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HEALTH SERVICES

Qualifications of Health Visitors

REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTIONS 12 AND 28 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 12 and 28 of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Qualifications of Health Visitors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"health visitor" means a person employed by a health authority to visit people in their homes or at such other places in the area of the health authority concerned as that authority may approve for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant or nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to promote health and to prevent the spread of infection, and includes a person so employed by a voluntary organisation under arrangements with a health authority;

"the Council" means the Council for the Education and Training of Health Visitors constituted by section 1 of the Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962(**b**), as amended by section 11 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970(**c**);

"regulations of 1965" means the Health Services (Qualifications of Health Visitors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**d**).

Qualification for employment as a health visitor

2. No person shall be employed as a health visitor by a health authority or voluntary organisation under arrangements with a health authority unless such person—

(*a*) holds the health visitors certificate issued by the Council; or

(*b*) holds the health visitors certificate issued by the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health under conditions approved by the Secretary of State for the Social Services; or

(*c*) holds the health visitors certificate issued by the Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland under conditions approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland; or

(**a**) 1946. c. 19.
(**b**) 10 & 11 El. 2. c. 33.
(**c**) 1970. c. 42.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 1.

(*d*) was so employed by that health authority or voluntary organisation immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of the regulations of 1965, or by any other authority whose employment such person enters in consequence of the conferment on that authority, by or under any enactment, of any functions of the aforementioned health authority; or

(*e*) holds a qualification obtained outside the United Kingdom which the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, after consultation with the Council, has approved; provided that any such person shall be employed only for such period and for such purposes as the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland may specify in his approval of the qualification.

Revocation

3. The Health Services (Qualifications of Health Visitors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of August 1973.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations replace the Health Services (Qualifications of Health Visitors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 and apply the list of qualifications prescribed for health visitors employed by health authorities or by voluntary organisations under arrangements with health authorities to persons without regard to the sex of such persons. The position of existing employees without health visitor certificates is safeguarded.