(Northern Ireland), 1948, (a) (in these Regulations referred to as "the principal Regulations").

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. In Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations there shall be added a new paragraph as follows :—

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) (*c*) of this Regulation a person who has been in practice as an ophthalmic optician for a lesser period than that specified and who shows to the satisfaction of the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph (2) of this Regulation that he is competent as an ophthalmic optician shall be regarded by the Ministry, if so advised by the said Advisory Committee, as having the prescribed qualifications.

3. In Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations there shall be added a new paragraph as follows :—

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) (*c*) of this Regulation a person who has been engaged as an optician for a lesser period than that specified and who shows to the satisfaction of the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph (2) of Regulation three of these Regulations that he is competent as a dispensing optician shall be regarded by the Ministry, if so advised by the said Advisory Committee, as having the prescribed qualifications.

4. In Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations, the words "by reason of his not having had adequate experience" shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood*,
Assistant Secretary.

Health Authorities — Grants

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 AND UNDER SECTIONS 53 AND 55 OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 122.

(in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry ") with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section one hundred and four of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 (**a**), and the Public Health and Local Government (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**b**), and by section fifty-three and fifty-five of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**c**), and of all other powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Authorities (Grants) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations, in so far as they apply to the school health service shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April, 1948, and in so far as they apply to the general health services shall come into operation on 5th July, 1948.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them —

" approved expenditure " means expenditure (including capital expenditure) approved by the Ministry ;

" approved net expenditure " means the approved expenditure after deducting therefrom any income received in respect of services provided by a health authority under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

" financial year " means the period of twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March ;

" general health services " means health services provided by a health authority other than school health services ;

" grant aided ", where applied to services or to expenditure, means the services or expenditure referred to in Part I or Part II of these Regulations ;

" health authority " means a health authority constituted under the public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (**d**) ;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921 shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PART I

School Health Service

3. The grant payable to a health authority in respect of expenditure on the medical inspection and treatment of pupils under the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 shall, for the financial year ending on

(**a**) 1947 c. 3. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948 No. 74.
(**c**) 1948 c. 3. (**d**) 1946 c. 19.