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THE REHABILITATION (TRAVELLING-ALLOWANCE) REGULATIONS 1947

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 12th day of November, 1947

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Rehabilitation Act, 1941, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rehabilitation (Travellingallowance) Regulations 1947.

2. The Rehabilitation (Travelling-allowance) Regulations 1942* are hereby revoked.

3. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "Board " includes the Rehabilitation Board, the National Rehabilitation Council, any Committee (including any Rehabilitation Committee) appointed by the Board, and any sub-committee appointed by such a Committee.

4. Notwithstanding anything hereinafter contained, no payment of travelling-allowance, locomotion expenses, subsistence allowance, or subsistence expenses shall be made otherwise than to full-time members of the Board without the prior approval of the Minister, the Rehabilitation Board, or the Director or some specially authorized person acting on behalf of the Rehabilitation Board.

5. When his attendance in transacting any business of the Board requires a member of the Board to absent himself from his usual place of residence for a continuous period of twenty-four hours or longer, or a period involving his leaving and returning on successive days, there shall be paid to him by way of subsistence allowance in respect of every day or part of a day on which he is so absent a payment at the rate of 25s. per day.

* Statutory Regulations 1942, Serial number 1942/35, page 89.

6. When his attendance in transacting any business of the Board requires a member of the Board to absent himself from his usual place of residence for a continuous period of less than twenty-four hours, leaving and returning on the same day, there shall be paid to him by way of subsistence allowance his actual reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, but so that the payment is not greater than he would be entitled to for an absence of twenty-four hours.

7. (1) For the purposes of the last two preceding regulations a day means a period of twenty-four hours commencing at midnight, and every period of absence shall be computed from and to the times of departure from and return to the member's usual place of residence.

(2) In computing the time of absence a fraction of an hour, if less than half an hour, shall not be taken into account, but half an hour or more will be reckoned as one hour.

8. There may be paid to each member of the Board all locomotion expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him in attending meetings of the Board or at any place on the business of the Board, including the provision of first-class accommodation by ship, train, service car, aeroplane, or other public conveyance, and including the provision of deck cabins on ships and ordinary or special sleeping-berths on trains.

9. (1) Where a member of the Board travelling by train uses a sleeping-berth, the member is required to reduce his claim for subsistence allowance by one-fourth of one day's scale rate.

(2) Where a member of the Board travelling by sea is provided with sleeping accommodation or a meal and the journey by sea does not occupy more than twenty-four hours, the member is required to reduce his claim for subsistence allowance by one-fourth of one day's scale rate for each meal and bed supplied.

10. In any case special arrangements may be made by the Rehabilitation Board as to the allowance to be made to any member of the Board as defined in Regulation 3 hereof.

11. Where other means of transport would prove detrimental to the interests of the Board on the grounds of urgency, or otherwise where a public conveyance is not available or is unsuitable, the Rehabilitation Board, at its discretion, may grant approval to a member to payment for the use of a private vehicle necessary for journeys on the Board's business.

12. Where a private motor-car has been used, pursuant to any approval granted under the last preceding regulation, by any member of the Board, the member shall be entitled to a mileage allowance computed by the shortest practicable route at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}d$. a mile where the horse-power of the car does not exceed $9\frac{1}{2}$, $6\frac{1}{4}d$. a mile where the horse-power of the car exceeds $9\frac{1}{2}$ but does not exceed $14\frac{1}{2}$, and $6\frac{3}{4}d$. a mile where the horse-power of the car exceeds $14\frac{1}{2}$.

13. No travelling-allowance, locomotion expenses, subsistence allowance, or subsistence expenses shall under these regulations be paid to any member of the Board in respect of any period or occasion for which the member—

- (a) Has received; or
- (b) Intends to receive; or
- (c) Being entitled to receive does not disclaim,—

any sum in the nature of a travelling-allowance, locomotion expenses, subsistence allowance, or subsistence expenses from any person, firm, company, or body corporate, including any private trust, or from any other person or administrative body; and if a member at any time receives any such sum from any such source as aforesaid he shall be liable to refund any payment made in respect of the same period or occasion under these regulations.

14. No payment under these regulations shall be made to any person in respect of any period or occasion for which he has received or is entitled to receive any sum in the nature of a travelling-allowance, locomotion expenses, subsistence allowance, or subsistence expenses as an officer or employee of the Public Service.

15. No payment shall be made under these regulations until the member claiming the payment has signed a statement setting out—

- (a) The particulars of the amounts payable, to which must be attached vouchers for every disbursement in excess of 5s. other than disbursement for railway fares, sleeping-berths on trains, and passage-money and deck cabins on ships;
- (b) That the statement is true and correct in every particular;
- (c) That the charges are according to the rates provided by these regulations or otherwise are reasonable;
- (d) That the member actually expended on the services named the sums included in such charges which are not supported by receipts;
- (e) That the member was absent from his headquarters on duty on each of the occasions for which travelling-allowance is claimed;
- (f) That the use of a motor-car was necessary on each of the occasions for which a claim is made; and
- (g) That the member was travelling on the business of the Board during the period for which the claim is made.

16. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these regulations, where any member of the Board is absent from New Zealand with the approval or authority of the Rehabilitation Board on the business of the Board, the member shall be paid all subsistence and locomotion expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him during the period of his absence on the said business.

W. O. HARVEY, Clerk of the Executive Council.

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