1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951.

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

2. The Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 shall be amended in manner following :—

The following proviso shall be added to paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 :—

" Provided that where a contract or arrangement between an optician and a patient for the supply of glasses is made on or after 21st May, 1951, the provisions of this Regulation shall not apply in any case where the Authority are satisfied that a previous contract or arrangement between the said patient and another optician for the provision of the aforesaid glasses under supplementary eye services existed prior to 21st May, 1951, and that by reason of the death of the last mentioned optician, or his withdrawal or removal from the Ophthalmic List or by reason of other circumstances not within the control of the patient glasses were either not supplied or, if supplied, were, in the opinion of the Authority, unsatisfactory."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this sixth day of December, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. E. Pittaway*,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations in accordance with section seventy-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this sixth day of December, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. N. Cox*,
Assistant Secretary.

Qualifications of Medical Practitioners

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS TWENTY TWO AND EIGHTY-SIX OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1951. No. 178

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 sections twenty-two and eighty-six of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1951.

(2) 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. There shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of Regulation two of the Health Services (Supplementary Eye Services) (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (a) the following paragraphs :—

" (1) A medical practitioner who makes application to the Ministry in the form set out in Part I of the Schedule to the Regulations (or on a form to the like effect) and who has

(*a*) held an appointment under the Authority with the status of Consultant Ophthalmologist or held for a period of two years an appointment of equal status as an ophthalmic surgeon or assistant ophthalmic surgeon on the staff of an ophthalmic hospital or a hospital having a special ophthalmic department approved by the Committee hereinafter referred to, or

(*b*) obtained the Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery or the Diploma in Ophthalmology (Conjoint Board) or the Diploma in Ophthalmology (Oxon) or other higher degree or qualification approved by the Committee and held for the period of two years an appointment or appointments in an ophthalmic hospital or the ophthalmic department of a general hospital which has been approved for this purpose by the Committee hereinafter referred to, of which period at least six months shall have been spent in a whole time appointment in a hospital recognised for the teaching of ophthalmology,

and has had adequate, including recent, experience in ophthalmology, shall be a medical practitioner having the prescribed qualifications for the purposes of section twenty-two of the Act.

(1A) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph a medical practitioner whose qualifications for the purpose of providing supplementary eye services had been approved immediately before the 1st day of October, 1951, shall, so long as he possesses the

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 122.

qualifications then in force, be deemed to have the qualifications required by these Regulations."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of September One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-one in the presence of :—

(L.S.) *J. E. Pittaway,*
Assistant Secretary.

General Scheme : Modification

ORDER, DATED 11TH APRIL, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1951. No. 49

WHEREAS sub-section (4) of section twenty-eight of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, provides that the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority (in this Order referred to as " the Authority ") may from time to time, after consultation with the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry "), adopt a new general scheme providing for the modification of the general scheme for the time being in force :

AND WHEREAS the Authority has adopted and submitted to the Ministry a new general scheme providing for the modification of the general schemes adopted by the Authority on the 13th day of May, 1948, the 9th day of November, 1948, the 1st day of September, 1949, and the 23rd day of December, 1949, and approved (with modifications) by the Ministry by Orders dated the 31st day of May, 1948 (**a**), 31st day of December, 1948 (**b**), 30th day of September, 1949 (**c**), and 1st day of January, 1950 (**d**) :

AND WHEREAS the Ministry thinks fit to approve the new general scheme :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry hereby approves the new general scheme set out in the Schedule hereto.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this eleventh day of April, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty one in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. E. Pittaway,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1948, No. 143 ; (b) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1948, No. 332
(c) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1949, No. 176 ; (d) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1950, No. 2.