

National Assistance Act 1948

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- 5 The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in the number...
- 6 There shall be paid to the several members of the...
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- 8 The Board shall appoint a secretary and may appoint such...
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- 11 Every document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

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- In taking into account the value to any person of...
- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, any capital...
- 3 Any capital resources not disregarded by virtue of either of...
- 4 There shall be wholly disregarded—(a) any death grant paid...
- 5 (1) Any such payment or part of a payment as...
- 6 Where under section seven of this Act the resources of...
- 7 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule the amount of...
- 8 (1) In this Schedule—(a) the expression "by inheritance...
- 9 Anything to be prescribed for the purposes of this Schedule...

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- 1 (1) For the purposes of their functions under Part III...
- 2 A local authority may authorise a committee established in pursuance...
- 3 (1) The committee shall be so constituted as to include...
- 4 The minutes of proceedings of the committee shall be open...
- 5 (1) The committee may, subject to any restrictions imposed by...
- 6 Every person appointed to be a -member of the committee...
- 7 (1) If it appears to the Minister, on the representation...
- 8 The foregoing provisions of this Schedule shall not prevent a... PART II

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- 9 (1) Where it appears to the Minister to be expedient...
- 10 A joint board constituted for the purposes of Part III...
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- 12 The foregoing provisions of this Schedule shall in their application...
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- 1 (1) For references to the Treasury, the local pension committee,...
- 2 (1) In section three, in subsection (1), paragraphs (a) and...
- 3 Notwithstanding anything in section six, where a woman who is...
- 4 In section nine, subsections (3) and (4) (which provide for...
- 5 Regulations under section twelve shall be made by the Board...
- 6 In section twelve paragraph (d) of subsection (1) (which relates...
- 7 Subsection (4) of section twelve (which provides for defraying expenses...

FIFTH SCHEDULE — Constitution and Proceedings of Appeal Tribunals.

- 1 Each of the Tribunals referred to in section fifty-three of...
- 2 Each Tribunal shall have jurisdiction in respect of such district...
- 3 (1) The chairman and one of the other members of...
- 4 The Board shall pay to the chairman or acting chairman...

- 5 The Board shall assign to each Tribunal a clerk and...
- 6 (1) The Board may make rules—(a) as to the...
- 7 In this Schedule "the Minister" means the Minister...

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- 1 The first report of the Board under subsection (4) of...
- 2 (1) Advisory committees under subsection (3) of section thirty-five of...
- 3 (1) Where immediately before the appointed day a person was...
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- 6 (1) Any land which immediately before the appointed day was...
- 7 (1) Where immediately before the appointed day any premises being...
- 8 (1) Where any premises being part of a workhouse were...
- 9 (1) In this and the two last foregoing paragraphs the...
- 10 (1) Where immediately before the appointed day a person was...
- Where immediately before the appointed day a person was being...
- 12 Any property, right or liability which immediately before the appointed...
- 13 Section one hundred and fifty-one of the Local Government Act,...
- 14 Where immediately before the appointed day the fact that a...
- 15 Where any right of a local authority to recover any...
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- 17 (1) Where under section three of the Blind Persons Act,...
- 18 Any appeal against a decision of a local pension committee...
- 19 (1) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (2) of section thirty-eight of...
- 20 (1) For the purposes of any provision of this Schedule...
- 21 The following provisions shall have effect for the purpose of...

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