" £400 " were substituted for " £300 " and the word " sixpence " were substituted for the words " one shilling ", and as if in sub-paragraph (4) (*c*) thereof " £400 " were substituted for " £300 ".

4. The amount of a superannuation payment to be disregarded by virtue of sub-paragraph (5) (*d*) of paragraph (1) of Part I of the Second Schedule to the principal regulations, as amended by the amending regulations, shall be the first ten shillings and sixpence a week, instead of the first seven shillings and sixpence a week, of the payment, provided that where the resources of the applicant include two or more such payments (whether receivable by the applicant or by any other person or persons) the amount of those payments to be disregarded shall not be more than the first ten shillings and sixpence a week of the aggregate amount of those payments : and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph shall take effect as though in sub-paragraph (5) (*d*) thereof for the reference to seven shillings and sixpence there were substituted a reference to ten shillings and sixpence and as though at the end of the said sub-paragraph there were added the words :—" provided that where the resources of any applicant include two or more such payments (whether receivable by the applicant or by any other person or persons) the amount of those payments to be disregarded under this heading shall not be more than the first ten shillings and sixpence a week of the aggregate amount of those payments ".

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 14th day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-three.

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R. R. Bowman,
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH DECEMBER, 1943, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTIONS 33 AND 46 OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934, AS APPLIED BY PART II OF THE OLD AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1940.

1943. No. 140.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers conferred on it by Sections 33 and 46 of the Unemployment Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, as those Sections were applied with respect to the functions of the Assistance Board for Northern Ireland by Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. Subject as hereinafter provided, the provisions set out in the Schedule to these Regulations shall apply to the determination of the

need of an applicant for a supplementary pension and to the assessment of his needs.

2.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1943, and shall come into force in relation to pensioners of any class on the first day after the seventeenth day of January, 1944, prescribed as the day of the week for the payment of supplementary pensions to pensioners of that class.

(2) The Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1940 to 1943 (hereinafter called " the existing Regulations "), are hereby revoked as from the date on which these Regulations come into force.

(3) Where immediately before these Regulations come into force an assessment of any person's needs was in force then, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these Regulations, that assessment and any determination as to that person's need in force at that time shall continue in force until that person's needs are reassessed or until the 29th April, 1944, whichever is the earlier, and any reassessment of that person's needs and any determination as to his need in respect of any period ending not later than the 29th April, 1944, may be made in accordance with the provisions of the existing Regulations if such an assessment or such a determination would be more favourable.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Assessment of Needs and Determination of Need

1. The needs of an applicant, including the needs of any member of the household of which he is a member who is dependent on or ordinarily supported by him, shall be assessed on a weekly basis in accordance with the following tables and rules :—

	a week. s.	d.
(1) *Amounts to be allowed for needs other than rent*		
(*a*) For a married couple	35	0
(*b*) Where the above rate does not apply—		
(i) For an applicant who is living alone or is a householder and, as such, is directly responsible for rent and household necessaries	20	0
(ii) For any other applicant	17	6

(2) *Allowance for rent*

To the amount provided by the above table add the appropriate rent allowance as follows :—

(*a*) If the applicant or the applicant's wife or husband is the householder, or if the applicant is living alone, add the net rent payable so far as is reasonable in view of the general level of rents in the locality.

(*b*) In any other case (unless there are special circumstances) add a reasonable share of the rent payable by the person with whom the applicant is living, but not less than 2s. 6d. nor more than 7s.

(3) *Allowances for dependants other than wife or husband*—

If the applicant has such dependants living with him, add to the amounts provided above the appropriate amounts from the following table :—

	a week.
	s. *d.*
If aged 21 years or over	15 0
If aged 16 years or over but less than 21 years	12 6
If aged 11 years or over but less than 16 years	9 0
If aged 8 years or over but less than 11 years	7 6
If aged under 8 years	6 0

(4) *Treatment of resources and assessment*—

From the amount calculated as above deduct the available resources and, subject to any adjustment which may be required under the rules which follow, the balance shall be the assessment of the applicant's needs.

(5) *Adjustment for special circumstances*—

If there are special circumstances the balance referred to above may be adjusted as necessary to meet those circumstances.

(6) *Grants for exceptional needs*—

A reasonable sum may be granted where required to meet any exceptional needs.

2. If an applicant's needs would be assessed at 1s. a week or more under the foregoing paragraph, he shall be deemed to be in need of a supplementary pension unless—

(*a*) having no one dependent on him he is living in a household of which his father, mother, son or daughter is the householder, and the householder's income amounts to £6 a week or other appropriate amount ; or

(*b*) he is living in circumstances where he is not required to pay a substantial amount for his board and lodging ;

in either of which cases he shall, unless there are special circumstances, be deemed not to be in need of a supplementary pension.

PART II

Treatment of Resources

The amount of an applicant's available resources shall be the aggregate amount arrived at by applying to the resources of—

(*a*) the applicant ;

(*b*) the husband or wife of the applicant (if a member of the same household) ; and

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

the rules set out in column (2) below opposite each of the several types of resource specified in column (1).

(1) *Type of Resource*	(2) *Rules for calculating the amount to be taken into account*
1. Money and Investments treated as capital assets.	(1) The following to be disregarded :— (*a*) the capital value of any interest in the house in which the applicant resides ; and (*b*) the capital value of any War Savings required to be disregarded under Section 3 of the Determination of Needs Act (Northern Ireland), 1941, and the income derived therefrom. (2) The following amounts to be taken into account in respect of the balance (if any) of the aggregate value of the capital assets :— (*a*) in so far as that balance does not exceed £400 the first £25 to be disregarded and sixpence a week to be taken into account in respect of each complete £25 thereafter ; and (*b*) in so far as that balance exceeds £400 the excess over £400 to be taken into account.