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UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF ACTS.

REGULATIONS.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the eleventh day of July, 1932.

PRESENT :

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Goudie

Mr. Chandler
Colonel Cohen
Mr. Manifold.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the Income Tax Acts and the Unemployment Relief Acts I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, do hereby make the following Regulations (that is to say) :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the "Unemployed (Sustenance) Regulations 1932."
2. Unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—
 - "The Acts" means the Unemployment Relief Acts.
 - "Identification Card" means a card in the form contained in Schedule III. hereto duly completed by the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee and signed by the person to whom issued, and "Current Identification Card" means a card as aforesaid bearing a date not more than one month old.
 - "Local Relief Committee" means the body of persons approved and registered by the Charities Board of Victoria to administer the provisions of these Regulations in any particular district.
 - "Local Labour Bureau" means the Labour Bureau situate nearest to the residence of any person applying for sustenance.
 - "Minister" means the Minister for the Crown for the time being administering the Unemployment Relief Acts, so far as they relate to the granting of sustenance.
 - "Registration Card" means the card issued by any local Labour Bureau to persons seeking employment, and "Current Registration Card" means such a card bearing a date not more than one month old.

"Rationed employment" means a system of employment whereby an employé is required periodically to take time off from his employment without pay.

The provisions of the Acts Interpretation Acts shall apply to these Regulations.

3. Any person who is unemployed and who has been a bona fide resident in Victoria for a period of six months prior to the 1st day of July, 1931, may provided he is at the time registered at the Labour Bureau nearest to his place of residence as being able and willing to take employment, and is in possession of a current registration card, apply in writing in the form contained in Schedule I. hereto to the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee for sustenance.

4. The Secretary of any Local Relief Committee may at any time and from time to time require any person in receipt of sustenance to complete a form of application in addition to any such form which may have previously been submitted. The sustenance allowance of any person failing to comply with any such request may be forthwith cancelled or suspended by the said Committee.

5. Where any person is the head of a family, the members of which reside with him, any application for sustenance for himself and any such members shall be made by him only on his and their behalf.

6. No person who is in receipt of an old-age or invalid pension payable under the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia shall be eligible to make application for or be granted sustenance as the head of a family living together or as part thereof respectively. In such cases any other member of the family eligible under these Regulations may make the application on behalf of himself and the other members of the said family, in which event the amount of the said pension shall be included in the total income of the family.

7. The Secretary of the Local Relief Committee may at any time and from time to time require any person in receipt of sustenance to furnish to him forthwith a statement in the form contained in Schedule II. hereto of the amount of income received by such person.

8. The sustenance allowance of any person who fails to comply with any request made under the provision of the last preceding regulation may be forthwith suspended or cancelled by the Local Relief Committee.

9. The Local Relief Committee on receipt of applications shall consider the same, and if satisfied that the provisions of the Acts and these Regulations have been complied with, may grant to the applicant sustenance as hereinafter prescribed.

Provided that no application for sustenance—

(a) by or on behalf of or in respect of any child or children for whom assistance is being received from the Children's Welfare Department; or (except as a member of a family unit as hereinafter referred to) on behalf of or in respect of—

(b) any person in rationed employment; or

(c) any person engaged in business wholly or partly on his own account—

shall be granted by any such committee.

Provided further that where any child or children as referred to in paragraph (a) hereof forms or form part of a family living together in respect of which family an application for sustenance is made, particulars regarding such child or children and the amount being received in respect thereof shall be shown in the application.

10. Applications for sustenance shall be granted under the provisions of the last preceding regulation only where the persons on whose behalf such applications are made are in distress due to unemployment.

11. Applications for sustenance shall not be granted where the income of the applicant and of all the members of his family residing with him (including any pension, allowance, bonus, commission, or other benefit) exceeds the amounts shown opposite the appropriate family unit in the first column of the table appearing in the next succeeding regulation.

12. Applicants for sustenance as heads of families whose applications have been granted may receive in the manner hereinafter provided sustenance equal in amount to the sums appearing in column 2 of the following table but so that the total amount of the income received by a

family living together (hereinafter referred to as a "family unit") and the value of the sustenance granted shall in no case exceed the sum of Two pounds seventeen shillings in any one week.

Family Unit.	Maximum Income of Family.	Value of Weekly Sustenance which may be Granted.
	s. d.	s. d.
Individual residing with strangers or relatives (other than parents) unable to support him or her ..	10 0	6 0
Man and wife	20 0	9 0
Man, wife, and one child	25 0	11 6
Man, wife, and two children	27 6	14 0
Man, wife, and three children	30 0	16 6
Man, wife, and four children	32 6	19 0
Man, wife, and five children	35 0	21 6
Man, wife, and six children	37 6	24 0
Man, wife, and seven children	40 0	26 6
Man, wife, and eight children and over	42 6	29 0

13. Sustenance, except where work is performed in return for sustenance, shall not be payable to successful applicants in cash, but shall be given in the form of orders upon the classes of tradesmen or shopkeepers supplying the kinds of goods hereinafter mentioned; the choice of which goods shall be made by the applicant at or before the time of the issue of the orders referred to.

14. Every applicant whose application for sustenance has been approved shall receive from the Local Relief Committee an identification card, which shall be completed in all respects before issue.

Such identification card shall be kept current by being produced to the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee for perusal and stamping once in every month, or as otherwise required by such Committee.

15. Such identification card shall be produced to tradesmen or shopkeepers at the time of collection of the goods referred to in the sustenance orders, and at any time on request by the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee, for the purpose of renewal or otherwise.

16. Any person refusing or neglecting to comply with the provision of the last preceding regulation shall be liable to be disqualified by the Local Relief Committee for the receipt of further sustenance.

17. The orders for sustenance referred to in regulation 13 hereof shall not (except where the Local Relief Committee otherwise decides) be handed to applicants whose applications have been granted, but shall be issued only to tradesmen or shopkeepers who have agreed in writing with the Local Relief Committee to abide by the conditions governing the fulfilment of such orders, and to charge not more than the prices for goods respectively prescribed and fixed by the Minister.

18. Subject to the provisions of regulation 17, persons entitled to sustenance may nominate to the Local Relief Committee the particular tradesmen or shopkeepers to whom they desire their sustenance orders to be issued:

19. Sustenance orders shall be negotiable only with tradesmen and shopkeepers as aforesaid, and only in respect of the supply of the following goods and any others which may from time to time be prescribed:—

Groceries—

- Bacon.
- Barley.
- Biscuits.
- Blue.
- Breakfast foods.
- Butter.
- Candles.
- Carbonate soda.
- Cheese.
- Cocoa.
- Coffee and chicory.
- Eggs.
- Fish, tinned.
- Flour, S.R.
- Flour, plain.
- Honey.
- Jam.
- Kerosene.
- Matches.
- Milk, condensed.
- Milk, powdered.
- Oatmeal.
- Onions.
- Pepper.

Groceries—continued—

- Potatoes.
- Rice.
- Salt.
- Soap.
- Split peas.
- Sugar.
- Syrup.
- Treacle.
- Tea.

Meat—

- Beef.
- Chops.
- Dripping.
- Kidneys.
- Lamb's fry.
- Mutton, forequarter.
- Sausages.
- Stewing steak.
- Tripe.

Bread.

- Milk, fresh.*
- Vegetables, green.*

20. Tradesmen and shopkeepers to whom sustenance orders have been issued shall supply the goods thereby authorized to be supplied only to the person in respect of whom such orders are issued upon his presenting to such tradesmen and shopkeepers a current identification card.

21. The tradesmen or shopkeeper to whom application is made for goods in compliance with an order shall cause the applicant to sign a receipt therefor and shall compare such signature with that on the identification card for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are the same.

22. In the event of any dissimilarity between such signatures the tradesman or shopkeeper shall not supply the goods applied for, but shall require the applicant to furnish further proof through the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee that he is identical with the applicant in respect of whom the sustenance order has been issued.

23. A tradesman or shopkeeper shall not—

- (a) supply cash in respect of any order issued to him in pursuance of these Regulations or in respect of any part thereof;
- (b) supply goods in anticipation of the issue to him of any sustenance order;
- (c) in any one week supply goods in excess of the value shown in the sustenance order;
- (d) supply goods of kinds other than those herein referred to;
- (e) charge for goods supplied prices in excess of those fixed by the Minister and agreed to as aforesaid;
- (f) require or permit an applicant to sign dockets in blank or in advance of the actual supply of the goods required by such applicant.

Any tradesman or shopkeeper committing a breach of this regulation shall, in addition to any other penalty to which he may become liable, be disqualified from receiving further sustenance orders in accordance with these Regulations.

24. Tradesmen and shopkeepers shall from time to time submit to the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee their accounts for goods supplied in obedience to sustenance orders. Such accounts shall be claimed for upon official "L.2A. Contingencies" forms and supported by delivery dockets signed by the recipients of the goods therein enumerated, indicating the details of such goods and the prices charged therefor.

25. The Secretary of the Local Relief Committee shall check or cause to be checked all such accounts as are received by him, and if correct shall certify to that effect and forward the same together with all supporting dockets to the Secretary of the State Treasury, Melbourne, who shall cause cheques for the amount of the said claims to be sent direct to the claimants.

26. Any Local Relief Committee upon being satisfied that any tradesman or shopkeeper is not complying with the provisions of these Regulations may, in addition to any other proceedings which it may seem fit to take, cancel any unsatisfied sustenance orders issued to any such tradesman or shopkeeper.

27. Any person who fails or neglects to do anything required to be done, or who does anything which is forbidden to be done by or under these Regulations, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds.

28. The Secretary of every Local Relief Committee shall forward to the Secretary of the Sustenance Department, Melbourne, once in each week a return showing the number of applicants receiving sustenance and the total amount of the expenditure in respect of the preceding week.

And the Honorable Sir Stanley Seymour Argyle, His Majesty's Minister of the Crown administering the Unemployment Relief Acts, shall give the necessary directions accordingly.

C. W. KINSMAN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

SCHEDULES

S.D.....

Schedule I.

APPLICATION FOR SUSTENANCE. (Unemployment Relief Act.)

APPLICANT UPON WHOM OTHERS ARE DEPENDENT

All questions must be answered—strokes not permitted.

- 1. Surname..... Christian names { Husband..... Wife.....
2. Address.....
3. How long have you resided at above address ?.....
4. Previous address.....
5. How long have you resided in Victoria ?.....
6. On what electoral roll does your name appear ?.....
7. Are you single, married, widow, or widower ?.....
8. Age.....
9. If married, are you residing with your wife ?.....
10. Occupation.....
11. Government Labour Bureau No.....
12. How long have you been out of employment ?.....
13. Name and address of last employer.....
14. Number of children residing with you :- Male—Over 16..... Female—Over 16..... Under 16..... Under 16.....
15. If any other dependents reside with you, give particulars.....
16. Do you, your wife, or dependents own any property other than furniture ?..... Give particulars.....
17. Has your wife any income ?..... If so, state amount, and from what source.....
18. Are any of your children or dependents residing with you in receipt of income ?..... If so, state amount..... Where employed.....
19. Are you in receipt of income from any source ? If so, give particulars.....
20. What other money, including all pensions, &c., comes into the house ?.....
21. From what source is this money received ?.....
22. What is the total income, including all earnings, pensions, &c., of yourself, wife, and dependents residing with you ?.....
23. Have you, your wife, or dependents any money or other property not previously disclosed ?.....
24. Are you receiving assistance, other than cash, from any other source ? If so, from whom.....
25. Names of tradespeople on whom you desire orders placed :- Baker..... Butcher..... Grocer..... Milkman..... Greengrocer.....

I declare the above answers to be true and correct. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury. In the event of any alteration in the particulars set out above, I undertake to immediately notify the Secretary of the Local Relief Committee.

Signed.....

Declared before me this..... day of..... 19.....

{ Justice of the Peace. Commissioner for taking Affidavits.

S.D. Schedule I.
APPLICATION FOR SUSTENANCE.
 (Unemployment Relief Act.)
INDIVIDUAL - WITHOUT DEPENDENTS.

All questions must be answered—strokes not permitted.

1. Name.....
2. Address.....
3. How long have you resided at above address ?.....
4. Previous address.....
5. How long have you resided in Victoria ?.....
6. On what electoral roll does your name appear ?.....
7. Are you single, married, widow, or widower ?.....
8. Age.....
9. If single, state name and address of parents.....
10. With whom are you residing ?.....
11. If residing with relatives, state relationship.....
12. Occupation.....
13. Government Labour Bureau No.....
14. How long have you been out of employment ?.....
15. Name and address of last employer.....
16. Are you in receipt of income, including pensions, &c., from any source ?.....
If so, give particulars.....
17. If residing with your wife (or husband, as the case may be) and/or family, but entitled to sustenance only as an individual, state reasons.....
18. What is the total weekly income, including all earnings, pensions, &c., of yourself and family (if any), residing with you ?.....
19. Have you any money or other property not previously disclosed ?.....
20. Are you receiving assistance, other than cash, from any other source ?.....
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S.D. 27. Schedule II.
 Relief Committee.

STATEMENT OF INCOME.

To be furnished to the Local Relief Committee each month by all Applicants in receipt of Sustenance.
Sustenance will be Suspended on Account of Persons who Fail to Furnish this Statement each Month.

"Income" means the full amount of money earned by all members of the family—Pensions, money received from all sources, assistance from the Children's Welfare Department, &c.

Name.....
 Address.....
 Identification Card No..... Married or Single.....
 Total Income, &c., received by me and all members of the family residing with me for the past four (4) weeks was :—
 Week ending..... £.....
 Week ending..... £.....
 Week ending..... £.....
 Week ending..... £.....
 Signature.....
 Date.....

Penalty for making a false statement or representation :—One hundred pounds (£100), or imprisonment for a term of not more than six (6) months.
 (Unemployment Relief Amendment Act No. 4000.)

[Front of Card.]

S.D. 24. Schedule III.
 Identification No..... Government Labour Bureau No.....

**EMPLOYMENT AND SUSTENANCE REGISTRATION CARD
(NOT TRANSFERABLE).**

Name..... Address..... Occupation..... Married or Single..... Baker..... Butcher..... Grocer..... Milkman..... Greengrocer..... When you become ineligible to receive sustenance, but are still entitled to be registered for employment, you must immediately apply at the local sustenance office for re-registration for work only, and renew this card monthly. Should you obtain work return the card at once. Signature of Applicant..... Issued by.....	Renew this Card on <hr/>
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[Back of Card.]

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