

# THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 30 of 1937.

## AN ORDINANCE

### To amend the **Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1935-1937.**

**B**E it ordained by the Governor-General in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909*, and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1933*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance (No. 4) 1937.* Short title and citation.

(2.) Sub-section (4.) of section one of the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance (No. 3) 1937* is repealed.

(3.) The *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1935-1936*, as amended by the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1937*, the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance (No. 2) 1937* and the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance (No. 3) 1937*, is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(4.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Canberra Community Hospital Board Ordinance 1935-1937.*

2. Section twelve of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Revenue of the Board.

(a) by omitting paragraph (a) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(a) All amounts received—

(i) as Hospital Tax; or

(ii) by the Commissioner of Taxation in pursuance of section nineteen of this Ordinance,

and applied, in accordance with appropriations made by the Parliament, for or towards the maintenance of the Hospital;” and

- (b) by omitting from paragraph (c) the words "and out-patients" and inserting in their stead the words "or out-patients, and all payments received in respect of any services rendered by the Hospital or for the hire of plant or equipment of the Hospital".

Expenditure  
by the Board.

3. Section thirteen of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words "the next succeeding sub-section" and inserting in their stead the words "sub-section (2.) of this section"; and
- (b) by inserting, after sub-section (1.), the following sub-section:—

"(1A.) The Board may, with the consent of the Minister, pay the cost of any necessary treatment of residents of the Territory in sanatoria or State institutions outside the Territory."

Liability of  
patients.

4. Section seventeen of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-sections (4.) and (5.) and inserting in their stead the following sub-sections:—

"(4.) Where any person or any dependant of a person is admitted to a hospital, approved by the Board, in any State, whether in a public, intermediate or private ward, and that person—

- (a) being a person specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.) of section six of the *Hospital Tax Ordinance* 1935-1936, has paid Hospital Tax for a period of three months immediately prior to his or his dependant's admission to the hospital or temporary absence from the Territory; or
- (b) being a person specified in paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) of section six of the *Hospital Tax Ordinance* 1935-1936—
- (i) has paid Hospital Tax payable by him in respect of the financial year preceding the date of his or his dependant's admission to the hospital, or
- (ii) if no assessment has been issued in respect of that year, has paid the Hospital Tax payable by him in respect of the preceding financial year, or
- (iii) has paid all instalments due under sub-section (3.) of section ten of that Ordinance at the date of his or his dependants' admission to the hospital; or

- (c) being a person other than a person referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of sub-section (1.) of section six of the *Hospital Tax Ordinance* 1935-1936 had, immediately prior to his or his dependant's admission to the hospital or temporary absence from the Territory, been resident in the Territory for a period of three months,

the Board may, in its discretion, make a payment to the person concerned or to such hospital towards the cost of providing accommodation for the person or his dependant, at the rate of Six shillings for each day on which the person or his dependant is an in-patient in that hospital, but not exceeding a period of eight weeks in any twelve months:

Provided that, before any payment is made in pursuance of this sub-section, the Board shall be satisfied that, at the time of his admission to the other hospital—

- (a) effective treatment of the person or his dependant was not possible at the Hospital; or
- (b) the person or his dependant was temporarily absent from the Territory and had not left the Territory for the purpose of being admitted to a hospital.

“(5.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, where any person who is resident within the Municipality of Queanbeyan or any dependant of such a person so resident, is admitted to the Queanbeyan District Hospital, and that person has, for a period of three months immediately preceding his or his dependant's admission to that Hospital, been employed in the Territory and paid Hospital Tax, the Board may, in its discretion, make to the Queanbeyan District Hospital, a payment towards the cost of providing accommodation for the person or his dependant, at the rate of Six shillings for each day on which that person or his dependant is an in-patient in that Hospital, but not exceeding a period of eight weeks in any twelve months.

“(5A.) Where any person mentioned in the last preceding sub-section has not paid Hospital Tax for a period of three months immediately preceding the admission of that person or any of his dependants to the Queanbeyan District Hospital, the Board may, in its discretion, make to that Hospital a payment towards the cost of providing accommodation for the person or his dependant in that Hospital equivalent to the amount of Hospital Tax paid by that person—

- (a) during the period of twelve months immediately prior to such admission; or
- (b) since the date of the last amount paid to that Hospital by the Board in respect of that person or any of his dependants,

whichever is the lesser period.”.

Members of  
the Defence  
Forces and the  
Hospital Staff  
and their  
dependants.

5. Section nineteen of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“19.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in section seventeen of this Ordinance—

- (a) members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth who are entitled under the conditions of their engagement to free medical and hospital services and members of the Resident Staff of the Hospital shall be entitled to the benefits conferred by sub-section (1.) of that section; and
- (b) the dependants of any such member shall not be entitled to any benefits under section seventeen of this Ordinance unless, for a period of three months immediately prior to the admission of any such dependant to the Hospital or any hospital referred to in sub-section (4.) of that section or his temporary absence from the Territory, as the case may be, the member pays to the Commissioner of Taxation a voluntary contribution of ninepence for every week in respect of which he receives income at a rate of not less than Two pounds per week, but if the member pays voluntary contributions in accordance with this paragraph his dependants shall be entitled to the same benefits as the dependants of a person referred to in that sub-section.

“(2.) The voluntary contribution referred to in paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section may, with the consent of the member concerned, be deducted from his salary or wages by the Authorizing Officer of the Royal Military College or the Secretary of the Board, as the case may be, and the Authorizing Officer and the Secretary shall, within three days after each pay-day, pay to the Commissioner of Taxation the total amounts of all deductions made pursuant to this section.”.

By-laws.

6. Section twenty-five of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting in paragraph (d) of sub-section (1.), after the word “Hospital,” (first occurring), the words “the hire of plant and equipment of the Hospital”.

Dated this sixteenth day of December, 1937.

GOWRIE

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

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for Minister of State for the Interior.

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