Travelling Expenses

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH DECEMBER, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER ARTICLE 4 (*b*) OF PART IV OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE AND ARTICLE 6 OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1953. No. 159

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4 (*b*) of Part IV of the First Schedule, and Article 6 of the Second Schedule of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (in these Regulations referred to as " the Act "), in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Travelling Expenses) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953, and shall come into operation on 1st January, 1954.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) The Northern Ireland General Health Services Board and the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority may make to their members or to the members of any Committee thereof, including a Hospital Management Committee, and the Ministry may make to members of the Tribunal constituted under section sixteen of the Act, (*a*) payments in respect of travelling expenses in accordance with the rules contained in Part I of the Schedule hereto, (*b*) payments in respect of subsistence expenses in accordance with the rules contained in Part II of the said Schedule and (*c*) payments in respect of other out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the rules contained in Part III of that Schedule.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations and in the Schedule hereto to a committee of a body shall be deemed to include a reference to a sub-committee of a committee.

3. The making of any payment under these Regulations shall be conditional on —

(*a*) certification by the member that, so far as travelling and subsistence allowances are concerned, the expenses were actually and necessarily incurred whilst engaged on the business of the body or committee of which he is a member ; and on —

(*b*) the observance of such conditions as the body authorised to make the payment may impose.

4. The Health Services (Travelling Expenses) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (a), the Health Services (Travelling Expenses) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949 (b), the Health Services (Travelling Expenses) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952 (c), and Regulation 6 and Part II and Part III of the Second Schedule of the Health Services (Tribunal) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (d), as amended by the Health Services (Tribunal) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952 (e), are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this eighteenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. McCaughey,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this eighteenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.) *D. C. B. Holden,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

RULES WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES

1. The payment shall be made in respect of expenses incurred by a member in attending meetings of the body or committee to which the member belongs or in travelling on business approved by the body or committee.

2. Except as provided in paragraph 8 below, the sum paid shall not exceed the amount disbursed by the member.

3. First class railway and steamship fares shall be payable but members shall take the fullest possible advantage of any available cheap fares.

4. Subject as provided in the next following paragraph, expenditure on the hire of vehicles shall not be paid if an adequate public service is available but a member hiring a vehicle shall be entitled to claim the sum he would have been paid had he travelled by such a service.

5. Expenditure on the hire of vehicles shall be payable in cases of urgency or in other cases in which transport is reasonably required and an adequate public service is not available.

6. A member making an overnight journey by rail and engaging sleeping car accommodation may receive the cost, but any subsistence allowances payable to him for that night shall be reduced by one-third.

7. Fares for air travel shall be payable if either

(*a*) the excess cost by comparison with fares for surface travel does not exceed the additional subsistence allowances that would have been payable in respect of surface travel; or

(a) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1948, No. 118.
(b) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1949, No. 46.
(c) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1952, No. 88.
(d) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1948, No. 290.
(e) S. R. & O. (Northern Ireland), 1952, No. 231.