

Circular: Scotland.

*The Clerk to the
County Councils.
Town Councils.
District Committees.
Parish Councils.*



UNEMPLOYMENT GRANTS COMMITTEE,
23, BUCKINGHAM GATE,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

23rd November, 1921.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Unemployment Grants Committee to draw the attention of Local Authorities to the following decisions of the Government in connection with the application of the reduced rate of wages (during a probationary period) to unskilled labour employed directly by Local Authorities upon works in respect of which contributions are given by the Government.

1. The reduced rate of 75 per cent. does not apply to skilled men, including "tradesmen" employed in their trade, and properly qualified navvies.
2. In cases where the men are employed for not more than three days in the week the reduced rate applicable should not exceed $87\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. instead of 75 per cent.
3. In considering the probationary period, it has been decided that such period may include the time during which the men have been employed on Government assisted works under previous schemes.
4. The reduced rate (for the probationary period) should be calculated to the nearest farthing per hour.

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.

I am to point out that in order to ensure despatch, it is essential that applications should be accompanied by all the usual particulars, plans, estimates, etc., which are ordinarily required by the Government Department concerned before approval is given by them.

In the case of each application, precise particulars as to the Act or other authority conferring power to execute the works and to borrow and raise revenue therefor should be furnished.

The period of repayment of the loan should also be stated.

Neglect to supply these particulars involves delay because the Department concerned must obtain them from the Local Authority.

LOAN SANCTIONS.

If sanction to raise the necessary loan has already been obtained the date and amount of the sanction should be stated on form U.G.C. 4.

If sanction to the loan has not already been obtained or applied for, application for sanction (as distinct from application for a grant) should be sent up with form U.G.C. 4, together with a reference to the precise statutory authority under which the application is made.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEES.

As your Council are no doubt aware, there are Local Employment Committees, representatives of local interests, attached to each Employment Exchange. The Secretary for Scotland and the Scottish Board of Health consider that it will be helpful if a representative or representatives of each Local Authority concerned is placed on the Local Employment Committee; and, therefore, if a request is received by your Council to appoint a representative on the local Committee, it is hoped that your Council will do so.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. F. REY,

Secretary.

Any further communications should be addressed to—

THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND,
and the following Number should be quoted:—



SCOTTISH OFFICE,

WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

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Circular No. 1774. 12th October, 1921.

Enclosures 2.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to transmit herewith, for your information, copy of an Order which he has made, dated the 29th August last, continuing in force for a year after the declared date for the termination of the war certain provisions of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916: together with a copy of an Order, dated the 31st August, which has been made under Section 22 (2) of the Act as to the audit of accounts of County Councils, Parish Councils, Education Authorities, and District Boards of Control.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The County Clerk,

The Town Clerk,

Confidential.

E.D. Circ. 1/13.

E.D. 368/695/1921—E.I.D. 16.

TO THE DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER AND ALL LOCAL
OFFICERS, SCOTLAND DIVISION.

Four Appendices.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

EMPLOYMENT AND INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

GRANTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT.

1. Appended are two Circulars issued by the Scottish Office to the local authorities therein named, showing the conditions under which financial assistance can be obtained for schemes of public works.

2. It will be observed from the Circular of October 12th, that all schemes are to be dealt with by the Unemployment Grants Committee, and it has been arranged that the Unemployment Grants Committee will furnish to this Department a copy of each letter informing a Local Authority that any scheme under the Circular has been sanctioned. The letter will not detail the conditions on which the grant is made, as heretofore. These are therefore set out in Appendices III and IV to this Circular. The letters will be forwarded to the Divisional Controller for the information of appropriate Exchange Managers, who should immediately communicate with the Clerk to the Local Authority with a view to making arrangements for the notification and filling of vacancies.

3. It will be noted that where the Local Authority undertakes the work by direct labour, the rates of wages for unskilled labour "should for a probationary period of six months be appreciably lower than the full district rate prevailing for unskilled labour in the area." It will not, however, be the business of the Exchange to raise any question as to the rate offered, which will be fixed by arrangement between the Local Authority and the Unemployment Grants Committee.

4. When schemes are undertaken by a contractor, no conditions regarding the engagement of labour *other than preference to ex-service men* will apply. When a Local Authority undertakes work by direct labour, it is open to them to engage labour either through the Employment Exchange or through Parish

FOR OFFICIAL USE.

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS,

1921, No. ^{1438.}
S. 74

SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (TEMPORARY CONTINUANCE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER, 1921, DATED AUGUST 29, 1921, MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

Whereas by Section 24 (2) of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916,^(a) it was provided that the said Act, except certain provisions thereof, should have effect only during the continuance of the present War, and afterwards for such period or periods (if any) not exceeding one year as the Local Government Board might fix :

And whereas in terms of Section 22 (1) of the said Act the Secretary for Scotland is empowered to act in place of the Local Government Board in the application of the Act to Scotland :

And whereas in pursuance of Section 1 (1) of the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act, 1918,^(b) His Majesty in Council has declared that the 31st day of August instant shall be treated as the date of the termination of the present War,^(c) which date is hereinafter referred to as " the declared date," and it is expedient that certain provisions of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, shall continue to have effect after the declared date for the period hereinafter mentioned :

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, in pursuance of my powers in that behalf, hereby order as follows :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Government Emergency Provisions (Temporary Continuance) (Scotland) Order, 1921.

2. The provisions of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, specified in the Schedule hereto, in their application to Scotland, shall continue to have effect after the declared date for the period of one year.

(a) 6-7 G. 5. c. 12.

(b) 8-9 G. 5. c. 59.

(c) See S.R. & O., 1921, No. 1276.