

## CHAPTER 63.

## OLD AGE PENSIONS.

## ORDER IN COUNCIL

O. in C.s  
7 of 1949.  
37 of 1949.  
2 of 1952.

*made under section 6 (2) on the 7th February, 1949, and amended on the 24th September, 1949, and the 3rd January, 1952.*

1. This order may be cited as the Old Age Pensions (Appeal Board) Order.

2. An Appeal Board is hereby established for the purpose of hearing appeals from the decisions of any appropriate authority refusing the claims of persons for pensions.

3. The Appeal Board shall consist of—

- (a) the Solicitor General;
- (b) the Crown Solicitor;
- (c) the Deputy Director of Medical Services;
- (d) the Assistant Social Welfare Officer; and
- (e) the Mayor of Georgetown.

## REGULATIONS

Regs.  
2 of 1949.

*made by the Governor in Council under sections 8 (3) and 14 on the 7th February, 1949.*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Old Age Pensions Regulations.

2. In these regulations—

“Commissioners” means the Board of Poor Law Commissioners established under section 3 of the Poor Relief Ordinance;

“public assistance officer” means any person appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances of any recipient of a pension or of any applicant therefor, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him;

“the Ordinance” means the Old Age Pensions Ordinance.

3. Forms of claim for pension shall be issued on request at the office of the Commissioners and at any district administration office.

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4. Every claimant for pension shall submit his claim to the Chairman of the appropriate authority and shall answer every question, produce every document, and give all information in his power which may be required of him by the appropriate authority or by the public assistance officer.

5. A person claiming to be eligible for pension shall produce a certificate of his birth or his baptismal certificate, and in the absence of any such certificate the claimant shall establish to the satisfaction of the appropriate authority that he has attained the qualifying age.

6. On receipt by an appropriate authority of a claim for pension it shall be the duty of the public assistance officer—

(a) to interview the claimant as soon as possible and satisfy himself by every reasonable means as to the accuracy of the statements contained in the claim, and to obtain all such other information as may be of assistance in determining the merits of each claim;

(b) to furnish the Chairman of the appropriate authority with a written report on each claim, and from time to time such other information as may be required by the appropriate authority;

(c) to report to the Chairman of the appropriate authority any fact within his knowledge which may disqualify any claimant from obtaining or continuing to receive a pension.

7. The public assistance officer shall—

(a) attend all meetings of the appropriate authority;

(b) deliver to each claimant whose claim has been allowed the pension vouchers and identification card issued on the award of a pension;

(c) submit for the information of the appropriate authority at the end of each month a list of the names of all pensioners who to his knowledge have died before or during that month;

(d) perform such other duties as may be required of him by the appropriate authority for the purpose of the Ordinance.

8. The public assistance officer for a district in addition to his other duties under these regulations shall—

(a) take and keep a record of the minutes of the appropriate authority;

(b) keep a record of all claims investigated and his reports thereon, and of the decisions of the appropriate authority;

- (c) keep a district register of all approved pensioners;
- (d) forward to the Commissioners after each meeting of the appropriate authority—
  - (i) a copy of the minutes of the appropriate authority;
  - (ii) all claims and relative reports with the decisions of the appropriate authority endorsed thereon;
  - (iii) a list of all persons to whom pensions have been awarded and the date from which such pensions are payable;
  - (iv) a list of all persons whose claims have been rejected and the reasons thereof.

9. In connection with the duties of the Commissioners as appropriate authority for the Georgetown area, the Secretary to the Commissioners shall—

- (a) take and keep a record of the minutes of the appropriate authority;
- (b) keep all claims and relative reports with the decisions of the appropriate authority endorsed thereon;
- (c) keep a register of all approved pensioners for the Georgetown area.

10. (1) The appropriate authorities shall hold meetings at least once a month at such time and place as the Chairman of each authority may determine.

(2) Any pension may on review by an appropriate authority be continued or discontinued.

11. When a pension is awarded, an identification card in duplicate, setting out the name, age, and any distinguishing marks of the pensioner, and such other particulars as may be found desirable, shall be signed by the Chairman of the appropriate authority or some person deputed by him. The identification card shall also be signed by the pensioner, and in the event of a pensioner being illiterate his mark shall be taken and witnessed by a member of the appropriate authority or by the public assistance officer. One original shall be issued to the pensioner and the other filed in the office of the Chairman of the appropriate authority.

12. There shall also be issued to the pensioner in respect of the current calendar year terminating on the 31st December, a booklet containing the appropriate number of pension vouchers. Each voucher shall show the amount of the monthly pension, the month and year to which it relates, and such

other particulars as are necessary for the purposes of record. One pension voucher shall be issued in respect of each month.

13. (1) Pensions shall be paid monthly on presentation to a pensions paying officer of the identification card and relative pension voucher.

(2) A pension shall only be paid to a pensioner in person, or to some person who, to the satisfaction of the paying officer, is authorised by the pensioner to receive such pension on his behalf.

(3) A pension voucher shall be regarded as an acquittance for the sum paid.

14. (1) If any pensioner shall lose or for any other cause be unable to produce the pension voucher or identification card which shall have been issued to him, he shall immediately report the loss and make application for a new pension voucher and identification card to the Chairman of the appropriate authority. If upon consideration of the said application, not less than one month from the date on which it was made, the appropriate authority shall be satisfied that the application has been made in good faith and that the applicant is entitled to hold such pension voucher and identification card, the appropriate authority shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pension voucher and identification card on which shall be written "DUPLICATE."

(2) Upon a duplicate pension voucher and identification card being issued in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, payment of pension to the said pensioner shall thereafter be made on presentation of the said duplicate pension voucher and identification card in lieu of that originally issued:

Provided that, subject to the provisions of section 10 of the Ordinance, a pensioner shall not be deprived of any payment due to him in respect of the period which preceded the issue of the duplicate pension voucher and identification card.

(3) The original pension voucher and identification card, in lieu of which a duplicate pension voucher and identification card shall have been issued in accordance with the provisions of this regulation, shall become null and void immediately upon such issue, and no payment whatsoever shall be made by virtue thereof.

15. (1) In the event of a pensioner desiring to transfer his residence from the district in which a pension is awarded he

shall give notice thereof to the Chairman of the appropriate authority and surrender his pension vouchers to the said Chairman.

(2) Upon receipt of such notification and pension vouchers the Chairman of the appropriate authority shall despatch to the Chairman of the appropriate authority in whose district the pensioner proposes to reside, all the relevant documents relating to such pensioner, including a copy of his claim with the decision of the appropriate authority endorsed thereon, his identification card and pension vouchers duly endorsed.

(3) The Chairman of an appropriate authority shall on receipt of such documents cause particulars of the pensioner to be inserted in the register of approved pensioners for that district, re-issue the pension vouchers (duly endorsed) to such pensioner, and notify the Commissioners of the transfer thus effected:

Provided that in the case of a transfer to or from the Georgetown area in lieu of the pension vouchers surrendered by the pensioner, there shall be issued to him the same number of new pension vouchers each showing the amount of the monthly pension payable in the district to which he has transferred his residence.

16. Within ten days of the payment of a pension the relative pension voucher shall be forwarded to the Commissioners.

17. The Secretary to the Commissioners shall keep a General Register of persons to whom pensions have been awarded by the several appropriate authorities.

18. The Registrar General shall—

(a) verify, free of charge, any information as regards the date of birth or death of a pensioner or an applicant for pension on request of the Commissioners;

(b) furnish the Commissioners monthly with a list showing the name, date and place of death, of every person of the age of sixty-five years or over, whose death has been registered during the preceding month.

19. The Superintendent of a Public Hospital, the Alms House, the Mental Hospital, the Leprosy Hospital, or the Prisons, shall notify the Secretary to the Commissioners immediately upon the admission of an inmate of, or appearing to be of, the age of sixty-five years or over, to that institution.

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