

Buckingham Palace,
17th February, 1948.

This day had Audience of The KING —
His Excellency Señor Don Jorge Carrera Andrade,
to present the Letters of Recall of his predecessor
Señor Doctor Don Homero Viteri Lafronte, and
his own Letters of Credence as Envoy Extra-
ordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the
Republic of Ecuador

Foreign Office, S W 1
18th February, 1948

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
for publication in the London Gazette the sub-
joined Foreign Service Regulations for Branch D of
His Majesty's Foreign Service. These regulations are
made under Article 6 of the Foreign Service Order-
in-Council, 1943, which was made on the 20th May,
1943

CHAPTER V

BRANCH D

REGULATION NO. 1

GRADES AND SALARIES.

The grades and salaries of members of Branch D
of the Foreign Service are —

Grade 1—£360 rising by annual increments of £15
to £450

Grade 2—£340 rising by annual increments of £10
to £380

Grade 3—£275 rising by annual increments of £10
to £315. A Responsibility Allowance of £30 a
year is payable in appropriate cases

Comment.

Members of Branch D in their several grades are
responsible at Foreign Service posts abroad for the
carrying out of Security and messengers' duties and
for the supervision of other staff, whether locally
engaged or not, carrying out similar duties. Branch
D consists of men only and there are no
posts in the United Kingdom in which its members
are employed

REGULATION No. 2

OUTFIT AND TRANSFER ALLOWANCE

1 Uniform will be provided at the expense of His
Majesty's Government

2 Outfit and transfer allowances will be payable
on the following basis —

(i) On first appointment abroad £60 for a
married man, £30 for an unmarried man. Pay-
ment of this allowance will be subject to the pro-
duction of a certificate that the sums claimed
have actually been expended

(ii) On any subsequent transfer from one post
abroad to another post abroad one-tenth of the
mean of the salary scale in the case of a transfer
to a post where furniture is not provided and
one-twentieth if furniture is provided

Comment

(1) Where transfer is accompanied by promotion
this allowance will be based on the new salary
scale. No outfit allowance will be granted in
respect of promotion alone

(2) Exceptionally, those officers who are estab-
lished while serving at a post abroad may be
given, on the occasion of their first transfer to
another post abroad, the allowance specified in
2 (i) above or the allowance specified in 2 (ii)
above, whichever is the greater.

3 On appointment to a post at which special
clothing is, in the opinion of the Secretary of State,
necessary for climatic reasons, the allowances in
paragraph 2 (i) and (ii) will be increased by the
actual cost of such clothing up to £45 in respect of
a married officer whose wife accompanies him and
£30 in respect of an unmarried officer. These
increases will be subject to the production of a
certificate that the sums claimed have been expended
for the purposes laid down and will be limited to
three occasions during an officer's career

REGULATION No. 3

FOREIGN ALLOWANCE

1 A foreign allowance will be assigned to officers
of Branch D

Comment

(1) Salary is intended to cover necessary expen-
diture in the United Kingdom and to take the
first strain of the cost of living of the officer
abroad, foreign allowances supplementing it to the
extent to which the salary falls short of total
necessary expenditure. In assessing foreign allow-
ances, the following items, *inter alia*, are taken
into account (a) local cost of living, (b) expen-
diture which an officer serving abroad necessarily
incurs, either at home or abroad, over and above
that of an officer of corresponding grade serving in
the Foreign Office,

(2) Foreign allowance is not subject to United
Kingdom income tax

2 The amount of the foreign allowance to be
assigned to an officer will be determined by the
Secretary of State in the light of the conditions at
the particular post

3 When an officer to whom a foreign allowance
is assigned is absent from his post abroad, the
foreign allowance will be paid on the basis specified
in the paragraphs 4-9 of this regulation

A.—When the officer is returning to his Post

4 When the officer is married and takes his wife
and family (if any) with him and is—

(a) On Duty

(a) In the United Kingdom

He will retain the foreign allowance of his post
and draw subsistence allowance for himself only at
the rates in force for the United Kingdom. The
position will be reviewed after two months' absence

(b) Elsewhere

He will retain the foreign allowance of his post
and draw subsistence allowance for himself and also
for his wife if approval is given for her to accompany
him officially

Comment

The officer will be responsible for the
travelling expenses of his wife and family

(ii) On Earned Leave

He will draw no subsistence allowance but will
retain his foreign allowance except in the case of
posts where the allowance is abnormally high, *i.e.*,
where it exceeds 100 per cent of the mean of the
salary scale of the officer's grade. In such cases
the foreign allowance will be subject to a reduction
at the rate of 25 per cent, as from the date of
departure on leave. This reduction shall not operate
so as to bring the foreign allowance below the mean
of his salary scale. This reduction will not be
applied in respect of brief absences within a total
of 14 days in one calendar year

(iii) On Sick Leave Outside the Country where he is Posted

The foreign allowance will be the same as that
payable on earned leave (see (ii) above) except that,
as from the date of departure on sick leave, it will
be reduced by 25 per cent. for such period as the
Secretary of State considers reasonable in the circum-
stances. At the end of such period the Secretary
of State will exercise full discretion with regard to
the further payment of foreign allowance

Comment

A married officer on sick leave outside the
country where he is posted, who is due to return
to his post, may thus incur a double cut in his
foreign allowance

5 When the officer is married and leaves his wife
and family (if any) at the post and is—

(a) On Duty

(a) In the United Kingdom

He will retain the foreign allowance of his post
and draw subsistence allowance

(b) Temporarily attached to another post

He will retain the whole of the foreign allowance
of his own post or draw that of the temporary
post, whichever is higher, with subsistence allowance
in addition at the discretion of the Secretary of
State

(c) On duty in circumstances other than (a)
and (b)

He will retain the foreign allowance of his post
and draw subsistence allowance