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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Appointment of Specialists

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH DECEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER ARTICLE 16 OF THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES ORDER 1972.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 31st December 1973.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"joint appointment offices" means whole time offices involving both teaching and hospital duties to which persons are appointed jointly by a Health and Social Services Board and The Queen's University of Belfast;

"lay member" means a member who is not a registered medical or dental practitioner or an officer of a Health and Social Services Board;

"member of the staff of the hospital or hospitals concerned" means a member of consultant status of the medical staff of the hospital or hospitals in which the successful applicant is to serve;

"Panel" means the Advisory Appointments Panel;

"vacancy in an office" includes a new office which it is proposed to fill.

Appointments to which the regulations apply

3. These regulations apply to appointments by Health and Social Services Boards (in these regulations referred to as "Boards") of any medical or dental officer whether whole-time or part-time to the office of consultant or medical assistant or assistant dental surgeon, other than the appointment of any person in any of the classes specified in regulation 4.

Exempted appointments

4. The classes referred to in regulation 3 to which these regulations do not apply are:—

(*a*) persons to be appointed to joint appointment offices;

(*b*) persons who will receive no remuneration for their hospital appointments;

(*c*) persons to be appointed to the staff of a hospital primarily for the purpose of undertaking research; and

(*d*) persons to be appointed to offices which are, with the approval of the Ministry, expressly limited in duration.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14).

Constitution of Advisory Appointments Panel

5. For the purpose of filling each vacancy in any office to which these regulations apply, other than an office which a Board proposes to fill by the variation of the contract of an existing consultant, medical assistant or assistant dental surgeon, an Advisory Appointments Panel shall be constituted by the Central Services Agency (in these regulations referred to as the "Agency") in accordance with the Schedule to these Regulations.

Advertising of vacancy

6. Where a Board propose to fill a vacancy in any office to which these regulations apply, the Agency shall advertise such vacancy and shall allow not less than one month for the receipt of applications for the appointment.

Selection by Panel

7.—(1) The Agency shall refer to the Panel all applications received on or before the closing date specified in the advertisement and may also refer an application received after that date if it is satisfied that there is a reasonable explanation for the delay.

(2) The Panel shall consider all applications so referred to them and may interview applicants with a view to selecting the persons considered by them to be suitable for the appointment. The Panel shall then submit to the Board the selected name or names in order of preference.

(3) If the Panel consider that none of the applicants is suitable for the appointment, they shall so inform the Board.

Appointment by the Board

8. The Board shall not make an appointment to a vacancy to which these regulations apply except from persons selected by the Panel as in regulation 7.

Travelling and subsistence expenses

9. The Agency may make to members of the Panel such payments in respect of travelling and subsistence expenses as are payable to members of the Agency performing an approved duty.

Revocation

10. The Health Services (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**) and the Health Service (Appointment of Specialists) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**c**) are hereby revoked provided that these regulations shall continue to have effect in relation to any appointment which has been advertised before the commencement of these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 27th day of December 1973.

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F. A. Elliott,
Assistant Secretary.

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 104. (**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 159.