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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Remuneration of Consultants and Specialists—Distinction Awards

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH FEBRUARY 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Department of Health and Social Services (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by article 16 of and paragraph 12 of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Remuneration of Consultants and Specialists—Distinction Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1974.

(2) In these regulations—

"consultant" means a medical or dental officer (including an officer employed jointly by a Health and Social Services Board and the Queen's University of Belfast) who is graded, recognised and employed or has been employed as a consultant, otherwise than as an honorary officer by a Health and Social Services Board;

"specialist" means an officer employed by a Health and Social Services Board as a community medicine or dentistry specialist;

"distinction award" means the financial addition made for professional distinction to the normal remuneration of a consultant or specialist.

Determination of distinction awards

2.—(1) The Department shall determine in respect of consultants or specialists the grades of distinction awards, the value of each grade, the number of awards for each grade and the consultants or specialists to whom the awards will be allocated. In the allocation of awards to consultants or specialists the Department shall have regard to the recommendations of an advisory committee appointed by it for this purpose (to be known as 'the Distinction Awards Committee for Northern Ireland").

Revocation

3. The Health Services (Remuneration of Consultants—Distinction Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) are hereby revoked.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 250.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 8th day of February 1974.

(L.S.) *F. A. Elliott,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland this 12th day of February 1974.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations replace and amend the Health Services (Remuneration of Consultants—Distinction Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and empower the Department of Health and Social Services to determine the number, amounts and allocation of Distinction Awards to medical or dental officers of Health and Social Services Boards in the consultant or specialist grades, a Distinction Award being the additional amount payable in respect of professional distinction to a consultant or specialist over and above his normal remuneration.