STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 1099

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Qualifications of Health Visitors) Regulations 1964

Made - - - -	15*th July* 1964
Laid before Parliament	23*rd July* 1964
Coming into Operation	1*st August* 1964

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 66 of the National Health Service Act 1946(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Qualifications of Health Visitors) Regulations 1964 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1964.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

" health visitor " means a woman employed by a local health authority for the visiting of persons in their homes 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 prevent the spread of infection, and includes a woman so employed by a voluntary organisation under arrangements with a local health authority;

" the Council " means the Council for the Training of Health Visitors constituted by section 1 of the Health Visiting and Social Work (Training) Act 1962(b);

" the Minister " means the Minister of Health;

" regulations of 1930 " means the Local Government (Qualifications of Medical Officers and Health Visitors) Regulations 1930, as amended by the Local Government (Qualifications of Medical Officers and Health Visitors) (Amendment) Regulations 1933(c);

" regulations of 1948 " means the National Health Service (Qualifications of Health Visitors and Tuberculosis Visitors) Regulations 1948(d).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament..

2. No woman shall be employed as a health visitor unless—

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

(*b*) she holds the health visitors certificate issued by the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health under conditions approved by the Minister; or

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

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 33.
(c) S.R. & O. 1930/69, 1933/408 (Rev. XII, p. 511: 1930, p. 846; 1933, p. 1030).
(d) S.I. 1948/1415 (Rev. XV, p. 767: 1948 II, p. 2170). (e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

of State for Scotland and duly endorsed by the Association as rendering the holder eligible for appointment as a health visitor in England and Wales as well as in Scotland; or

(*d*) she was qualified prior to 5th July 1948 to hold the appointment of health visitor under the regulations of 1930 otherwise than by virtue of a dispensation given under regulation 10 of those regulations; or

(*e*) she was qualified immediately prior to the date of the coming into operation of these regulations to hold the appointment of health visitor by virtue of a dispensation given under regulation 5 of the regulations of 1948; or

(*f*) she holds a qualification obtained outside the United Kingdom which the Minister, after consultation with the Council, has approved for the purposes of this regulation:

Provided that—

(i) a woman who is qualified under paragraph (*e*) of this regulation shall be regarded as so qualified only in respect of employment by the local health authority or voluntary organisation by whom she is employed at the coming into operation of these regulations or by any other local health authority whose employment she enters in consequence of the transfer to that authority by or under any enactment of any functions of the first mentioned authority; and

(ii) a woman who is qualified under paragraph (*f*) of this regulation shall be regarded as so qualified only for such period and in respect of such employment as is specified by the Minister in his approval of the qualification.

3. The regulations of 1948 are hereby revoked.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 15th July 1964.

(L.S.)

Anthony Barber,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The regulations replace the National Health Service (Qualifications of Health Visitors and Tuberculosis Visitors) Regulations 1948 and add to the list of qualifications prescribed for health visitors employed by local health authorities or employed by voluntary organisations under arrangements with local health authorities the health visitors certificate issued by the Council for the Training of Health Visitors.

Qualifications are no longer prescribed for tuberculosis visitors; and regulation 5 of the 1948 regulations (under which the Minister of Health could dispense with the requirements of such of the regulations as he thought fit) is not reproduced.