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**AUSTRALIA
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement relating to an Assisted Passage Migration Scheme.
Signed at London, on 1 April 1957**

Official text: English.

Registered by Australia on 10 July 1957.

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et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord relatif à un programme d'aide aux migrants con-
cernant les frais de passage. Signé à Londres, le
1^{er} avril 1957**

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Enregistré par l'Australie le 10 juillet 1957.

No. 3918. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND RELATING TO AN ASSISTED PASSAGE MIGRATION SCHEME. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 1 APRIL 1957

AN AGREEMENT made the First day of April One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations (hereinafter called "The Secretary of State") of the one part and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia (hereinafter called "the Commonwealth Government") of the other part.

WHEREAS under the Commonwealth and Empire Settlement Acts, 1922 to 1957, the Secretary of State may co-operate with the Government of any part of Her Majesty's dominions in formulating and carrying out schemes for affording joint assistance to persons who intend to settle in any part of Her Majesty's dominions overseas ;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary of State and the Commonwealth Government are willing to co-operate in the scheme for assisted passages contained hereafter in this Agreement in order to assist suitable persons in the United Kingdom to proceed to Australia for permanent settlement ;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of the said Acts the United Kingdom Treasury have consented to the Secretary of State agreeing to the said scheme :

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS :

1. (a) The assisted passage scheme contained in this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of April, 1957, and, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this clause, shall continue until the 31st day of March, 1962.

(b) This Agreement may be terminated by either party giving six months notice of termination to the other party.

2. The Secretary of State shall make a contribution at the rate of £150,000 a year in English currency, payable quarterly in arrear, towards the cost of move-

¹ Came into force on 1 April 1957 by signature.

ment from the place of residence to Australia of migrants selected under the scheme ; provided that the total amount of the contributions made by the Secretary of State during the period of the said scheme shall not exceed one half of the total amount paid by the Commonwealth Government pursuant to paragraph (d) of Clause 5 of this Agreement.

3. The Commonwealth Government shall provide passages for such selected migrants upon the following basis :

- (a) that persons of 19 years of age and over at the date of sailing shall be charged the sum of ten pounds in English currency therefor ;
- (b) that juveniles who have attained 14 years of age and have not attained 19 years of age at the date of sailing shall be charged the sum of five pounds in English currency ; and
- (c) that children who have not attained 14 years of age at the date of sailing shall be carried free of any charge ;

provided always that the Commonwealth Government and the Secretary of State may agree at any time to vary the amount of the contribution by the migrant. If the migrant's contribution is varied, the annual contribution of the Secretary of State under Article 2 of this Agreement may be varied by agreement between the Secretary of State and the Commonwealth Government.

4. The Commonwealth Government shall, where necessary, provide free travelling facilities for migrants from the port of disembarkation to the ultimate destination in Australia.

5. Assistance under the scheme shall be given to such persons with their dependants as may be jointly approved by the Secretary of State and the Commonwealth Government before sailing. The procedure for the selection and grant of assistance to migrants under the scheme shall be as follows :

- (a) Forms of application for assistance will be prepared by the Commonwealth Government in consultation with the Secretary of State. No pamphlets explaining the scheme shall be issued without the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Commonwealth Government.
- (b) Application forms when completed will be forwarded by applicants to the Chief Migration Officer, Office of the High Commissioner in London for the Commonwealth of Australia, who will have the final responsibility for deciding as to the suitability on mental, moral and other grounds of each applicant and his family for settlement in Australia. He will cause the necessary investigations to be made through an officer of his Department or other approved authority and will arrange for the requisite medical examination.

- (c) The Secretary of State shall have access to the completed forms of application and connected documents.
 - (d) The Commonwealth Government will make all arrangements for booking the passages of approved migrants and will pay the claim of the shipping companies therefor.
6. The Commonwealth Government shall arrange for the appropriate authorities in Australia to make adequate administrative arrangements for the reception, placement and aftercare of all migrants upon arrival, and to secure the co-operation of approved voluntary organisations in this connection.
7. The Commonwealth Government shall arrange for the payment of normal social service benefits to migrants, such social service benefits to include unemployment and sickness benefit (payable from and including the seventh day after the day upon which the migrant becomes unemployed or makes a claim for unemployment benefit or becomes incapacitated) and child endowment, maternity allowance, hospital benefit and pharmaceutical benefit.
8. The Secretary of State and the Commonwealth Government shall bear their own expenses of administering the scheme.
9. In the event of a migrant not remaining in Australia for a minimum period of two years after arrival, the Commonwealth Government shall be at liberty to require him to repay to the Commonwealth of Australia the difference between the cost of his passage and the amount contributed by him thereto. The Commonwealth Government may also require each migrant, prior to his departure for Australia, to sign an undertaking to make such repayment if he should depart within the two years hereinbefore referred to.
10. The Commonwealth Government undertakes to arrange for the United Kingdom authorities to be associated with the representatives of the Commonwealth Government, to such extent as may be mutually agreed, in the arrangements for the examination and selection of migrants at any time before their departure from the United Kingdom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia in the United Kingdom for and on behalf of the Commonwealth Government and the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations have signed in duplicate this Agreement.

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