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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

**The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements)
(Scotland) Regulations 2015**

Made - - - - - *17th February 2015*

Laid before the Scottish Parliament *19th February 2015*

Coming into force - - - - - *6th April 2015*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22(4) of the National Assistance Act 1948(a), as applied by section 87(3) and (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968(b), and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 6th April 2015.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Sum needed for personal requirements

2. For the purposes of section 22(4) of the National Assistance Act 1948, as applied by section 87(3) and (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (the amount which a local authority shall assume that a person will need for their personal requirements per week), the amount prescribed is £25.05.

(a) 1948 c.29 (11 and 12 Geo.6). Section 64(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948 contains a definition of “prescribed” relevant to the exercise of the statutory powers under which these Regulations are made. Section 87(4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c.49) substitutes the term “Secretary of State” for the term “Minister”. The functions of the Secretary of State so far as exercisable within devolved competence were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(b) 1968 c.49 (“the 1968 Act”). Section 87(3) of the 1968 Act was amended by the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 13) (“the 2003 Act”), section 28(1) and by the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 10), section 62(2). Section 87(4) of the 1968 Act was amended by the 2003 Act, section 28(1). By virtue of section 87(3) of the 1968 Act, accommodation provided under that Act or under section 25 of the 2003 Act is regarded as accommodation provided under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948.

Revocation

3. The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2014^(a) are revoked.

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Edinburgh
17th February 2015

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A member of the Scottish Government

(a) S.S.I. 2014/39.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 22(4) of the National Assistance Act 1948 as applied by section 87(3) and (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (“the 1968 Act”) requires a local authority to assume in assessing a person’s liability to pay for accommodation provided under the 1968 Act or section 25 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 that they will need for their personal requirements such sum per week as may be prescribed by regulations.

These Regulations prescribe the sum which will be £25.05 per week.

These Regulations revoke the National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 which prescribed £24.55 as the sum persons were assumed to need for personal requirements per week for the year commencing 7th April 2014.

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations on the basis that there is no foreseeable impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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