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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Supplementary Benefit (Re-establishment Centres)
Regulations 1970**

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966(a) ;

“assisted person” means a person at a centre for the purposes of occupation, instruction or training, whether in consequence of a determination of the Supplementary Benefits Commission under section 12 of the Act, or otherwise ;

“centre” means a re-establishment centre provided by the Supplementary Benefits Commission under paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Act ;

“officer” means an officer of a centre who is an officer of the Secretary of State ;

“the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Social Services ; and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply in relation to this instrument and in relation to the revocation effected by it as if this instrument and the regulations revoked by it were Acts of Parliament, and as if such revocation were a repeal.

Orders of officers to be obeyed

2.—(1) Every assisted person shall obey all reasonable orders and directions given by an officer for any one or more of the following purposes, viz—

(a) the well-ordering of the centre ;

(b) the maintenance of the centre premises in a state of decency and cleanliness ;

 (a) 1966 c. 20.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

- (c) the maintenance of that person's personal cleanliness ;
- (d) fitting that person by occupation, training or instruction for entry into or return to regular employment.

(2) In addition, every such person shall assist in the running of the centre by doing such work within his physical capacity as an officer may require.

Medical examination

3. Every assisted person shall, if so required by an officer, submit himself for examination by a registered medical practitioner specified by that officer.

Behaviour in centre

4. Every assisted person shall act in an orderly and decent manner and, in particular, shall not—

- (a) insult an officer ; or
- (b) use obscene or profane language, or act or write indecently or obscenely ; or
- (c) assault, or threaten by word or deed to assault, an officer or assisted person ; or
- (d) wilfully destroy, damage or deface the structure, equipment or decorations of the centre.

Intoxicating liquor

5.—(1) A person on arriving at a centre for occupation, instruction or training shall not bring with him any intoxicating liquor and an assisted person shall not have any intoxicating liquor in his possession.

(2) Where any such person has in his possession any intoxicating liquor an officer may take it from him and it may be retained so long as that person remains at, or continues to attend, the centre.

Penalties for breach of regulations

6. Any assisted person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the requirements of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £10 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Revocation and transitional provisions

7.—(1) The National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations 1953, as set out in the Schedule to, and confirmed by, the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument 1953(a), are hereby revoked.

(2) Anything whatsoever done under or by virtue of any regulation revoked by these regulations shall be deemed to have been done under or by virtue of the corresponding provision of these regulations, and anything whatsoever begun under any such revoked regulations may be continued under these regulations as if begun under these regulations.

(3) So much of any document as refers expressly or by implication to any regulation revoked by these regulations shall, if and so far as the context permits, be construed as referring to the corresponding provision of these regulations.

(4) Nothing in paragraph (2) or (3) of this regulation shall be taken as affecting the general application, by regulation 1(3) of these regulations, of the rules contained in section 38 of the Interpretation Act 1889 (effect of repeal).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Paul Dean,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

26th November 1970.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations revoke and replace the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations 1953 made by the former National Assistance Board and confirmed by the National Assistance (Re-establishment Centres) Regulations Confirmation Instrument 1953. Regulations 2 to 6 lay down rules of behaviour to be observed by persons attending at or being maintained in re-establishment centres run by the Supplementary Benefits Commission and they provide for penalties for non-observance. Regulation 7 revokes the previous regulations (having effect under paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 7 to the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966) and makes transitional provisions.

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