

PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES.

14. There shall from time to time be paid out of the Consolidated Fund into the Post Office Account by way of imprest whatever moneys are necessary in order to enable allowances granted under the said Act to be paid out of such account, and the Postmaster-General shall thereupon pay such allowances accordingly.

15. Every allowance shall be payable by equal monthly instalments, the due date of the first of which shall be the first day of the month following the commencement of the allowance year, and the due date of subsequent instalments shall be the first day of each succeeding month thereafter.

16. Each monthly instalment shall be payable at the Post-office named in the identity certificate and, on production of the said certificate to the Postmaster, shall be available for collection at any time within one month after its due date: Provided that an instalment may be paid not earlier than the 25th day of the month preceding the due date of payment.

17. In respect of every instalment the Commissioner shall transmit to the paying officer during the preceding month an advice of payment in which shall be embodied a form of receipt.

18. When receiving payment of any instalment the payee shall give a receipt for the same. Every such receipt shall include a statement to the effect that all the children in respect of whom the allowance is granted remain under the care and control of the payee. When making payment, the paying officer shall note on the back of the produced identity certificate the date of such payment by affixing thereto his office stamp, but if the paying officer is not satisfied as to the identity of the payee, or as to the accuracy of any statement contained in the receipt, he shall withhold payment and report to the Commissioner.

19. Whenever any instalment is payable to an agent under the authority of a warrant issued under these regulations, as hereinafter provided, the identity certificate shall be produced by the payee at the time of payment, together with the warrant; and where the aforesaid warrant relates to a single instalment, or to the last of a series of instalments, it shall be delivered up to and be retained by the paying officer on payment of such instalment, and forwarded with his accounts.

20. In the event of any instalment being paid on production of a lost identity certificate after the issue of a duplicate of such certificate, or on production of an identity certificate during the currency of a warrant directing payment to an agent of the payee, the holder of such duplicate or warrant shall have no claim against His Majesty in respect of the instalment so paid.

21. In the event of any instalment not being collected within one month after the date on which it falls due, the advice of payment shall be withdrawn, but the person authorized to collect the allowance may thereafter make application in writing to receive such instalment. The application may be delivered to any Registrar or Postmaster, to whom the identity certificate shall be produced, and such application shall be forwarded to the Commissioner.

22. If the person duly authorized to receive payment of any instalment of an allowance desires that the office of payment shall be changed, he shall make application in that behalf to any Registrar or Postmaster, and in support thereof shall produce the identity certificate. The officer receiving the application shall thereupon note the change of office of payment on the identity certificate, and shall then return the same to the applicant. He shall also forward the application forthwith to the Commissioner, who shall arrange for the payment of the allowance at the office referred to in the application.

23. If an identity certificate is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the payee, or his duly authorized agent appointed under these regulations, may make application for a duplicate certificate, supported by declaration, to any Registrar or Postmaster, who shall forward the application to the Commissioner, with his recommendation.

24. The Commissioner shall, whenever he is satisfied that it is expedient to do so, having regard to age, infirmity, or improvidence, or any other special circumstances, issue a warrant authorizing payment of instalments to any reputable person for the benefit of the children. With respect to the issue of such warrants, the following provisions shall apply:—

(a.) The application for such warrant shall be made in writing to any Registrar or Postmaster, or to the Commissioner direct, and shall be accompanied by the identity certificate if the person entitled to the allowance consents to the application. If such person does not consent to the application and refuses to give up the identity certificate, the application shall state these facts.

(b.) The proposed payee must be not less than twenty-one years of age.