



National Assistance Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 29

PART III

LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES.

Local and Central Authorities.

35 Central Authority for purposes of Part III.

- (1) For the purposes of this Part of this Act the expression " the Minister " means the Minister of Health as respects England and Wales, and the Secretary of State as respects Scotland.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of schemes under this Part of this Act, local authorities shall exercise their functions under this Part of this Act (including any discretion conferred on them thereunder) under the general guidance of the Minister, and in accordance with the provisions of any regulations of the Minister made for the purposes of this subsection.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the last foregoing subsection, regulations thereunder—
 - (a) may provide for conferring on officers of the Minister authorised under the regulations such powers of inspection as may be prescribed in relation to the exercise of functions under this Part of this Act by or by arrangement with or on behalf of local authorities;
 - (b) may prescribe requirements as to the provision to be made in rules for the conduct of, and preservation of order in, premises in which accommodation is provided under this Part of this Act by local authorities;
 - (c) may make provision with respect to the qualifications of officers employed by local authorities for the purposes of this Part of this Act or by voluntary organisations acting under arrangements with or on behalf of local authorities for those purposes.