

If an annuitant is unable through sickness or infirmity to apply personally for payment he should advise the Secretary of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund accordingly, and nominate an agent to act for him. The authority approved by the Secretary, Teachers' Superannuation Fund, Wellington, together with a form of life certificate, must be produced by the agent before payment may be made. If a voucher is presented after the expiration of one month payment must be refused unless extension of the period has been granted by the Secretary of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund by means of an enfacement on the voucher. A paying officer must satisfy himself as to the identity of a person applying for payment, and for this purpose is empowered to demand, if there is any doubt, the production of the identification certificate of the annuitant, which bears a specimen of his signature. Credit for payments is to be claimed by Postmasters as a remittance to Chief Office, and by the latter as "Teachers' Superannuation Fund Payments." The rules governing the payment of Public Trust vouchers are to be observed as far as they apply in making payments on behalf of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund.

942. *Railway Superannuation Fund Payments.*—Payments on behalf of the Railway Superannuation Fund may be made only on the prescribed form. These vouchers are forwarded direct to the annuitants by the Secretary of the Railway Superannuation Board, through the Public Trustee, and may be paid upon presentation. The vouchers are payable only at the money-order office indicated on the form, and are available for payment only during a period of one month from the date of issue. The due date, with one exception, is the last day of the calendar month. Widows' allowances from the fund are prepared on the basis of the lunar-month period, and not, as in the case of ordinary allowances, the calendar month. If the last day of the month falls on a Sunday or Post Office holiday, payment must be withheld until the next business day. In no case may payment be effected before the due date unless a special instruction to that effect is issued. Each voucher presented for payment is to be examined, and if the Audit stamp, "Audit passed A, B, or C," is not impressed thereon payment is to be refused, and the person presenting it referred to the office of the fund from which payment is claimed. If a voucher is presented at an office other than that named on the voucher, or is presented after one month from date of issue, payment must be refused, and the annuitant directed to return the voucher to the Secretary, Railway Superannuation Fund, Wellington, with a request for amendment of the name of the paying office or extension of the period of validity, as may be required. If a paying officer has any doubt regarding the identity of the person presenting a voucher, he should request the production of the identification-card supplied to each annuitant. This card bears a specimen of the signature of the annuitant. If the annuitant is unable, through sickness or infirmity, to apply personally for payment, he should advise the Secretary, Railway Superannuation Board, Wellington, accordingly, return the voucher, and nominate an agent to act for him. In cases in which the allowance has been authorized for payment to an agent the voucher will be made out in favour of the agent. Each agent will be supplied with a letter similar to that furnished to annuitants of the Public Service Superannuation Fund; and he must sign this letter, in the space provided, in the presence of the paying officer when applying for the first payment. The signature must be witnessed by the paying officer.