

Workhouses and of Superintendent Nurses and Matrons and of Nurses in District Hospitals :

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by virtue of all the powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders and directs as follows :—

On and from the 1st day of July, 1923, the provisions of the said Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 5th July, 1901, and of the District Hospitals Order 1918 in so far as they refer to the qualifications required to be possessed by Nurses in Workhouses and by Superintendent Nurses and Matrons and by Nurses in District Hospitals shall cease to have effect, and no person shall be appointed as a Nurse in a Workhouse of any Union or as Superintendent Nurse or Matron or as a Nurse in any District Hospital in Northern Ireland unless the name of such person is entered in the general or the appropriate supplementary part of the Register of Nurses for the sick in Northern Ireland.

GIVEN under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 12th day of April, 1923.

(L.S.)

*R. Dawson Bates.*

I, Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, hereby approve of this Order.

16th April, 1923.

## PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

### Returning Officers' Expenses.

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD AUGUST, 1923, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918 (7 AND 8 GEO. 5, C. 64), IN ITS APPLICATION TO NORTHERN IRELAND, PRESCRIBING SCALE OF MAXIMUM CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AT ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS TO THE PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 39.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry") by Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as that Act applies to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of any Order made by His Majesty in Council under the last-mentioned Act, the Ministry hereby prescribes that the Returning Officer shall be entitled in respect of the conduct of Parliamentary Elections (other than University Elections) of members to the Parliament of Northern Ireland to his reasonable charges not exceeding the sums hereinafter set forth, provided that the charges for disbursements are in no case to exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

This scale will be applicable to elections conducted after the 1st day of January, 1923, subject to any alterations which may from time to time be made.

A.—FOR SERVICES OF RETURNING OFFICERS.

I.—*In a Contested Election.*

- (i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a returning officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to parliamentary elections (other than any duties in connection with voting by absent voters for which a separate fee is prescribed by this scale).
- (1) For every constituency in a Parliamentary County :—
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|--|----|----|-----|
| (a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000 .. .. .  | £  | s. | d.  |
|  | 50 | 0  | 0   |
| (b) if the number of registered electors exceeds 25,000—<br>for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof an additional .. .. . |    | 1  | 0 0 |
- (2) For every constituency in a Parliamentary Borough :—
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| (a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000 .. .. .  | 40 | 0 | 0   |
| (b) if the number of registered electors exceeds 25,000—<br>for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof an additional .. .. . |    | 1 | 0 0 |
- (ii) Additional fee for services in connection with dispatch and receipt of the ballot papers of absent voters :—
- For every Constituency in a Parliamentary County or a Parliamentary Borough—
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|---|--------|
| (a) if the number of absent voters in the constituency (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 1,000 .. .. . | Nil.   |
| (b) if the number exceeds 1,000—but does not exceed 2,000 .. .. .   | 10 0 0 |
| (c) if the number exceeds 2,000—for each additional 50 or fraction thereof, an additional .. .. .             | 0 1 0  |

II.—*In an Uncontested Election.*

One-fourth of the above sums.

Where the general duties of a returning officer are performed by an acting returning officer the above fees shall be paid to such acting returning officer and shall include any payments made to a deputy acting returning officer for the discharge of any duties of an acting returning officer which may be assigned to him.

B.—DISBURSEMENTS.

I.—*In a Contested Election.*

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. For each presiding officer, to include all expenses other than any travelling expenses authorised by this scale .. .. .	3 3 0	3 0 0
2. For one clerk at each polling station where not more than 500 voters are assigned to such station ..	1 5 0	1 5 0
For an additional clerk at a polling station for every number of 500 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 500 assigned to such polling station .. .. .	1 5 0	1 5 0
(In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, absent voters other than proxy voters must be excluded.)		

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
3. For the remuneration of persons engaged in counting the votes—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) if the number of registered electors in the constituency does not exceed 20,000—a total sum of .. .. .	14 0 0	14 0 0
(b) if the number of electors exceeds 20,000—for each additional 2,000 electors, or fraction thereof, an additional .. .. .	0 15 0	0 15 0
4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of dispatching and receiving the ballot papers of absent voters—		
(a) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 500	5 0 0	5 0 0
(b) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) exceeds 500—for each additional 100 or fraction thereof—an additional .. .. .	0 15 0	0 15 0
5. For all clerical and other assistance employed by the acting Returning Officer or deputy acting Returning Officer for the purposes of an election, excluding any services for which payment is otherwise authorised by this scale, and for all expenses of the Returning Officer not otherwise authorised by the scale.		
If the number of registered electors—		
(a) does not exceed 25,000	30 0 0	25 0 0
(b) exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof—an additional .. .. .	1 2 6	1 0 0
6. Returning or acting Returning Officers' or deputy acting Returning Officers' travelling expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	First Class Railway expenses, or where railway service is not available the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance at the rate of £1 a night for not more than five nights when necessarily absent from home on account of duty.	First Class Railway Expenses, or where railway service is not available the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance at the rate of £1 a night for not more than five nights when necessarily absent from home on account of duty.
7. Travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks (excluding any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes from the polling station to the place where the votes are counted.)	Third class Railway Expenses, or, where railway service is not available the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance to presiding officers at the rate of £1, and to poll clerks at the rate of 10s., for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	Nil.

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
8. Travelling expenses of clerical or other assistants other than counting assistants employed by the acting Returning Officer or deputy acting Returning Officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.		Third class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance at the rate of 10s. a night for each night, necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.
9. For the conveyance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, etc., in connection with the election. Provided that for the conveyance of ballot boxes from the polling station to the place where the votes are counted there shall be charged For printing and providing ballot papers.	Actual and necessary cost.	Third class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost not exceeding 1s. 6d. per mile. Actual and necessary cost.
11. For printing and providing notices, nomination forms and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.
12. For the hire of any building or room for the purposes of the election or expenses attending the use of such building or room.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.
13. For fitting up a polling station including the provision and fitting up of voting compartments and the hire of necessary furniture where this is not otherwise obtainable.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.
14. For every ballot box required to be purchased, hired or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.
15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered, or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.
16. For copies of the register.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.
17. For general stationery, postage, and telegrams and telephone messages.	Actual and necessary cost.	Actual and necessary cost.

## II.—*In an Uncontested Election.*

For preliminary work undertaken in anticipation of a contest, including clerical assistance.	Actual and necessary cost within the above scale.
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Scaled with the official seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of August, 1923, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,

(O.S.)

Assistant Secretary.