	Per annum
"District Inspectors	£62 10s."

(*c*) For sub-paragraph (*g*) of the said paragraph 1 there shall with effect from the date hereof be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

" (*g*) Where a member receiving a Rent Allowance or a Special Rent Allowance in respect of any premises is transferred from one station to another, or, as a recruit, is posted from the Depot to his first station and obtains accommodation, for which a Rent Allowance is payable, at or within a reasonable distance of his new station or station or is provided with married quarters thereat but owing to short notice of transfer or posting or other reason accepted by the Ministry cannot rid himself immediately of his liabilities in respect of the first-named premises, he may be paid a Supplementary Rent Allowance in respect of such premises of such amount and for such period not exceeding three months as the Ministry may approve."

2. (*a*) For sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of paragraph 3 of the said Schedule there shall with effect from the date hereof be substituted the followng sub-paragraphs provided that the rates specified in these following sub-paragraphs shall have effect from 1st April, 1956:—

" (*a*) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph a member who is necessarily absent from his station on duty for a continuous period of five hours or longer which does not qualify him for overnight subsistence allowance under the provisions of sub-paragraph (*b*) shall be entitled to day subsistence allowance in accordance with the following scale. For this purpose a period of absence shall be deemed to include that part of a continuous absence in excess of 24 hours or a multiple thereof which is not covered by overnight subsistence allowance and during which messing facilities at a station are not available to the member.

Period of Absence	Officers	Head Constables	Sergeants and Constables
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1. Five hours and under eight hours.	4 0	3 6	3 6
2. Eight hours and under twelve hours.	8 6	7 6	6 6
3. Twelve hours and under seventeen hours.	11 6	10 6	9 6
4. Seventeen hours and over.	14 0	13 0	12 0

Provided, however, that a claim for day subsistence allowance shall not be payable in respect of normal duty as defined below unless—

(1) the member has been retained on duty beyond the normal time at which his duty would otherwise have terminated; and

(2) the County Inspector (in Belfast the Commissioner) or, in the case of an officer, the Inspector General, having examined the claim certifies that the member was retained on continuous duty by reason of exceptional circumstances.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph normal duty means—

(i) in the case of a Head or other Constable—

(A) beat, point, protection, patrol, detective or other frequently recurring duty within the member's sub-district or, where the member is stationed in a County Borough, within that County Borough;

(B) traffic patrol duty by a member of the Traffic Branch;

(C) driving duty by a member permanently employed in the Transport Section; and

(D) attendance at Belfast City Commission or any Court of Assize, Quarter Sessions or Petty Sessions;

(ii) in the case of an officer—

(A) patrol or beat supervision;

(B) inspection duty;

(C) visiting outrages or making inquiries within the area under his jurisdiction or, where the officer is stationed in Belfast, within that County Borough; and

(D) attendance at Belfast City Commission or any Court of Assize, Quarter Sessions or Petty Sessions;

but condition (1) in the proviso above shall not apply in the case of detective duty or in the case of the duties specified at (C) and (D) of both (i) and (ii) above.

(*b*) 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 paragraph, be entitled to overnight subsistence allowance at the appropriate rate and in accordance with the conditions set out under Classes 1, 2 or 3 hereunder:

Provided that where a member receives separation allowance in respect of any night—

(1) any Class 1 or Class 2 subsistence allowance to which he is entitled in respect of that night shall be reduced by the amount of the separation allowance; and

(2) he shall not be entitled to Class 3 subsistence allowance in respect of that night.

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.: