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HEALTH SERVICES

Remuneration of Consultants—Distinction Awards

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND SEPTEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948-1967.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 14(1) of the Health Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Remuneration of Consultants—Distinction Awards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1967.

(2) In these Regulations—

"Consultant" means a medical or dental officer (including an officer employed jointly by the Authority and the Queen's University of Belfast) who is graded, recognised and employed or has been employed as a consultant otherwise than as an honorary officer by the Authority;

"Distinction Award" means the financial addition made for professional distinction to the normal remuneration of a consultant.

Determination of Distinction Awards

2.—(1) The Ministry shall determine in respect of consultants the grades of distinction awards, the value of each grade, the number of awards for each grade and the consultants to whom the awards will be allocated. In the allocation of awards to consultants the Ministry shall have regard to the recommendations of an advisory committee appointed by it for this purpose (hereinafter referred to as "the Distinction Awards Committee").

(2) Distinction awards made to consultants by the Authority before the commencement of these regulations shall have effect as if made under these regulations.

Payments to Distinction Awards Committee

3.—(1) The Ministry may pay to:—

(*a*) the Chairman of the Distinction Awards Committee, fees not exceeding the sum of 400 guineas in any period of twelve months;

(*b*) a member of the Distinction Awards Committee who has retired from employment under the Health Services Acts (Northern Ireland) 1948-1967, or the National Health Services Acts 1946-1966 or the National Health Services (Scotland) Acts 1947-1966 or has ceased to engage in the provision of services provided by virtue of any of these Acts, a fee not exceeding 7 guineas per day upon which the member attends a meeting of the said committee; and

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(a) 1967. c. 9 (N.I.).