

**MELKSHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
THE TOWN HALL
1940 - 1944**



**DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939
REGISTRATION FOR FIRE PREVENTION DUTIES**

under the

CIVIL DEFENCE DUTIES (COMPULSORY ENROLMENT) ORDER, 1942

Requirement to Register on 28th November, 1942, and 29th November, 1942.

**NOTICE TO MEN BORN ON OR BETWEEN 8TH NOVEMBER, 1882 AND 7TH NOVEMBER, 1924, & TO WOMEN
BORN ON OR BETWEEN 8TH NOVEMBER, 1897 AND 7TH NOVEMBER, 1922.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Council of the URBAN DISTRICT OF MELKSHAM that all British subjects belonging to the classes specified in paragraph 2 below who, on the 6th November, 1942, are resident in the MELKSHAM URBAN DISTRICT, are required to apply in the manner specified in paragraphs 3 to 9 below, to be registered under the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1942.

2. The British subjects required to apply for registration under the present notice are:

- a) All male persons who on the date of this notice are not less than 18 but under 60 years of age;
- b) All female persons who on the date of this notice are not less than 20 but under 45 years of age.

Except:

- i) Persons who have applied to the Council of the Urban District of Melksham for registration under a registration notice under the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1941.
- ii) Persons who are exempted from registration by the reason of belonging to a class specified in paragraph 1 of the Schedule annexed hereto;
- iii) Persons who obtain exemption pursuant to paragraph 2 of the schedule annexed hereto.

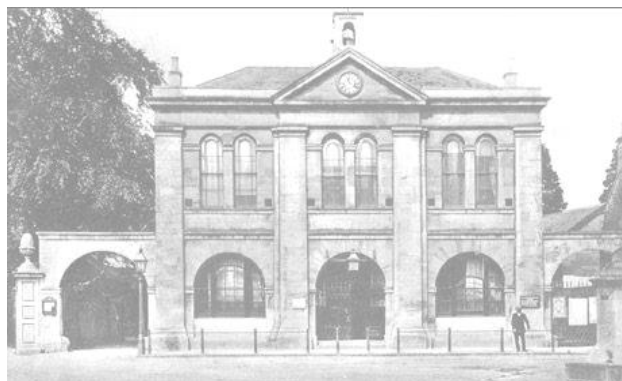
3. The application for registration is required to be made in writing on a form which will be provided when the person attends for the purpose of making application for registration.

4. On the registration form the applicant is required to state:

a) names in full	i) name & address of employer (if any)
b) in the case of a woman, whether married, single or a widow	j) whether or not he or she proposes to apply for, or claims to be entitled to, exemption from enrolment or a reduction in the period of duties, the grounds of the application or claim (if any) and the name and address of some body or person by whom any such claim can be verified.
c) home address	
d) age	
e) sex	
f) date of birth	
g) national registration identity number	
h) occupation	

5. The application is required to be made in person on the appropriate day as specified below according to the applicant's age at any one of the following places, namely:

- **The Town Hall, Melksham.**
- **The Bell Hotel Club Room, Bath Road, Melksham.**
- **St. Andrew's Church Schoolroom, Church Lane, Melksham.**



6. An applicant when making application will be required to produce his or her National Registration Identity Card.

7. To avoid delays, applicants should as far as possible attend at the place nearest their homes and on the day and at the time indicated below:

TIMES				Saturday 28 th Nov. Age Groups.	Sunday 29 th Nov. Age Groups.
1 p.m.	-	1.30 p.m.		18	
1.30 p.m.	-	2.30 p.m.		19 - 20	
2.30 p.m.	-	3.30 p.m.		21 - 23	
3.30 p.m.	-	4 p.m.		24 - 25	
4 p.m.	-	5 p.m.		26 - 28	
5 p.m.	-	5.30 p.m.		29 - 30	
9 a.m.	-	9.30 a.m.			31 - 33
9.30 a.m.	-	10.30 a.m.			34 - 37
10.30 a.m.	-	11.00 a.m.			38 - 40
12.30 p.m.	-	1.30 p.m.			41 - 43
1.30 p.m.	-	2 p.m.			44
2 p.m.	-	2.30 p.m.			45 - 47
2.30 p.m.	-	3 p.m.			48 - 50
3 p.m.	-	4 p.m.			51 - 54
4 p.m.	-	5 p.m.			55 - 58
5 p.m.	-	5.30 p.m.			59

8. Any person who for a good cause (e.g. illness) is unable to attend at any of the times specified in paragraph 7 must apply on weekday at The Fire Prevention Office, Town Hall, Melksham, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, not being later than 12th December, 1942.

9. Any person who for a good cause is unable to attend in person on or before 12th December, 1942, should obtain a registration form from the Fire Prevention Office, Town Hall, and return it not later than 12th December, 1942, to the Clerk of the Council at the Fire Prevention Office, Town Hall Melksham.

C.J. Barrington
Clerk of the Council

7th November, 1942.

SCHEDULE

Persons Exempted from Registration.

1. The following persons are exempted from registration :-

- 1) Any member of any of the armed forces of the Crown (including a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, The Home Guard, or the Auxiliary Coast Guard, but not including a member of any reserve or auxiliary force who has not been called out for service or has been released from the service).
- 2) Any member of the Royal Observer Corps.
- 3) Any constable.
- 4) Any pilot holding a license issued under the Pilotage Act, 1913, or a deep sea certificate granted by a pilotage authority authorised by a Pilotage Order to grant such certificates.
- 5) Any duly qualified medical practitioner.
- 6) Any master or any member of the crew of a ship engaged in sea-going service.
- 7) Any person who:-
 - a) is the subject of an order or inquisition under the Lunacy and mental Treatment Acts, 1890 to 1930; or
 - b) is being detained in pursuance of section twenty-five of the Lunacy Act, 1890, or as a criminal lunatic, or in pursuance of an order made under the Criminal Lunatics Act, 1884; or
 - c) is undergoing treatment as a temporary patient under section 5 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1939, or
 - d) is a person placed in an institution or a certified house or under guardianship, under section 3 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, or is the subject of an order under section 6, 8, or 9 of that Act, or is under supervision provided under paragraph (b) of section 30 of that Act, or is an inmate of a home approved under section 50 of that Act, or is the subject of a notification under subsection (2) of section 51 of that Act; or
 - e) is the subject of an order or warrant for his detention or custody under the Lunacy (Scotland) Acts, 1857 to 1919, or is being entertained and kept in an asylum in pursuance of section 15 of the Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1866, as read with section 59 of the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913, or is a person for whose safe custody during His Majesty's pleasure His Majesty is authorised to give order or is a person whom the Secretary of State or the Prisons Department for Scotland has, in pursuance of any Act, directed to be removed to a criminal lunatic asylum, or to the criminal lunatic department of Perth prison or to an asylum, or is a person placed in an institution or certified house or under guardianship under section 4 of the Mental Deficiency and Lunacy (Scotland) Act, 1913, or is the subject of an order under section 7, 9 or 10 of that Act.
- 8) Any person certified by a local authority, as defined by the Blind Persons Acts, 1920 and 1938, to be registered as a blind person under arrangements made by the authority under those acts.
- 9) Any deaf and dumb person.

2. A person may apply to the Council to be exempted from liability to apply for registration if before the date on which he or she is required to make the application he or she ceases to reside in the Melksham Urban District Council, and shows reasonable grounds for leaving the said area and that it would not be practicable for him or her to perform fire prevention duties in the said area. If this application is refused by the Council an appeal may be made from the local Military Service (Hardship) Committee. Applications to the Council for exemption under this paragraph should be addressed to the Clerk of the Council at the Fire Prevention Office, Town Hall, Melksham.

NOTES.

1. At any time after registration, a person is liable to be served with an enrolment notice by the local authority stating that he or she has been enrolled for the purpose of fire prevention duties.
2. Certain classes of registered persons are entitled to or may apply for exemption from enrolment or a reduction in the period of duties. Particulars can be obtained at the time of registration or thereafter on application to the Clerk of the Council.

PENALTIES.

Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this Notice, or who furnishes information which he knows to be false in any material particular, commits an offence under the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, involving liability to heavy penalties.

URBAN DISTRICT OF MELKSHAM

DEFENCE (FIRE GUARD) REGULATIONS, 1943.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRE GUARD DUTIES UNDER THE FIRE GUARD (LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES) ORDER, 1943.

Requirement to make notification between September 20th, 1943, and October 11th, 1943, of liability to register and to register thereafter.

Notice to Men born on or between 22nd September, 1880, and 21st September, 1925, and to Women born on or between 22nd September, 1898, and 21st September, 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Council of the Urban District of Melksham

URBAN DISTRICT OF MELKSHAM

FIRE GUARD PLAN

THE FIRE GUARD PLAN having become operative in the Melksham Urban Area, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC that the responsibility for calling for the National fire Service to attend a fire caused by enemy action during the period between half-an-hour before black-out and half an hour after black-out will rest with the FIRE GUARD.

The public should NOT, therefore, telephone the FIRE STATION at such times.

C.J. Barrington
Clerk of the Council
28th September, 1943

The Wiltshire Times, Saturday, October 2nd, 1943.

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Notice to men born on or between 22nd September, 1880, and 21st September, 1925, and to Women born on or between 22nd September, 1898, and 21st September, 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Council of the Urban District of Melksham that all persons belonging to the classes specified in paragraph 2 below who, on 20th September, 1943, are resident in the Urban district of Melksham are required to notify in writing in the manner specified in paragraph 4 below to the Clerk of the Council that they are liable to be registered under the Fire Guard (Local Authority Services) Order, 1943, and thereafter to apply in the manner specified in paragraphs 5-7 below to be registered under that Order.

2. The persons required to make notification and to register under the present notice are:-

- a) All male persons who on the date of this notice are not less than 18 but under 63 years of age and are British subjects or aliens of a class described in paragraph 3 below;
- b) All female persons who on the date of this notice are not less than 20 but under 45 years of age and are British subjects or aliens of a class described in paragraph 3 below.

EXCEPT:

- i) **Persons who have applied to the Council of the Urban District of Melksham for registration under a registration notice under the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsary Enrolment) Order, 1942.**
- ii) Persons who are exempted from registration by reason of belonging to a class specified in paragraph 1 of the Schedule annexed hereto;
- iii) Persons who are exempted under paragraph 2 of the schedule annexed hereto;
- iv) Any person who is from registration on the ground that he is entitled to immunities and privileges as an envoy of a foreign power accredited to His Majesty, or as a member of the retinue of such an envoy, or as a person to whom those immunities and privileges are extended under Section 1 or Section 2 of the Diplomatic Privilege (Extension) act, 1941;
- v) Any alien who is recognised by His Majesty as being a consul-general, consul, vice-consul, or consular agent of any foreign power accredited to His Majesty

3. The aliens referred to in paragraph 2 above are aliens who:-

- a) Are registered under the Aliens Order, 1920, as subsequently amended, as nationals of Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Iran, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, Poland, Salvador, Switzerland, Turkey, the United States of America, Venezuela or Yugoslavia, or as stateless persons, or as enemy aliens; or who are British protected persons; and
- b) Are for the time being exempted from Article 1 of the Aliens (Movement Restriction) Order, 1940, as subsequently amended, or are partly or conditionally exempted therefrom in such a manner as will enable them adequately to perform fire guard duties.

4. The form to be used for notification of liability to register may be obtained at the Fire Prevention Office, Town Hall, Melksham, at any time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays except Saturdays. The form must be completed and returned to the Clerk of the Council within 21 days from the date of this notice.

5. The application for registration is required to be made in writing on a form which will be sent by post to persons who make notification of liability to register.

6. On the registration form the applicant is required to state:-

a) names in full	i) name & address of employer (if any)
b) in the case of a woman, whether married, single or a widow	j) whether or not he or she proposes to apply for, or claims to be entitled to, exemption from enrolment or a reduction in the period of duties, the grounds of the application or claim (if any) and the name and address of some body or person by whom any such claim can be verified.
c) home address	
d) age	
e) sex	
f) date of birth	
g) national registration identity number	
h) occupation	

In the case of an alien;

- k) Nationality.
- l) The number on the alien's registration certificate.

7. The application to register must be completed by all persons who have notified their liability to register and must be returned by post to the Clerk of the Council within 7 days of the date of receipt.

C. J. BARRINGTON
Clerk of the Council
October, 9th, 1943

SCHEDULE

Persons Exempted from Registration.

1. The following persons are exempted from registration:-

- a) Any member of any of the armed forces of the Crown (including a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, The Home Guard, or the Auxiliary Coast Guard, but not including a member of any reserve or auxiliary force who has not been called out for service or has been released from the service).
- b) Any member of the naval, military or air forces of any foreign power engaged, in alliance with His Majesty, in any way in which His Majesty is also engaged.
- c) Any member of the Royal Observer Corps.
- d) Any whole-time member of the National Fire Service.
- e) Any person who is-
 - i) a member of a police force within the meaning of Section thirty of the Police Pensions Act, 1921, or a joint police force established under the Defence (Amalgamation of Police Forces) Regulations, 1942, or
 - ii) a member of the police war reserve, or
 - iii) a special constable appointed under the provisions of the Special Constables Act, 1931, as amended by the Special Constables Acts, 1914 and 1923, or appointed under Section 196 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.
 - iv) a special constable appointed under the provisions of the Special Constables (Scotland) Act, 1892 to 1923, as amended by Regulation 40 A B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, or under the corresponding provisions of any Local Act.
 - v) a special constable appointed under Section three of the Special Constables Act, 1923, as extended by Regulation 40 A A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, or
 - vi) a member of the women's auxiliary police corps.
- f) Any pilot holding a licence issued under the Pilotage Act, 1913, or a deep sea certificate granted by a Pilotage Order to grant such certificates.
- g) Any duly qualified medical practitioner.
- h) Any master or member of the crew of a ship engaged in sea-going services.
- i) Any person who –
 - i) is the subject of an order or inquisition under the Lunacy and Mental Treatments Acts, 1890 to 1920, or
 - ii) is being detained in pursuance of Section 25 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, or as a criminal lunatic, or in pursuance of an order made under the Criminal Lunatics Act, 1884, or
 - iii) is undergoing treatment as a temporary patient under Section 5 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1920, or

N.B. Newspaper clipping on persons exempted ends part way through (iv).