PART III

1. Any variation in a dimension (other than as to the height of a letter) specified in either of the foregoing diagrams shall be treated as permitted by these Regulations if the variation:—

(*a*) in the case of a dimension so specified as 12 inches or as over 12 inches, does not exceed 2½% of that dimension;

(*b*) in the case of a dimension so specified as 2 inches or as over 2 inches but as under 12 inches, does not exceed 5% of that dimension; or

(*c*) in the case of a dimension so specified as under 2 inches, does not exceed 10% of that dimension.

2. Any variation in a dimension as to the height of a letter specified in either of the foregoing diagrams shall be treated as permitted by these Regulations if the variation:—

(*a*) in the case of a dimension so specified as 4 inches or as over 4 inches, does not exceed 2½% of that dimension; or

(*b*) in the case of a dimension so specified as under 4 inches, does not exceed 5% of that dimension.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations re-enact those made in 1965, with the addition of a provision (in Part I of the Schedule) providing for the experimental use of fluorescent coats by School Crossing Patrol men.

1966. No. 108 [C]

HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH MAY, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTIONS 10 AND 28 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 10 and 28 of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966.

(**a**). 1946. c. 19.

(2) The Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**) and the Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**b**) are hereby revoked.

2. A person shall not be appointed by a Health Authority as County Medical Officer of Health, or County Borough Medical Officer of Health, unless

(*a*) he is a registered medical practitioner and is also registered in the medical register as the holder of a diploma in public health, sanitary science or state medicine; and

(*b*) he has had not less than five years' experience in general public health duties in a whole-time capacity as an assistant medical officer or in a higher post in a local authority; and

(*c*) he is a British subject.

3. For the purpose of reckoning the five years' experience required by regulation 2(*b*) service not exceeding two years in comparable duties in time of war emergency in one of the medical branches of the armed forces of the Crown may be counted.

4. A person shall not be appointed by a Health Authority as Deputy Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough, Divisional Medical Officer of Health, or Senior Medical Officer of Health, or to any post above that of Assistant Medical Officer or of Medical Officer in a Department unless

(*a*) he is a registered medical practitioner and is also registered in the medical register as the holder of a diploma in public health, sanitary science or state medicine; and

(*b*) he has not less than two years' experience in general public health duties in a whole-time capacity as an assistant medical officer or in a higher post in a local authority; and

(*c*) he is a British subject.

5. For the purpose of reckoning the two years' experience required under regulation 4(*b*) service not exceeding one year in comparable duties in time of war emergency in one of the medical branches of the armed forces of the Crown may be counted.

6. A person shall not be appointed by a Health Authority as Assistant Medical Officer, or Medical Officer in a Department, unless

(*a*) he is a registered medical practitioner;

(*b*) he is a British subject.

7. A Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough shall observe and execute all lawful orders and directions of the health authority and, in addition to the duties imposed on him by or under the Act or assigned to him by the health authority, he shall, as Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough, carry out the following duties:

(*a*) he shall inform himself as far as practicable respecting all matters affecting or likely to affect the public health in the area for which he is appointed; and

(*b*) he shall as soon as practicable after the 31st day of December in each

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 26. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 24.

year make a report to the health authority for the year ending on that date on the health services administered by the health authority, the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of the area, containing in addition to any other matters upon which he may consider it desirable to report, such information as may from time to time be required; and

(*c*) he shall furnish to the Ministry such statistical information as the Ministry may from time to time require.

8. A person holding any of the posts referred to in Regulations 4 and 6 shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Medical Officer of Health of the county or county borough or by the Health Authority.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 24th day of May, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

(L.S.) *Lancelot Browne,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke and replace the Regulations which were made in 1948 and amended in 1960. The requirements have been revised and brought up to date, but the only material change is that a person who is appointed to the basic grade of Assistant Medical Officer or Medical Officer in a Department is no longer required to possess a diploma in public health, sanitary science or state medicine.

1966. No. 109 **[NC]**

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND INDUSTRIAL INJURIES

Commencement Order (Northern Ireland) 1966

ORDER, DATED 25TH MAY, 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE (NO. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

Whereas it is provided by section 14(4) of the National Insurance (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that the Act shall come into force on such day or days as the Minister may by order appoint:

(a) 1966. c. 16 (N.I.).