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4th July, 1940.

Sir,

Home Security Circular No.157/1940

F.B.Circular No.98/1940

Scottish Home Department Fire Brigades

Division Circular No.L.120/40.

Rates of Pay of Whole-Time Paid Civil Defence Volunteers.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to A.R.P. Department Circular No.197/1939 on the subject of rates of pay for whole-time A.R.P. volunteers, and to F.B.Circulars Nos. 4/1939, 51/1939 and 58/1939 and Scottish Office Circular No.3537 and Scottish Home Department Circulars Nos. L. 10/39 and L. 34/39 on the subject of pay for whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service. The Minister has had under review, in consultation with the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Health, the standard rates of pay laid down in those Circulars. In this connection he has also consulted the Committee representative of Trade Unions to which reference was made in Home Security Circular No.141/1940 of the 24th June.

In the result the Minister has decided that the pay of whole-time volunteers at present in receipt of the standard weekly rates of pay set out in the above Circulars should be increased, with effect from 1st July, 1940, by flat-rate additions of 5/- for men (including the foremen and skilled members of Rescue Parties), 3/6 for women and 1/6 for youths. In addition, volunteers appointed as Depot Superintendents (or deputy Superintendents) under the provisions of A.R.P. Circular No. 217/1939 dated the 1st September, 1939, whose existing rate is less than £5 per week may be granted a similar increase, so long as such increase does not carry the revised rate over £5 per week. These increases will be reimbursed by the Exchequer.

The Clerk of the County Council,  
The County Clerk,  
The Town Clerk,  
The Clerk of the District Council.

Auxiliary Fire Service.

These increases will apply to all whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, including Officers whose existing rate is less than £5 weekly, and so long as such increase does not carry the revised rate over £5 per week. Expenditure so incurred will be reimbursed by the Exchequer.

Retained and volunteer members of fire brigades engaged on a whole-time basis for emergency fire brigade duties under the provisions of F.B. Circulars Nos. 48/1939 and 72/1939 and Scottish Home Department Circulars Nos. L.3/39 and L.79/39 may also be granted a similar increase, subject to the same conditions. The increased expenditure in these cases may be included in the fire authorities' grant claims.

An additional copy of this Circular is forwarded to each local authority for the information of the Chief Financial Officer.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*H. C. Emmerson.*

Issued to all general and fire scheme-making authorities in England, Wales and Scotland.

Copies sent for information to all other local authorities, and to Chief Officers of Police in England, Wales and Scotland, to Chief Officers of Fire Brigades in England and Wales and to Firemasters in Scotland.

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