

Regulations under the Government Railways Act.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Government Railways Act, 1926, and its amendments, the Government Railways Board hereby resolves to amend, as from and including the 1st day of April, 1932, the regulations made under the Government Railways Act, 1908, on the 12th day of June, 1922, and published in the *Gazette* of the 15th day of June, 1922 (as from time to time amended and as the same are enuring under the Government Railways Act, 1926), by omitting Regulations 64, 94, and 101, and substituting the following regulations in lieu thereof:—

“64. (a) Employees in Division I, when absent from their headquarters on other than relief duty, shall, subject to paragraph (c) of this regulation, be paid travelling-allowance for personal expenses at the following rates in each case:—

“(i) An employee whose salary does not exceed £132 10s. 6d. per annum: Actual reasonable expenses.

“(ii) An employee whose salary exceeds £132 10s. 6d. per annum but does not exceed £307 16s. per annum, if absent for not more than six days, shall be entitled to 13s. 6d. per day. If the absence exceeds six days but the employee is not more than six days in any one locality he shall be entitled to the allowance of 13s. 6d. per day throughout the whole of the period of absence. If, however, while so absent, the employee remains in any one locality for more than six days he shall only be entitled to 12s. per day while in such locality: Provided that the total allowance payable in respect of the employee's stay in such locality shall not be less than £4 1s.

“(iii) An employee whose salary exceeds £307 16s. per annum but does not exceed £380 14s. per annum: 13s. 6d. per day.

“(iv) An employee whose salary exceeds £380 14s. per annum but does not exceed £457 13s. per annum: 16s. per day.

“(v) An employee whose salary exceeds £457 13s. per annum (other than the General Manager): 18s. per day.

“(vi) The General Manager: 22s. 6d. per day.
“Provided that in respect of time during which any employee referred to in the preceding subparagraphs of this paragraph is travelling by sea the rate shall, if such time exceeds twenty-four hours, be as follows:—

“(vii) For the first day of absence from headquarters: 9s. per day.

“(viii) For the second and each subsequent day of absence: 2s. 3d. per day.

“(b) An employee in Division I, while absent from his headquarters on relief duty, shall, subject to paragraph (c) of this regulation, be paid relieving-allowance for personal expenses at the following rates in each case:—

“(i) An employee whose salary does not exceed £132 10s. 6d. per annum: Actual reasonable expenses.

“(ii) An employee whose salary exceeds £132 10s. 6d. per annum but does not exceed £238 19s. per annum, if absent for not more than six days, shall be entitled to 11s. 3d. per day. If the absence exceeds six days but the employee is not more than six days in any one locality he shall be entitled to the allowance of 11s. 3d. throughout the whole of the period of absence. If, however, while so absent, the employee remains in any one locality for more than six days he shall only be entitled to 9s. per day while in such locality: Provided that the total allowance payable in respect of the employee's stay in such locality shall not be less than £3 7s. 6d.

“(iii) An employee whose salary exceeds £238 19s. per annum but does not exceed £380 14s. per annum shall be entitled to 11s. 3d. per day.

“(iv) Employees whose salaries exceed £380 14s. per annum: At the rate prescribed for travelling-allowance in each case.

“(c) If any employee in Division I, while travelling on relief or other duty, is provided with a berth in a sleeping-car, or sleeping-accommodation on sea journeys which do not occupy more than twenty-four hours, the claim for travelling or relieving allowance, as the case may be, shall be reduced by an amount equal to one-quarter of the prescribed daily rate for each occasion on which a berth or other sleeping-accommodation as aforesaid is provided.

“(d) ‘Day’, for the purposes of this regulation, means a period of twenty-four hours, and no distinction between Sunday and any other day is recognized in such period. The

period for which travelling or relieving allowance shall be payable shall in each case be calculated from the time of departure of the employee concerned from his headquarters in pursuance of the duty on which he is required to travel until his return thereto. For any portion of a day the rate shall be one twenty-fourth of the prescribed daily rate for each hour's absence from headquarters. In computing the period of such absence a fraction of an hour, if less than half an hour, shall not be taken into account, but half an hour or more shall be reckoned as one hour.

“(e) No employee who is entitled to be paid lodging allowance shall be entitled to claim such allowance concurrently with travelling or relieving allowance for any continuous period exceeding one week. When any such employee becomes entitled to payment of travelling or relieving allowance for any continuous period exceeding one week, the amount paid or payable to him as lodging-allowance for such period shall be deducted from the amount payable to him by way of travelling or relieving allowance for the same period.

“(f) No employee who is entitled to be paid relieving-allowance shall also be paid travelling-allowance in respect of the same absence from headquarters: Provided, however, that when an employee performs relieving duty, and in the course thereof is absent from his headquarters for not more than three days at the same place, he may be paid travelling-allowance instead of relieving-allowance in respect of the time during which he is relieving at such place: Provided, further, that, if an employee is occupied for not less than six hours in travelling to or from his headquarters on relieving duty, he may be paid travelling-allowance instead of relieving-allowance in respect of each day on which he is so occupied.”

“94. Every employee in the Lake Wakatipu steamer service shall, while actually on duty on board ship, be supplied with his meals free of charge to such employee, and every such employee shall, for every day on which he is laid off duty as compensation for overtime worked by him or for the purpose of adjusting his hours of duty so as to prevent his working overtime, and for every Sunday, be paid an allowance of 3s. 8d.: Provided, however, that such allowance shall not be paid in respect of any day on which any such employee is on leave of absence or is off duty on his own account, or on which he is supplied with meals in pursuance of this regulation.”

“101. (1) Time worked by any employee in Division I between midnight on any Saturday and midnight on the first following Sunday (hereinafter called ‘Sunday time’) in pursuance of authority given in that behalf by the General Manager shall, subject to the provisions of the regulations, be paid for at the rate set out in paragraph (2) hereof in each case.

“(2) Payment will be made to employees in Division I for Sunday time at the following rates respectively: To employees in receipt of over £218 14s. per annum, 3s. 3d. per hour; to employees in receipt of over £171 and not more than £218 14s. per annum, 3s. 2d. per hour; to employees in receipt of over £141 1s. 6d. and not more than £171 per annum, 2s. 7d. per hour; to employees in receipt of not more than £141 1s. 6d. per annum, 1s. 11d. per hour.

“(3) If and whenever an employee in Division I is specially brought on duty on Sunday other than to commence a shift forming part of his ordinary week's work he shall be deemed to have worked not less than four hours.

“(4) In the case of any employee in Division I who is specially booked on duty on Sunday there shall not be more than one break in the continuity of such employee's time on any Sunday between the times of his being first booked on duty and his being finally booked off duty for the day: Provided, however, that when any such employee is booked off duty on any Sunday to enable him to obtain meals for a period not exceeding one hour for each meal such booking-off shall be deemed not to be a break in the continuity of such employee's time on such Sunday.”

The rates of salary mentioned in Regulations 64 and 101 refer to the rates payable after the reductions prescribed by the Finance Act, 1931, and the National Expenditure Adjustment Act, 1932, have been made therein. The allowances prescribed in the said regulations, and in Regulation 94, shall be deemed to be the appropriate allowances as reduced by the said Acts, and the same shall be payable without reduction on and after 1st April, 1932.

Dated this 6th day of July, 1932.

The official seal of the Government Railways Board was hereunto affixed in the presence of—

H. H. STERLING, Chairman