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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Remuneration of Consultants — Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made	*16th July 1992*
Coming into operation . .	*1st September 1992*

The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 89(1), 106(*b*), 107(6) of and paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**) hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Remuneration of Consultants — Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1992.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:—

"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;

"distinction and meritorious service award" means the financial addition made for professional distinction or meritorious service to the normal remuneration of a consultant;

"Health and Social Services Board" means a Board established under Article 16 of the Order.

Determination of distinction and meritorious service awards

3. The Department shall determine the grades of distinction and meritorious service awards, the value of each grade, the number of awards for each grade and the consultants to whom the awards will be allocated. In the allocation of awards the Department shall have regard to the recommendations of an advisory committee appointed by it for this purpose (to be known

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14) as amended by S.I. 1986/2229 (N.I. 24) and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)
(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

as ''the Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Committee for Northern Ireland'').

Revocation

4. The Health and Personal Social Services (Remuneration of Consultants and Specialists — Distinction Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 16th July 1992.

(L.S.) *F. Green*
Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 16th July 1992.

(L.S.) *Doreen Brown*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.R. 1974 No. 24

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations replace with amendments the Health and Personal Social Services (Remuneration of Consultants and Specialists — Distinction Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974.

They empower the Department of Health and Social Services to determine the number, amounts and allocation of Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards to medical or dental officers in the consultant grades, having regard to the recommendations of the advisory committee known as ''the Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Committee for Northern Ireland''.

A Distinction and Meritorious Service Award is the additional amount payable to a consultant in respect of professional distinction or meritorious service over and above his normal remuneration.