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In exercise of the power conferred by section 8(1) of the Old Age and Disability Pensions Act, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, with the approval of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, hereby makes the following Regulations —

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Old Age and Disability Pensions (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations, 2021 and shall be deemed to have commenced on 1st January 2018.

Substitution of regulation 2 in Schedule to Chapter 18

2. Regulation 2 of the Old Age and Disability Pensions Regulations, in these Regulations referred to as the principal Regulations, is repealed and the following new regulation is substituted therefor —

“Interpretation

2. In these Regulations —

“mental disorder” has the same meaning as in the Mental Health Order, 2014 (S 25/2014);

“residence” includes any period specified in section 12(2).”.

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended by adding the following new sub-regulation —

“(3) An allowance to be called an “allowance for the blind” which shall be payable at the rate specified in the Schedule to these Regulations to any person who satisfies the Pensions Officer that —

(a) he is below the age of 15 years;

(b) he has been certified by a Government Medical Officer or a qualified medical practitioner approved by the Director-General of Medical Services, to be blind; and

(c) either —

- (i) he is a citizen of Brunei Darussalam; or
- (ii) he was born in Brunei Darussalam and he has no national status, immediately preceding the date on which he became eligible for such allowance.”.

Substitution of regulation 7

4. Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations is repealed and the following new regulation is substituted therefor —

“Allowance in respect of mental disorder

7. (1) An allowance to be called “allowance for mental disorder” shall, whenever the Pensions Officer is satisfied that there is need for such an allowance, be payable at the rate specified in the Schedule to these Regulations, to any person who satisfies the Pensions Officer that —

(a) in the case of a person who has attained the age of 15 years —

(i) he has been certified by a Government Medical Officer or a qualified medical practitioner approved by the Director-General of Medical Services —

(A) as a person suffering from mental disorder; and

(B) is, under and within the meaning of the provisions of the Mental Health Order, 2014 (S 25/2014), either detained in a psychiatric facility or delivered over to the care and custody of any relative or friend; and

(ii) has resided in Brunei Darussalam for a period of at least 10 years preceding the date on which he was detained or committed;

(b) in the case of a person who is below the age of 15 years —

(i) he has been certified by a Government Medical Officer or a qualified medical practitioner approved by the Director-General of Medical Services as a person suffering from mental disorder; and

(ii) either —

(A) he is a citizen of Brunei Darussalam; or

(B) he was born in Brunei Darussalam and he has no national status.

immediately preceding the date on which he became eligible for such allowance.

(2) Whenever the Pensions Officer is satisfied that there exists a need for such allowance, an allowance shall be paid to the dependant of any person in receipt on an allowance for mental disorder under sub-regulation (1)(a), at the rate of specified in the Schedule to those Regulations.”.

Amendment of regulation 8

5. Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) in the regulation heading, by adding “and allowances”;
- (b) by inserting “(1)” immediately before “A” in the first line;
- (c) by adding the following new sub-regulation —

“(2) An allowance to be called a “disability allowance” shall be payable at the rate specified in the Schedule to these Regulations to a person with disability who satisfies the Pensions Officer that —

(a) he is below the age of 15 years;

(b) he has been certified by a Government Medical Officer or a qualified medical practitioner approved by the Director-General of Medical Services as likely to be subject to disability for a considerable period; and

(c) either —

(i) he is a citizen of Brunei Darussalam; or

(ii) he was born in Brunei Darussalam and he has no national status,

immediately preceding the date on which he became eligible for such allowance.”.

Substitution of Schedule

6. The Schedule to the principal Regulations is repealed and the following new Schedule is substituted therefor —

“SCHEDULE
(regulations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES

<i>Pension or allowance</i>	<i>Rate per month</i>
1. Old age pension	\$250
2. Pensions for the blind —	
(a) in respect of persons below the age of 15 years	\$150
(b) in respect of persons who have attained the age of 15 years	\$250
3. Allowance for mental disorder —	
(a) in respect of persons below the age of 15 years	\$150
(b) in respect of persons who have attained the age of 15 years	\$250
4. Dependants of persons who are blind or suffering from mental disorder —	
(a) in respect of each child under the age of 15 years	\$113
(b) in respect of each child who has attained the age of 15 years	\$188
5. Rehabilitation allowance	\$250
6. Hansen’s disease allowance —	
(a) in respect of each child under the age of 15 years	\$113
(b) in respect of each child who has attained the age of 15 years	\$188
7. Disability pension and allowance —	
(a) in respect of persons below the age of 15 years	\$150
(b) in respect of persons who have attained the age of 15 years	\$250”.

Made this 24th. day of Zulkaedah, 1442 Hijriah corresponding to the 6th. day of July, 2021.

**MEJAR JENERAL (B) DATO PADUKA SERI HAJI AMINUDDIN IHSAN BIN
PEHIN ORANG KAYA SAIFUL MULOK DATO SERI PADUKA HAJI ABIDIN**
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