(iv) he has carried out original research of recognised value into social and economic problems ;

(*b*) he produces satisfactory evidence that his health and character are good ;

(*c*) he is a natural born British subject and the son of a father also a natural born British subject, and has during the whole of the period of five years ending on the date of appointment been resident in the United Kingdom : provided that any period during which he has served outside the United Kingdom in time of war emergency in the armed forces of the Crown or in the mercantile marine shall be treated as a period during which he has been resident in the United Kingdom ; and

(*d*) at the date of his appointment by the welfare authority he is not less than thirty years of age and not more than forty-five years of age : provided that the maximum age limit shall not apply in the case of a person holding an office under a local authority at the time of his appointment.

**5.** A welfare officer shall carry out such duties as may be imposed on him by or under the Act or assigned to him by the welfare authority.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this eighteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Assistant Secretary.

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## Health and Welfare Authorities

### Prior Transfer of Officers

REGULATIONS, DATED 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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WHEREAS it appears to the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland to be necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, that regulations should be made enabling the employment of persons to make adequate and suitable preparation for the discharge of duties to be imposed by the transfer of functions to Health Authorities and Welfare Authorities

under the said Act and to ensure continuity in the administration of those functions and that, for those purposes officers should be employed prior to the date of the transfer of the said functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section twenty-eight of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (in these Regulations referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health and Welfare Authorities (Prior Transfer of Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say,—

" date of transfer " means such day or days as may be specified in any transfer order or orders transferring functions upon which an officer affected by these Regulations is engaged.

" local authority " has the meaning assigned to it by Section twenty-nine of the Act.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Act and the succeeding provisions of this Regulation any officer employed by a local authority before the date of transfer for the purposes of any function transferable by or under the Act may with the approval of the Ministry be employed by a health authority or a welfare authority before the date of transfer upon terms and conditions (including terms and conditions as to the grant of any pension or other allowance by way of superannuation) not less favourable than those which immediately before the date of his ceasing to be employed by the local authority applied to his employment by the local authority, and such officer, notwithstanding that his employment by the health or welfare authority has commenced before the date of transfer, shall be deemed to be a transferred officer to whom Section thirteen of the Act applies.

3. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1947.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-sixth day of April One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven in the presence of :—

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Assistant Secretary.