

(h) Under a contract of apprenticeship without money payment :
 Employment under a Board of Guardians :—
 (a) As a pauper ;
 (b) In rearing boarded-out pauper children :
 Employment under any Local or other Public Authority not being employment within the meaning of Part I. (a), (b), (c), or (e) of the First Schedule to the Act, in the execution of contracts not requiring personal service on the part of the employed person.
 Employment as a pilot under the Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 30th day of December, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

W. F. Wackrill,

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

(L.S.)

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 30th day of December, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

J. A. Dale,

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

(I.S.)

OLD AGE PENSIONS. Consolidated Regulations.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND HEREBY IN PURSUANCE OF THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919 (a) AND THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920 (b).

1924. No. 55.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Old Age Pensions Consolidated Regulations (N.I.), 1925. Short Title.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“ The Act of 1908 ” means the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, “ the Act of 1911 ” means the Old Age Pensions Act, 1911, “ the Act of 1919 ” means the Old Age Pensions Act, 1919, “ the Act of 1920 ” means the Blind Persons Act, 1920; and “ the Acts ” means the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, and the Blind Persons Act, 1920 :

“ The Ministry ” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland acting as the Central Pension Authority within the meaning of the Act of 1908, and “ the Ministry of Finance ” means the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland :

(a) 8 E. 7. c. 40 ; 1-2 G. 5. c. 16 ; 9-10 G. 5. c. 102.

(b) 10-11 G. 5. c. 49.

“The committee” means the local pension committee under the Act of 1908, and includes, with regard to any matter delegated to a sub-committee under sub-section (2) of section 8 of that Act, the sub-committee to which the matter is delegated :

“The pension officer” means the pension officer to whom any claim or question is referred, and includes any pension officer acting for or in succession to that pension officer :

“Paying Officer” means such officer as may be appointed or designated by the Ministry of Finance for the purpose of the exercise and performance of the powers and duties which, immediately before the 1st day of December, 1921, were exercised and performed by Officers of the Post Office, and includes any of such last mentioned officers who may be authorised to act as Paying Officers in pursuance of arrangements made under Section 63 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, for the exercise and performance by such Officers of the aforesaid powers and duties on behalf of the Ministry of Finance :

“District” means the area for which any pension officer is appointed to act :

“Pension” means an old age pension under the Acts :

“Claim” means a claim to a pension :

“Claimant” means a person by whom a claim has been made :

“Pensioner” means a person in receipt of a pension.

(2) References in these regulations to enactments of the Parliament of the United Kingdom shall be construed as references to those enactments as they apply in Northern Ireland.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (a) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Provisions
as to sending
of notices.

3.—(1) Any notice or other document required or authorised to be sent for the purpose of these Regulations shall be in writing.

(2) Any notice or other document required or authorised to be sent to any person for the purpose of these Regulations shall be deemed to be duly sent if sent by post addressed to that person at his ordinary address or, in the case of a committee or sub-committee, addressed to the clerk of the committee or sub-committee at his usual office.

Use of
Scheduled
forms.

4. The forms set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations, or forms to the like effect, shall be used in all cases to which those forms are applicable.

MAKING OF CLAIMS.

Method of
making
claim,
Form No. 1

5.—(1) Every person who desires to make a claim must fill up a form of claim, and deliver the form when filled up either to

(a) 12 Geo. 5. c. 4. (N.I.).

the paying officer or to the pension officer.*

(2) The Ministry of Finance shall cause printed forms of claim to be furnished to every Paying Officer and every Pension Officer shall, on application being made to him for the purpose, supply a form of claim gratis to any person who desires to make a claim.

(3) Every paying officer shall, if any person who desires to make a claim requests him so to do, give to that person such information and such assistance in filling up the form of claim as is in his power to give and as may be necessary to enable that person to fill up the form properly.

6.—(1) Every paying officer upon delivery to him of a claim to a pension shall, unless he has received from the committee appointed for the area in which the claimant resides directions that claims shall be sent to the committee, forthwith send the claim to the pension officer :

Trans-
mission of
claims to
pension
officer or to
committee

Provided that if the committee give any such directions as aforesaid, the paying officer shall instead of sending the claim to the pension officer send it to the committee, or where the committee have appointed a sub-committee for the area in which the claimant resides, and the committee have sent notice to the paying officer requiring him so to do, shall send the claim to the sub-committee instead of to the committee.

(2) As soon as may be after the receipt thereof, any claim so sent to a committee or sub-committee shall be transmitted by the committee or sub-committee to the pension officer.

INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF CLAIMS BY PENSION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

7.—(1) The pension officer shall keep a register of all claims referred to him, and on receiving any claim shall, subject to these Regulations, forthwith cause the claim to be registered in such manner as the Ministry of Finance prescribes, and shall number all claims consecutively in the order in which they are entered in the register.

Register of
claims.

(2) The pension officer shall also enter in the register of claims such particulars as the Ministry of Finance prescribes of every decision of the committee or of the Ministry on, or in reference to, any claim entered in his register ; or on, or in reference to, any question raised in connection with any pension allowed on any such claim ; or on, or in reference to, any application made for the revocation or alteration of the provisional allowance of a claim.

*By virtue of an Agency Agreement between the Ministry of Finance and the Postmaster General under Sec. 63 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, Postmasters act as Paying Officers in Northern Ireland.

Investigation of claim by pension officer.

8.—(1) As soon as may be after receiving any claim, the pension officer shall take all necessary steps for investigating the claim for the purpose of ascertaining whether the claimant is entitled to a pension, and if he is so entitled, to what rate of pension :

Provided that :—

- (a) where a claim previously made by the claimant within six months of his present claim has been disallowed and the claimant does not satisfy the pension officer that there is a *prima facie* reason to believe that the ground on which the former claim was disallowed is no longer in operation ; or
- (b) where a claim on the face of it discloses that the claimant does not fulfil the statutory conditions ;

the pension officer shall not be bound to investigate the claim, but in any case in which the pension officer decides under this provision not to investigate a claim he shall make a special report to the committee stating his reasons for not investigating the claim, and shall then, if so requested by the committee, investigate the claim.

(2) Subject to compliance with the instructions set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations and to any further instructions issued for the guidance of pension officers, the pension officer shall investigate the claim in such manner as he thinks best fitted for the purpose.

Reports of pension officer on claims: Form No 2.

9.—The pension officer shall send to the committee his reports on any claims investigated by him, and any special reports on any claims which he has decided not to investigate, on such date or dates in each month as the Ministry of Finance may direct for the purpose, and shall annex to every report sent by him to the committee the original claim and (except in the case of a special report) a statement of the enquiries made by him in reference to the claim and of the result of those inquiries, and, unless he is satisfied that the yearly means of the claimant do not exceed £26 5s. and so states in the report, a summary of the income, property, and other yearly means of the claimant.

Meetings for consideration of claims.

10.—(1) Not later than seven days after the receipt of the report of the pension officer on any claim a meeting of the committee shall be held for the purpose of considering the claim.

If, by reason of a quorum of the committee not being present the meeting cannot be held upon the day fixed for the purpose, it shall stand adjourned till the same day in the following week or such earlier day as may be fixed for holding the adjourned meeting by a majority of the members of the committee present, and if no quorum of the committee is present on the day to which the meeting so stands adjourned, it shall again stand adjourned till

the same day in the next week or such earlier day as may be fixed as aforesaid and so from time to time ; Provided that a committee need not hold a meeting more often than once a month.

(2) At the meeting held for the consideration of a claim the committee shall consider the claim together with the report of the pension officer and any other evidence or information laid before them, and the committee may at any time, if they think necessary, require the pension officer to procure any further information which it is in his power to procure and which is not procurable by the claimant, in reference to any matter to be considered by the committee.

(3) The pension officer shall be entitled to attend any meeting held for considering any claim and to speak but not to vote thereat.

11.—Not less than three clear days before the day of any meeting (including an adjourned meeting) at which any claims are to be considered, the committee shall send to the pension officer a notice stating that a meeting for the consideration of claims will be held on that day, and specifying, so far as is then known, the claims which will be considered at that meeting.

Notice of meetings for consideration of claims, Form No. 3.

12.—In any case in which the pension officer has reported that the claim may properly be allowed at the maximum rate of pension and the committee after considering the claim agree with the report of the pension officer, the committee shall forthwith allow the claim and send notice of their decision to the pension officer and the claimant.

Procedure where committee agree with pension officer that claim should be allowed at maximum rate, Form No. 4.

13.—(1) In any case in which the pension officer has reported that the claim cannot properly be allowed, or can only be allowed at less than the maximum rate or from a date subsequent to the date of the receipt of the claim, or the date on which the claimant contends that he attained the age of 70 (or 50 in the case of a blind person), whichever is later, the committee shall, not less than two clear days before the date of the meeting at which the claim is to be considered, send to the claimant a notice of the meeting, stating the grounds upon which the pension officer has reported that, in his opinion, a pension should be refused or should only be allowed at less than the maximum rate or from a date subsequent to the date of the receipt of the claim or the date on which the claimant contends that he attained the statutory age, and also affording the claimant an opportunity of being heard at the meeting :

Procedure for determination of claim in other cases, Form No. 6.

Provided that where the report of the pension officer on any claim is received by the committee too late to enable them to send a notice of the meeting to the claimant they may nevertheless consider the claim if they are satisfied that it is in the interests of the claimant that the claim should be considered forthwith.

(2) If on considering any claim the committee disagree as respects any matter with the report of the pension officer, or if they consider that for any other reason the claim requires further consideration, the committee shall not proceed to give their final decision on the claim without such further investigation as the committee think necessary.

(3) The committee, may, if necessary for the purpose of any further investigation, or of giving a claimant an opportunity or a further opportunity of being heard, adjourn the consideration of any claim, and where the consideration of any claim is so adjourned, an adjourned meeting for the further consideration of the claim shall be held not more than five weeks after the date of the original meeting, and the committee shall send notice to the claimant of the adjournment of the consideration of the claim, and of the day fixed for the further consideration of the claim.

(4) The claimant shall, if he so desires, be entitled to attend and be heard at any such adjourned meeting.

(5) The committee shall, as soon as may be, give their decision on every claim which falls to be determined by them under this Regulation, and shall forthwith after giving their decision send notice thereof to the pension officer and to the claimant.

(6) In any case in which a claim is disallowed, the notice of the decision of the committee to be sent to the claimant under this Regulation shall state the grounds upon which the claim has been disallowed, and in any case in which a claim is disallowed or is allowed at less than the maximum rate, the notice shall state that the claimant is entitled to appeal to the Ministry against the decision of the committee.

14. In any case where a claim is allowed, the committee must fix the weekly rate of pension to which the pensioner is entitled and specify the rate in the notice of their decision.

15.—(1) If it appears to any person that, although for the time being he is not entitled to a pension, he will nevertheless become entitled to a pension at some future date, he may make a claim at any time not more than four months before that future date.

(2) If the committee are satisfied that a claimant is likely, at any time within four months from the date on which the claim is being considered, to be entitled to a pension, they may allow the claim provisionally so as to take effect on any future date not later than four months from the date of their decision, or where a claimant is in receipt of disqualifying poor relief, so as to take effect from a certain date or any subsequent date not later than four months from the date of the decision, subject to the cessation of disqualifying poor relief.

Form No.
6A.

Forms Nos.
4 and 5.

Committee
to fix and
specify rate
of pension.

Provisional
allowance of
claims.

PROVISIONS AS TO QUESTIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

16.—(1) If any pensioner desires to raise any question as to the weekly rate of his pension, or if any person whose claim has been provisionally allowed desires to make an application for the alteration of the provisional allowance, he may do so by sending a written statement of the question or the application, as the case may be, together with a summary of any evidence in support of his allegations, to the pension officer of the district in which he usually resides, and the pension officer shall investigate and (subject to the provisions of this Regulation) report on the question or application in the same manner *mutatis mutandis* as he is by these Regulations required to do in the case of a claim :

Raising and determination of questions as to pensions, and applications for alteration of provisional allowance of claim.
Form No. 7.

Provided that the pension officer shall not be bound to investigate the question or application in any case in which the evidence adduced by the pensioner in support of his allegations is not, in the opinion of the pension officer, substantial, and less than six months have elapsed since the pension was granted or since a similar question was determined by the committee, but if in pursuance of this provision the pension officer decides not to investigate the question or application, he shall make a special report to the committee stating shortly the grounds of his opinion.

(2) The date on which the written statement of the question is received by the pension officer shall be deemed to be the date on which the question is raised.

(3) If a pension officer himself desires to raise any question as to the fulfilment or the continuance of the fulfilment of the statutory conditions, as to the disqualification of a pensioner, as to the weekly rate of the pension of any pensioner, or as to the receipt at any time by a person of a pension when he was not entitled to receive the pension or of a pension at a rate at which he was not entitled to receive it, or to make an application for the alteration or revocation of the provisional allowance of a claim for a pension, he may do so by sending notice of the question or application, as the case may be, to the committee, and the date on which notice of the question is so sent shall be deemed to be the date on which the question is raised.

Form No. 8B.

The pension officer shall submit to the committee his report on every question raised, or application made, by him either at the time when he sends to the committee notice of the question or application, or as soon as may be thereafter.

Form No. 7

The pension officer shall take into consideration any representation which may be made by any person that any such question as aforesaid ought to be investigated, or any such application made, and shall, if he considers it necessary so to do, investigate and raise the question, or make the application, accordingly.

(4) Where the committee receive a report of the pension officer as respects any such question or application as aforesaid, they shall *mutatis mutandis* consider and determine the question

Forms No. 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D.

or application in the same manner as, and send all such notices as they are by these Regulations required to do and to send in the case of a claim :

Provided that in any case where a question raised relates to a person, who, having been a pensioner, is dead, any notice required under these Regulations to be given to the pensioner shall be given to his personal representative or, if there is no such personal representative, to such person as the committee may direct in that behalf, and the legal personal representative, or the person to whom the notice is directed to be given, shall have the same right to be heard and to appeal to the Ministry against the decision of the committee as the pensioner would have had.

(5) Where payment of a pension is discontinued under subsection (4) of Section 6 of the Act of 1911, upon the raising of a question as to the disqualification of the pensioner, the pension officer shall send a notice to the pensioner informing him that payment of the pension will be stopped pending the decision of the question.

Form No.
8F.

(6) If it appears at any time that a pensioner who is in receipt of a pension at a certain rate will at some future date become entitled to a pension at a higher or a lower rate, a question as to the rate at which the pension should as from that future date be paid may be raised either by the pensioner or the pension officer at any time not more than four months before that future date, and if it appears to the committee that the pension will become payable at some different rate at some time within four months from the date on which the question was raised, the committee may provisionally determine that the pension shall, as from some specified date, not being more than four months later than the date on which the question was raised, be paid at a specified different rate, and any such provisional determination shall, as from the specified date, unless previously revoked or altered, take effect according to the terms thereof.

APPEALS.

17.—(1) A pension officer or any person aggrieved who desires to appeal to the Ministry against a decision of the committee may do so by sending to the Ministry notice of appeal within seven days after the date of the decision, or, if appellant is a person to whom notice of the decision is required to be sent under these Regulations, within seven days after the receipt of the notice by him :

Provided that if in any case it is shown to the Ministry by any person desiring to appeal that it was not reasonably practicable for him to send notice of appeal within the time herein before limited the Ministry may in their discretion, notwithstanding that the notice of appeal has not been sent within the said time, entertain the appeal if the notice is sent at any time within fourteen days after the receipt of the notice of the decision.

Provisions
as to time
and manner
of appeal,
&c. Form
No. 9.

(2) The person appealing must, at the time of sending his notice of appeal to the Ministry, also send to the committee a notification that he has so appealed, and the committee shall forthwith after receiving the notification send to the Ministry—

Form No. 10.

- (a) The notification of appeal ;
- (b) The claim or the statement of the question or application in respect of which the appeal is brought ;
- (c) The report of the pension officer ;
- (d) A statement of the decision of the committee and in any case in which the committee disagree with the report of the pension officer, a statement of the grounds of their decision ;
- (e) All other documents in the possession of the committee relating to the claim, question or application.

(3) Where the appeal is brought by any person other than a claimant or a pensioner (including a person in whose case a pension has been provisionally allowed), the committee shall send notice to the claimant or pensioner informing him that the appeal has been brought, and where the appeal is brought by any person other than the pension officer, the committee shall send a like notice to the pension officer.

Form No. 11A.

Form No. 11B.

(4) The clerk of the committee shall supply gratis to any person desiring to appeal a form of notice of appeal and a form of notification to the committee of an appeal having been made.

18.—(1) In the case of any appeal to the Ministry the Ministry shall cause such inquiry to be held, or take such other steps as they think necessary for the purpose of enabling them to come to a proper decision on the case.

Procedure of Ministry on appeals.

(2) Notice of every decision of the Ministry shall forthwith be sent to the committee and to the pension officer and the committee shall on receiving any such notice send information thereof to the claimant or pensioner (including a person in whose case a pension has been provisionally allowed), and likewise, if the appellant is a person other than the pension officer or a claimant or pensioner, to the appellant.

Form No. 12.

Form No. 13.

APPLICATIONS TO MINISTRY WHERE COMMITTEE REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO DETERMINE MATTER.

19.—(1) An application to the Ministry under paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Act of 1908, as amended by subsection (6) of section 6 of the Act of 1911, by any person aggrieved by the refusal or neglect of a committee to consider a claim, or to determine any question or application, may be made by sending to the Ministry a notice in writing stating that the applicant is so aggrieved, and specifying the date on which the claim or application was made or the question referred to the committee, as the case may be.

Applications to Ministry by persons aggrieved by refusal or neglect of committee to consider claim, &c.

(2) If the Ministry do not consider that the committee have refused or neglected to consider the claim, or determine the question or application, within a reasonable time, the Ministry shall inform the applicant accordingly.

(3) The provisions of these Regulations relating to the procedure of the Ministry on appeals shall apply in the case of applications to the Ministry under the above-mentioned provision of the Act of 1908, as so amended, as they apply in the case of appeals to the Ministry.

LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

Constitution, chairman, and proceedings of local pension committee.

20.—(1) A local pension committee shall consist of such number of persons, not being less than seven nor more than the number of the council by whom the committee is appointed, as the council may determine.

(2) The council by whom a committee is appointed may make regulations as to the quorum, proceedings, and place of meeting of the committee, but subject to any such regulations, the quorum, proceedings, and place of meeting of the committee shall be such as the committee determine :

Provided that the quorum shall in no case be less than three.

(3) The term of office of a person appointed to be a member of a committee shall be three years or such less term as may be fixed by the appointing council at the time of the appointment, and any person on ceasing to be a member of a committee may be re-appointed :

Provided that—

- (a) if any person so appointed is a member of the appointing council, he shall cease to be a member of the committee if he ceases to be a member of that council ;
- (b) a member of the committee may resign by sending to the clerk of the appointing council notice of his desire so to do ;
- (c) a member whose office expires by effluxion of time shall continue to hold office until his successor is appointed ;
- (d) the appointing council may, if they think fit, at any time remove any member of a committee and appoint another person to be a member of the committee in his place ;
- (e) if a member of the committee is absent from meetings of the committee for more than six months consecutively, except in case of illness or for some reason approved by the committee, his office shall on the expiration of those months become vacant.

(4) If any vacancy occurs in a committee by death, resignation, or otherwise, the clerk of the committee shall forthwith send notice of the vacancy to the clerk of the appointing council, and that council shall as soon as possible fill up the vacancy.

(5) A committee shall appoint some member of the committee to be chairman of the committee, and the person so appointed shall, if he so long remains a member of the committee, hold office as chairman for such period, not being less than 12 months, as may be specified in the resolution of the committee under which he is so appointed.

(6) Every question at a meeting of the committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members of the committee present and voting on the question, and, in case of an equal division of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(7) The proceedings of a committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in their number or by any defect in the appointment of any member of the committee.

21.—(1) A committee shall, for the purpose of any of the meetings of the committee under these Regulations, be entitled to use free of charge (except such charge as may be approved by the Ministry of Finance for heating, lighting, or cleaning), at all reasonable times, and after reasonable notice, any offices of any local authority situate in the area of the council by which the committee is appointed.

Use by committees of offices of local authorities, and provisions in case there are no such offices available.

(2) If any question arises under this Regulation it may be determined by the Ministry.

(3) If in any case there are no offices of any local authority available for use by a committee and the committee are unable to obtain the use of any room free of charge, the committee may hire such room as may be required for the purpose of any meeting of the committee :

Provided that :—

- (a) the cost of hiring any such room shall not exceed the scale fixed for the purpose by the Ministry of Finance ;
- (b) except with the sanction of the Ministry (which sanction shall only be given when no other suitable room is available either free of charge or at a cost not exceeding such scale as aforesaid) a committee shall not hold a meeting on any licensed premises nor shall any such premises be used without such sanction as an office of the committee or for any purpose of or incidental to the business of the committee.

(4) In this Regulation the expression " committee " (except where the context otherwise requires) includes a sub-committee, and the expression " licensed premises " means premises licensed

for the sale of intoxicating liquor, and includes any club at which intoxicating liquor is supplied.

Appoint-
ment of
clerk of
committee.

22.—(1) Every committee shall appoint some fit person to be clerk of the committee, to hold office during the pleasure of the committee.

(2) The committee may assign to the clerk such remuneration as the committee think fit, not being in excess of the scale fixed for the purpose by the Ministry of Finance.

(3) The clerk of every committee shall keep a record in such form and containing such particulars as the Ministry direct of all claims, applications, and questions in respect of which a report is sent to the committee by the pension officer, and of the decision of the committee thereon.

Form No. 14.

(4) The clerk of every committee shall immediately upon his appointment notify the appointment, together with his name and address, to the Ministry and to the Ministry of Finance or any Department of the Government of the United Kingdom the officers of which are acting on behalf of the Ministry of Finance in the administration of these Regulations by virtue of arrangements made under Section 63 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.*

(5) In this regulation the expression "committee" includes a sub-committee, except that in the case of the clerk to a sub-committee the remuneration shall be assigned by the committee.

Provisions as
to sub-
committees
Form No. 15.

23.—(1) Every committee by whom a sub-committee is appointed shall send notice of the appointment to the Ministry and to every pension officer acting within the sub-committee's district, and the notice so sent shall specify the area for which the sub-committee is appointed to act, and shall state which of the powers and duties of the committee have been delegated to the sub-committee.

(2) A sub-committee shall consist of such number of members, not being less than five nor more than nine, as the committee may determine :

Provided that the Ministry may in special circumstances substitute a smaller or a greater number as the minimum or maximum number respectively of a sub-committee.

(3) Subject as aforesaid, the provisions of these Regulations relating to the constitution, chairman, and proceedings of committees shall apply to sub-committees as they apply to committees with the substitution of the committee for the appointing council and of the sub-committee for the committee.

* The Commissioners of Customs and Excise are, at the date of these Regulations, acting as the Agents of the Ministry of Finance,

MISCELLANEOUS.

24. The Ministry or any committee may for the purpose of determining any claim, question, or application which is to be determined by the Ministry or the committee, have regard to any such evidence or information as in the opinion of the Ministry or committee is sufficient for the purpose, and is the best evidence or information which it is reasonably possible to obtain.

Provision as to evidence on determination of claims, &c.

25. Any failure on the part of any pension officer or any committee to comply with any requirements of these Regulations or of any directions given by virtue of these Regulations as to the time within which any proceedings are to be taken, or any things are to be done, or as to the notice to be given of meetings for the consideration of claims, shall not of itself render invalid the decision of the committee on any claim, question, or application.

Provision as to dates being directory.

26. As soon as may be after the decision of the committee on any claim, question, or application has become final, the committee shall return the claim, question or application, and all documents relating thereto in their possession to the pension officer.

Disposal of documents.

27.(1) It shall be the duty of the pension officer, in every case in which there is a final decision allowing a claim, to issue to the claimant a book of pension orders.

Issue of books of pension orders.

(2) On every issue to a pensioner of a fresh book of pension orders he shall be required to sign a statement in writing in the Form No. 16 in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

28. Subject to the provisions of the Acts and of these Regulations, every person appointed as a pension officer shall, in the execution of his office, observe and follow the orders, instructions, and directions of the Ministry of Finance and of any Department of the Government of the United Kingdom acting on behalf of the Ministry of Finance in the administration of these Regulations by virtue of arrangements made under Section 63 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.*

Directions to pension officers.

29. For the purpose of enabling a pension officer to ascertain whether any claimant or pensioner is disqualified, by reason of being an inmate of any workhouse or other poor law institution, for receiving or continuing to receive a pension, or to ascertain the yearly means of any claimant or pensioner, every officer or person acting in the administration of the relief of the poor shall, if so requested by the pension officer, supply to the pension officer such information as it is in his power to give as respects any person who is or has been an inmate of a workhouse or other poor law institution, or is or has been otherwise in receipt of poor relief.

Information to be supplied by poor law officers.

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Authentic-
ation of, and
furnishing
of, copies of
decisions.

30.—(1) A copy of a decision of a committee shall be authenticated by the signature of the clerk, or the person for the time being acting as clerk of the committee; and a copy purporting to be signed by the clerk or person so acting as clerk, shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been so signed.

(2) The committee shall, on the demand of any person interested and on payment to the clerk of the committee of such fee (not exceeding sixpence per copy) as the committee may fix, furnish to that person a duly authenticated copy of any decision of the committee.

Repayment
under
Section 9 (2)
of the Act
of 1908.

31.—When a person in receipt of a pension is liable to repay any sums under sub-section (2) of section 9 of the Act of 1908, as amended by the Act of 1911, and the Ministry of Finance under sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Act of 1911, direct those sums or any part of them to be deducted from the sums to which that person becomes entitled on account of a pension the deduction shall be made by withholding payments on account of the pension until the total of the sums withheld amounts to the total of the sums so directed to be deducted.

Persons
suffering
from
incapacity.

32.—(1) Where any person, being either a person who is alleged to be entitled to a pension or a person by whom or on whose behalf a claim has been made or a pensioner, is by reason of any mental or other incapacity unable to act and no committee or quasi-committee of his estate has been appointed, an application may be made in accordance with the provisions of this regulation to the local pension committee for the appointment of a person (whether the applicant or any other person) to exercise on behalf of the person unable to act any right to which that person may be entitled under the Acts, and to receive on behalf and for the benefit of that person any sums which may become payable to that person by way of a pension.

(2) On any such application as aforesaid the local pension committee may, if they are satisfied that the person proposed to be appointed is a fit and proper person to act for the purposes of this Regulation on behalf of the incapacitated person and is willing so to act, appoint him to act accordingly:

Provided that—

- (a) no person being a member, officer or servant of the local pension committee and no person under 18 years of age shall be capable of being appointed to act under this Regulation;
- (b) the local pension committee may at any time in their absolute discretion revoke any appointment made under this Regulation; and
- (c) any person appointed under this Regulation, may, on giving the local pension committee one month's notice of his intention so to do, resign his office.

(3) Anything required by these Regulations to be done by or to any person, being either a person desiring to claim a pension or a person by whom or on whose behalf a claim has been made or a pensioner, may, if that person is by reason of any mental or other incapacity unable to act, be done by or to the committee, or quasi-committee, of his estate, if any, or by or to the person appointed under these Regulations to act on his behalf.

(4) Every person intending to make an application under this Regulation shall give notice in writing of his intention to the clerk of the local pension committee specifying the name and address of the incapacitated person in respect of whom the application is to be made and the name, address and description of the person proposed to be appointed, and the clerk shall, as soon as may be, send to the intending applicant a notification of the date on which the application will be considered by the local pension committee.

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(5) Where an appointment is made of a person to act under this Regulation, or where any such appointment is revoked, or a person appointed so to act resigns his office, the clerk of the local pension committee shall, as soon as may be, send to the pension officer a notification of the appointment, revocation, or resignation, as the case may be, and of the date as from which it takes effect; and where any such appointment is made or revoked, he shall also send a notification to the person who is appointed or whose appointment is revoked.

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33.— These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st February, 1925.

Commence-
ment of
Regulations.

34.— The Old Age Pensions Regulations, 1911, and the Old Age Pensions Regulations, 1920, are hereby revoked as respects Northern Ireland :

Repeal of
existing
Regulations,

Provided that anything done in pursuance of those Regulations shall, notwithstanding anything in these Regulations, be deemed to have been validly done and shall have full effect accordingly.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of January, 1925.

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of January, 1925.

Geo. A. Harris,
Assistant Secretary.

Schedules.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM 1.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.
THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Claim to Pension.

NOTE.—A claim may be made for the provisional allowance of a pension before the date on which the claimant will become actually entitled to receive the pension if allowed, but not more than four months before that date.

NOTE.—“ If for the purpose of obtaining or continuing an old age pension under this Act, either for himself or any other person, or for the purpose of obtaining or continuing an old age pension under this Act for himself or for any other person at a higher rate than that appropriate to the case, any person knowingly makes any false statement or false representation, he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, with hard labour ” (Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, section 9 (1)).

1. Full name of claimant.....
2. *Home address
3. Occupation
4. Sex
5. Are you single or married ? or a widower or widow ?
- If a married woman or a widow, what was your maiden name ?.....
6. Age..... Date of birth
7. †Are you so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential ?.....
8. ‡Place where born.....
9. Are you a British subject ?.....
10. At what place or places have you lived since you attained the age of 50 years (30 years if the claim is made under the Blind Persons Act, 1920)?.....
11. How much have you coming in per week in money ?.....
What are your other means of subsistence (if any) ?.....
Do you pay rent for the house or lodging in which you live ?.....
12. Have you previously made a claim for a pension ?.....
If so, state the date on which, and the place at which, the claim was made, and with what result.....
13. Do you claim that you are now entitled to a pension, or that you will become so entitled at a future date ?.....
If at a future date, state the date.....

* The postal address in full of the claimant must be given.

† This question need not be answered unless the claimant is under 70 years of age and is claiming as a blind person.

‡ Give exact address if possible.

NOTE.—You will subsequently have to furnish any further particulars which the pension officer may require, in order to satisfy himself that you are entitled to a pension.

I have clearly understood the above questions, and to the best of my knowledge and belief all the statements made by me in this claim are correct, and so far as I know I am not disqualified for receiving a pension (or, in the case of a claim for the provisional allowance of a pension by a person who is at the time disqualified for receiving a pension, I shall not be disqualified for receiving a pension on the day of)

Under the Old Age Pensions Acts, a person is by law disqualified for receiving a pension in the following cases :—

1. While he is in receipt of poor relief as an inmate of any workhouse or other poor law institution, unless he has become an inmate for the purpose of obtaining medical or surgical treatment, in which case he is not disqualified for a period of three months from the date of admission provided that he so long continues to require such treatment.
2. While he is in prison under a sentence of imprisonment without the option of a fine, or under sentence of penal servitude.
3. If an order of a court disqualifying him is in force.
4. While he is detained in any asylum within the meaning of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, or while he is being maintained in any place as a pauper or criminal lunatic.

If my claim is allowed I desire that my pension should be payable at the Post Office at *

* The full address of the Post Office must be given.

Signature (or Mark) of Claimant.....

Witness to signature, or (where claimant is unable to write) to mark, of claimant.....

Address of Witness.....

Date.....

The claimant must sign or mark the claim himself in all cases except when he is incapable of so doing through mental or bodily infirmity. In such a case a duly appointed committee or quasi-committee administering his estate, or a person who has been appointed an agent for the purpose by the Local Pension Committee or Sub-Committee may make and sign the claim on behalf of the incapacitated person and in that case the committee, etc., or the duly appointed agent must fill up and sign the following statement :—

I sign this claim on behalf of the above-named who is by reason of mental or other incapacity unable to act, and I declare that it relates to the said and that to the best of my knowledge and belief it is correct.

Signature (or mark) of person claiming on behalf of a person unable to act.....

Witness to signature, or mark.....

Address of witness.....

To be filled in only when the claimant has been assisted by a sub-postmaster.

I have assisted the claimant to fill up this form.

Signature

Sub-postmaster of.....

I certify that the applicant assisted in this case has been granted a pension (v. Register No.).

Signature Pension Officer.

Address

Date.....

(NOTE.—In the following forms, the expression “ sub-committee ” must be substituted for the expressions “ local pension committee ” and “ committee ” if the local pension authority is acting by a sub-committee.)

FORM 2.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Report of Pension Officer on Claim.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant

To the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

A. to be used where report in favour of allowance of claim.

B. to be used where report in favour of disallowance. Strike out paragraph not required.

A.—*I have investigated the claim of the above-named claimant, and in my opinion the claim may properly be allowed, and the claimant is (or will be) entitled to receive a pension at the weekly rate of _____ as from the _____ day of _____ inclusive.

B.—I have investigated the claim of the above-named claimant, and in my opinion the claim cannot properly be allowed for the following reasons, namely :—

The claimant does not fulfil the statutory conditions by reason of (*not being a British subject or, as the case may be*) [or,

The claimant is disqualified under section 3 (1) (d) of the Act of 1908 (or as the case may be)].

† [I am satisfied that the yearly means of the claimant do not exceed £26 5s.

† [The annexed statement contains a summary of the income, property and other means of the claimant].

† Strike out alternative which is not appropriate.

Statement as to inquiries made.
(Signature of Pension Officer.)

(Address of Pension Officer.)

(Date.)

FORM 3.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Meeting of Committee for Considering Claims, Questions or Applications.
County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

To the Pension Officer.

You are hereby informed that a meeting of the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of _____ will be held at _____ on the* _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock for the purpose of considering the claims (or questions, or application) specified in the subjoined list.

* This must be a day not less than three days after the date of notice.

LIST OF CLAIMS.

Name of Claimant.	Address of Claimant.	Number of Claim in Pension Officer's Register.
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(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

FORM 4.

A.—FORM OF NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Decision of Committee allowing Claim.

No. in Committee's Register

Name of Committee.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant.

To the above-named Claimant.

You are hereby informed that by their decision dated the _____ day of _____, the Local Pension Committee have allowed your claim to a pension and that you are (or will be) entitled to a pension at the weekly rate of _____ shillings, the first payment in respect of which will be due as from Friday, the _____ day of _____ inclusive.

The pension will be payable at the Post Office at _____ by pension orders, the issue of which is a matter for the Pension Officer.

The pension will continue so long only as you fulfil the statutory conditions and are not subject to any disqualification.

This decision is subject to appeal by the Pension Officer or any person aggrieved. If an appeal is made by any person other than yourself or a person appealing on your behalf you will be informed of the fact.

Should you desire to appeal against this decision you must send notice of appeal to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland not later than seven days after the receipt of this notice, and at the same time send to me notification that you have so appealed. A form of notice of appeal and a form of notification may be obtained on application to me.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

B.—FORM OF NOTICE TO PENSION OFFICER.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Decision of Committee Allowing Claim.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant

To the Pension Officer.

You are hereby informed that by their decision dated the _____ day of _____, the Local Pension Committee have allowed the claim of the above-named claimant, and that the claimant is (or will be) entitled to a pension at the weekly rate of _____ shillings as from Friday, the _____ day of _____ inclusive.

Should you desire to appeal against this decision you must send notice of appeal to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland not later than seven days after the receipt of this notice, and at the same time send to me notification that you have so appealed.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

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FORM 5.

A.—FORM OF NOTICE TO CLAIMANT.
 THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.
 THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.
Notice of Decision of Committee Disallowing Claim.

District Station
 No. in Pension Officer's Register
 To A.B. of

You are hereby informed that by their decision dated the _____ day of _____ the Local Pension Committee have disallowed your claim to a pension on the grounds that (*state the grounds*).

Should you desire to appeal against this decision you must send notice of appeal to the Ministry of Home Affairs not later than seven days after the receipt of this notice, and at the same time send to me notification that you have so appealed. A form of notice of appeal and a form of notification may be obtained on application to me.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

B.—FORM OF NOTICE TO PENSION OFFICER.
 THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.
 THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.
Notice of Decision of Committee Disallowing Claim.

District Station
 No. in Pension Officer's Register
 Name of Claimant
 To the Pension Officer.

You are hereby informed that by their decision dated the _____ day of _____ the Local Pension Committee have disallowed the claim of the above-named claimant on the grounds (*state the grounds*).

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

FORM 6.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.
 THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.
Notice of Meeting for Consideration of Claim.

District Station
 No. in Pension Officer's Register
 Name of Claimant
 To the above-named Claimant.

You are hereby informed that a meeting of the Local Pension Committee for the consideration of your claim will be held at _____ on the _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock.

The Pension Officer reports that you are *(not entitled to a pension)* *(entitled to a pension at the rate of _____ shillings a week) as from Friday, the _____ day of _____ inclusive.

If you have any reason to urge in support of *(your claim)* *(your claim to a pension at a higher rate or from an earlier date), you are entitled to attend and be heard at the meeting. Unless you then attend, or communicate with me further before the meeting, the Committee will proceed to decide your claim upon the evidence before them.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

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FORM 6A.

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THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Adjourned Consideration of Claim.

District Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant

To the above-named Claimant.

You are hereby informed that the consideration of your claim has been adjourned and that a meeting for the further consideration of it will be held at _____ on the _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock.

*The Committee desire your attendance at the meeting.

*You are entitled to attend and be heard at the meeting if you so desire.

*Unless you then attend or communicate with me further before that date, the Committee will proceed to decide your claim upon the evidence before them, which makes it necessary to disallow it (or to allow it at the rate of _____ s. a week as from Friday, the _____ day of _____ inclusive) on the ground that

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

* Strike out the inapplicable paragraphs.

Here insert the reason for the proposed disallowance, whether absolutely or for a limited period, or for allowance at less than the maximum rate

FORM 7.

A.—IN CASE OF QUESTION.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Report of Pension Officer on Question.

District Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner

Address of Pensioner

Existing rate of Pension

Date of original allowance of Pension

To the local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of _____

A*—I desire to raise the following question in reference to the pension of the above-named pensioner, namely (state the question) (or The above-named pensioner has raised the question that he is (or will be) entitled as from Friday, the _____ day of _____ inclusive to a higher rate of pension than _____ s. a week.

* A to be used where a notice in Form 3B has not been sent, B to be used if such a notice has been sent.

I have investigated the above-mentioned question, and in my opinion the pensioner (state whether the pensioner does or does not continue to fulfil the statutory conditions, or is or is not disqualified, or is (or will be) entitled to a pension at a higher or a lower rate as from Friday, the _____ day of _____ inclusive.)

B.—I have investigated the question referred to in my Notice of the _____ day of _____, 19____, and in my opinion the pensioner (state whether the pensioner does or does not continue to fulfil the statutory conditions, or is or is not disqualified, or is (or will be) entitled to a pension at a higher or a lower rate and from what date the pension should be altered or discontinued.)

Statement as to inquiries made.

(Signature of Pension Officer.)

(Address of Pension Officer.)

(Date.)

B.—IN CASE OF APPLICATION.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Report of Pension Officer on Application.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant

To the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

* A to be used where a notice in Form 8a has not been sent, B to be used if such notice has been sent.

A.—I desire to apply for the revocation (or alteration) of the provisional allowance of the claim of the above-named claimant (or The above-named claimant has applied for the alteration of the provisional allowance of his claim).

I have investigated the application, and in my opinion the provisional allowance ought to be revoked on the ground that (*state the ground*) (or in my opinion the provisional allowance should have been at the weekly rate of shillings instead of at the weekly rate of shillings).

B.—*In reference to the application contained in my Notice of the day of 19, I now beg to report that in my opinion (*state whether the pensioner does or does not continue to fulfil the statutory conditions, is or is not disqualified, or is entitled to a pension at a higher rate or a lower rate or from a different date*).

Statement as to inquiries made.

(Signature of Pension Officer.)

(Address of Pension Officer.)

(Date.)

FORM 8.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

A.—*Notice of Question raised by Pension Officer.*

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner

To the above-named Pensioner.

You are hereby informed that the Pension Officer has raised the following question with reference to your pension (*state the question*):—

This question will be considered by the Local Pension Committee at their meeting to be held at on the day of at o'clock.

*The Committee desire your attendance at the meeting.

*If you wish to make any statement to the Committee in the matter, you may attend the meeting or you may communicate with me in writing before that date.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

B.—**Notice of Consideration of Question raised by Pensioner.*

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner

To the above-named Pensioner

You are hereby informed that the question raised by you with reference to your pension will be considered by the Local Pension Committee upon the report of the Pension Officer at their meeting to be held at on the day of at o'clock.

* If the Pension Officer's report is favourable this notice need not be used.

† The Committee desire your attendance at the meeting.

† It is open to you to attend at the meeting, if you wish.

† The Pension Officer has reported that (*insert effect of Pension Officer's report*) and unless you attend or communicate with

me further before that date the Committee will proceed to decide the question upon the evidence before them.

† Strike out whichever is not appropriate.

† Strike out it inapplicable.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

C.—FORM OF NOTICE TO PENSIONER.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Decision of Committee on Question or Application.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner (or Claimant)

To the above-named Pensioner (or Claimant),

You are hereby informed that by their decision dated the day of the Local Pension Committee have decided the question whether (*state the question*)

(or the application for the revocation (or alteration) of the provisional allowance of your claim) as follows:—

The consequence of this decision is that (*state whether the position of the pensioner (or claimant) is or is not altered by the decision, and if so, how*).

Should you desire to appeal against this decision you must send notice of appeal to the Ministry of Home Affairs not later than seven days after the receipt of this notice and send at the same time to me notification that you have so appealed. A form of notice of appeal and a form of notification may be obtained on application to me.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

D.—FORM OF NOTICE TO PENSION OFFICER.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Decision of Committee on Question or Application.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner (or Claimant)

To the Pension Officer:

You are hereby informed that by their decision dated the day of the Local Pension Committee have decided the question whether (*state the question*) (or the application for the revocation (or alteration) of the provisional allowance of the claim of the above-named claimant as follows:—

The consequence of this decision is that (*state whether the position of the pensioner (or claimant) is or is not altered by the decision, and if so, how*).

Should you desire to appeal against this decision you must send notice of appeal to the Ministry of Home Affairs not later than seven days after the receipt of this notice and at the same time send to me notification that you have so appealed.

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

E.—*Notice of Question Raised or Application made by Pension Officer.

District Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner (or Claimant)

To the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

I hereby give you notice that I desire to raise the following question in reference to the pension of the above-named pensioner, namely (*state the question*) (or to apply for the revocation (or alteration) of the provisional allowance of the claim of the above-named claimant).

(Signature of Pension Officer.)

(Address of Pension Officer.)

(Date.)

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

F.—Notice of Stoppage of Pension

District Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner

To the above-named Pensioner.

You are hereby informed that a question has been raised that you have incurred disqualification for the receipt of a pension, and it is alleged that the disqualification still continues (or ceased less than three weeks before the day of , being the date on which the question was raised).

Payment of your pension will therefore, under Section 6 (4) of the Act of 1911, be discontinued until the question is decided, but if the question is decided in your favour you will be entitled to receive all sums which would have been payable to you if the question had not been raised.

(Signature of Pension Officer.)

(Address of Pension Officer.)

(Date.)

FORM 9.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Appeal.

District Station

No. in pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant (or Pensioner)

To the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland,

I, the undersigned, being (*state whether pension officer or person aggrieved*) hereby appeal against the decision of the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of given the day of , 19 , being a decision that (*state the decision*).

(Signature of Appellant.)

(Address of Appellant.)

NOTE.—An Appeal must be made within seven days of the date of receipt of notice of the decision to be appealed against.

FORM 10.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notification to Committee of Appeal having been made.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant (or Pensioner)

To the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

I hereby give you notice that I have appealed to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland against your decision given the day of 19 , being a decision that (*state the decision*).

I am of opinion that the decision was wrong for the following reasons (*state the reasons*).

(Signature of Appellant.)

(Address of Appellant.)

(Date.)

FORM 11.

A.—FORM OF NOTIFICATION TO CLAIMANT OR PENSIONER.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notification of Appeal having been brought.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant (or Pensioner)

To the above-named Claimant (or Pensioner).

Take notice that an appeal has been brought against the decision of the Local Pension Committee of the of that you are (or will be) entitled as from Friday the day of inclusive to a pension at the weekly rate of shillings. The question will now have to be finally determined by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

†Any evidence which you may desire to submit in support of your case should be transmitted to that authority within fourteen days accompanied by this Form.

The ground of the appeal is that (*state ground*).

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

†Communications should be addressed :—

The Secretary,

Ministry of Home Affairs,

Ocean Buildings,

Belfast.

B.—FORM OF NOTIFICATION TO PENSION OFFICER.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notification of Appeal having been brought.

District

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant (or Pensioner)

To the Pension Officer.

You are hereby informed that an appeal has been brought against the decision of the Local Pension Committee of the _____ of _____ that the above-named Claimant (or Pensioner) is* (not) entitled (or will (not) on the day of _____ be entitled) to a Pension (at the weekly rate of _____).

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

FORM 12.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of the Decision of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

No. in Committee's Register

Name of Claimant (or Pensioner)

To the Local Pension Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of _____

You are hereby informed that the decision of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland upon the claim of the above-named claimant (or the question raised in reference to the pension of the above-named Pensioner) (the application made for the revocation (or alteration) of the provisional allowance of the claim of the above-named claimant) in respect of which an appeal was made by _____ against your decision thereon, given on the _____ day of _____ is as follows (*state the decision.*)

You are forthwith to communicate this decision to the Claimant (or Pensioner).

(Signed)

Secretary (or an Assistant Secretary).

Or A person appointed to act on behalf of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(Date.)

FORM 13.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notification by Committee of Decision of Ministry of Home Affairs.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Claimant (or Pensioner)

To the above-named Claimant (or Pensioner).

You are hereby informed that the decision of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland upon your claim (or the question raised in reference to your pension), (or the application for the revocation (or alteration) of the provisional allowance of your claim) in respect of which an appeal was made by _____ against the decision of the Local Pension Committee thereon, given on the _____ day of _____ is as follows (*state the decision.*)

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

* Strike out the inappropriate words.

FORM 14.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notification of Appointment of Clerk of Committee (Sub-Committee).

County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

*To the—

Ministry of Home Affairs,

Ministry of Finance,

(or To the Commissioners of Customs and Excise).

(The Sub-Committee of) the Local Pension Committee of the above-named County (or Borough) (or Urban District) have appointed me, the undersigned, to be clerk of the Committee (Sub-Committee).

(Signature of Clerk of Committee (Sub-Committee).)

(Address of Clerk of Committee (Sub-Committee).)

(Date.)

* Strike out the words inapplicable.

FORM 15.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Appointment of Sub-Committee.

County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of

*To the—

Ministry of Finance,

Ministry of Home Affairs,

Pension Officer.

The Local Pension Committee have appointed Sub-Committees to act for the following areas, viz. :—

(Give particulars of the composition of the areas and the name by which each of the Sub-Committees will be described.)

The following powers and duties of the Committee have been delegated to the Sub-Committees, viz. :—

(Signature of Clerk of Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of Committee.)

(Date.)

* Strike out the words inapplicable.

FORM 16.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 to 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Statement by Pensioner on Issue of Fresh Book of Pension Orders.

District

Station

No. in Pension Officer's Register

Name of Pensioner

I, the above-named pensioner, hereby state that to the best of my belief :—

1. All my means were truly stated to the Pension Officer before I was allowed a pension.

2. Since my pension at the rate of _____ shillings a week was allowed there has not been any increase in my means of which I have not informed the Pension Officer.

* See notes.

3. At the date when I first became entitled to receive my pension I *fulfilled and I still fulfil, the statutory conditions for the receipt of a pension, and I was not then, and am not now, *disqualified for receiving or continuing to receive an old age pension.

Dated this day of 19 .

Signature (or Mark) of Pensioner.

Witness to Signature, or (where pensioner is unable to write) to mark, of pensioner.

The pensioner must sign or mark the form himself in all cases except when he is incapable of so doing through mental or bodily infirmity. In such case a duly appointed committee or quasi-committee administering his estate or a person who has been appointed an agent for the purpose by the Local Pension Committee or Sub-Committee may make the statement on behalf of the incapacitated person and in that case the committee, &c., or the duly appointed agent, must sign the following statement :

I sign this statement on behalf of the above-named who is, by reason of mental or other incapacity, unable to act, and I declare that it relates to the said , and that to the best of my knowledge and belief it is correct.

Signature (or mark) of person
acting on behalf of the pen-
sioner.

Witness to signature or mark

Address of Witness

NOTE.—1. A person in order to fulfil the statutory conditions for the receipt of a pension must—

- (i) Have reached the age of 70.
- (ii) Be a British subject, or if the wife, or the divorced wife, or the widow of an alien, have been a British subject up to the time of her marriage.
- (iii) Have had his residence in the United Kingdom for not less than 12 years since attaining the age of 50 years if he is a natural-born British subject, or for not less than 20 years if he is not a natural-born British subject. Residence in the United Kingdom means residence in Northern Ireland or in Great Britain or partly in Northern Ireland and partly in Great Britain, and (in addition to certain periods mentioned in the proviso to s. 3 (2) of The Old Age Pensions Act, 1911) any periods spent in the portion of Ireland comprised in the Irish Free State before the establishment of that State (6th Dec., 1922) count towards the necessary residence qualification.

N.B.—In the case of a person who is so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential, " 50 " should be substituted for " 70 " in (i) and " 30 years " for " 50 years " in (iii).

2. A person is disqualified for the receipt of a pension in the following cases :—

1. While he is in receipt of poor relief as an inmate of any workhouse or other poor-law institution unless he has become an inmate for the purpose of obtaining medical or surgical treatment, in which case he is not disqualified for a period of three months from the date of admission provided that he so long continues to require such treatment.

2. While he is in prison under a sentence of imprisonment without the option of a fine, or under a sentence of penal servitude.

3. If an order of a court disqualifying him is in force.

4. While he is detained in any asylum within the meaning of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, or while he is being maintained in any place as a pauper or criminal lunatic.

NOTE.—The means of a person who is one of a married couple living together in the same house is deemed to be half the total means of the couple.

FORM 28.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.
THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Application to *(Sub-)Committee for Appointment of Person to Act on Behalf of Incapacitated Person.
Persons Suffering from Mental or other Incapacity.

Name of Incapacitated Person.....
Address of Incapacitated Person.....

To the *(Sub-)Committee of the County (or Borough) (or Urban District) of.....

The above named person being by reason of mental or other incapacity unable to act, I hereby request that †(I) (the person named below) may be appointed to exercise on behalf of the said incapacitated person any right to which †(he) (she) may be entitled under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, or the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and to receive on †(his) (her) behalf and for †(his) (her) benefit any sums which may become payable to †(him) (her) by way of an old age pension.

†No committee or quasi-committee of †(his) (her) estate has been appointed.
Name in full of Person proposed to be appointed (if other than Applicant).....
Full Postal Address.....
Profession or Occupation.....
Name in full of Applicant.....
Full Postal Address.....
Profession or Occupation.....
Date.....192

* Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.
† Strike out the inapplicable word or words.

FORM 29.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.
THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Meeting for Consideration of Application.

Name of *(Sub-)Committee.

Persons Suffering from Mental or Other Incapacity.

Name of Incapacitated Person.....
Address of Incapacitated Person.....

To.....
of.....

You are hereby informed that a meeting of the *(Sub-)Committee will be held at †..... on..... o'clock, the..... day of..... 192 , at..... o'clock, to consider your application for the appointment of a person to exercise on behalf of the above-named incapacitated person any right to which †(he) (she) may be entitled under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, or the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and to receive on †(his) (her) behalf and for †(his) (her) benefit any sums which may be payable to †(him) (her) by way of an old age pension.

Your attendance at the meeting is requested.

(Signature of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

(Address of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

Date.....

* Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.
† Insert the precise place of meeting.
‡ Strike out the inapplicable word.

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FORM 30.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Appointment.

N.B.—This Notice should be carefully preserved.

Name of *(Sub-)Committee.

Persons suffering from Mental or other Incapacity.

Name of Incapacitated Person

Address of Incapacitated Person

To

of.....

You are hereby informed that the *(Sub-)Committee have appointed you to exercise on behalf of the above-named Incapacitated Person any right to which †(he) (she) may be entitled under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, or the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and to receive on †(his) (her) behalf and for †(his) (her) benefit any sums which may be payable to †(him) (her) by way of an old age pension.

The appointment takes effect from as the, 192...., and is subject to revocation at any time by the *(Sub-)Committee.

If, at any time, you should desire to resign your office, you may do so by giving to the *(Sub-)Committee one month's notice of your intention to resign.

.....
(Signature of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

.....
(Address of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

Date.....

* Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.

† Strike out the inapplicable word.

FORM 31.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice to Pension Officer of Appointment of Person to act on behalf of Incapacitated Person.

Name of *(Sub-)Committee.

Persons Suffering from Mental or other Incapacity.

Name of Incapacitated Person.....

Address of Incapacitated Person.....

To the Pension Officer,

You are hereby informed that the *(Sub-)Committee have appointed †.....

† Insert name in full.

* Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.

§ Insert full postal address

of §.....
to exercise on behalf of the above-named incapacitated person any right to which †(he) (she) may be entitled under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, or the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and to receive on †(his) (her) behalf and for †(his) (her) benefit any sums which may be payable to †(him) (her) by way of an old age pension.

The appointment takes effect as from the.....192.....

.....
(Signature of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

.....
(Address of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

Date.....

* Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.
† Strike out the inapplicable word.

FORM 32.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1918 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice of Revocation of Appointment of Person acting on behalf of Incapacitated Person.

Name of *(Sub-)Committee.

Persons Suffering from Mental or other Incapacity.

Name of Incapacitated Person.....

Address of Incapacitated Person.....

To.....

of.....

You are hereby informed that the *(Sub-)Committee have revoked the appointment enabling you to exercise on behalf of the above-named incapacitated person any right to which †(he) (she) may be entitled under the old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, or the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and to receive on †(his) (her) behalf and for †(his) (her) benefit any sums which may be payable to †(him) (her) by way of an old age pension.

The revocation of the appointment takes place as from the.....
192.....

.....
(Signature of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

.....
(Address of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

Date.....

Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.
Strike out the inapplicable word.

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FORM 33.

THE OLD AGE PENSIONS ACTS, 1908 TO 1919.

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT, 1920.

Notice to Pension Officer of Revocation or Resignation of Appointment of Person acting on behalf of Incapacitated Person.

Name of *(Sub-)Committee.

Persons Suffering from Mental or Other Incapacity.

Name of Incapacitated Person.....

Address of Incapacitated Person.....

To the Pension Officer,

You are hereby informed that †(the *(Sub-)Committee have revoked the appointment enabling†.....of

† Insert name in full.

§

§ Insert full postal address.

† (..... of

§.....

has resigned the appointment enabling him) to exercise on behalf of the above-named incapacitated person any right to which †(he) (she) may be entitled under the Old Age Pensions Acts, 1908 to 1919, or the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and to receive on †(his) (her) behalf and for †(his) (her) benefit any sums which may be payable to †(him) (her) by way of an old age pension.

The †(revocation) †(resignation). of the appointment takes effect as from the.....192.....

.....
(Signature of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

.....
(Address of Clerk of *(Sub-)Committee.)

Date.....

* Strike out "(Sub-)" in the case of a Local Pension Committee.

† Strike out the inapplicable word or words.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PENSION OFFICER AS TO INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS AND
QUESTIONS.

(1) For the purpose of determining the age of any person, regard may be had to any of the following, viz. :—

Certificate of birth ;

Certificate of baptism ;

Certificate of service in any of the forces of the Crown ;

Certificate of membership of any friendly or provident society or trade union ;

Certificate of marriage ;

Any other evidence which appears sufficient for the purpose

(2) Where it appears that any person was born in the British Dominions and has not resided out of the British Dominions during the preceding twenty years, he may, unless there is reason to suspect the contrary, be taken as being a British subject.

(3) If it appears that any person was not born in the British Dominions, he may prove that he is a British subject either by producing a naturalization certificate and showing that he is the person referred to in the certificate or by showing that his father was a British subject.

If a person who alleges that he was naturalized is unable to produce a naturalization certificate, enquiry may be made at the Home Office as to whether the person is on the Register of Naturalized Aliens.

If any person alleges that though born out of the British Dominions he was the child of a British father, he should be required, if possible, to show whether his father and his grandfather were born in the British Dominions.

(4) For the purpose of determining whether a person has been resident in Great Britain, or Northern Ireland, during any part of the Statutory period, or (prior to 6th Dec., 1922) in the portion of Ireland now comprised in the Free State, he must be required to give, if possible, a reference to two persons who have known him, and to state what his employment, if any, has been, during the period of residence.

(5) For evidence as to blindness in the case of persons applying under the Blind Persons Act, 1920, regard may be had to the following, viz. :—

Certificate from the authorities of an approved school for the blind that the claimant was educated as a blind person at the school ;

Certificate that the claimant was employed as a blind person at an approved workshop for the blind ;

Certificate by the Authorities of an approved agency for the blind that the claimant is known to them as blind ;

Any other evidence which appears sufficient for the purpose.

(6) In any case in which the Pension Officer thinks it desirable so to do, he may reduce to writing any question which he desires to put to any person and the answer given by that person to the question, and may require that person to sign the answer, or may require any person to fill up and sign any form and the person shall sign the answer or fill up the form accordingly.

(7) The Pension Officer shall in every case take all reasonable steps to obtain the best evidence and information which it is reasonably possible to obtain, and make all such inquiries as appear to him necessary having regard to the circumstances of the case.