Health Authorities

Medical Officers, Qualifications and Duties

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH FEBRUARY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS TEN AND TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections ten and twenty-eight of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (in these Regulations referred to as "the Act") 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 (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(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.

2. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health of a county or county borough unless—

(*a*) (i) he is a registered medical practitioner and is also registered in the medical register as the holder of a diploma in sanitary science, public health, or state medicine ; and

(ii) he has had, for the office of Medical Officer of Health, not less than five years' experience in general public health duties in a whole-time capacity as a medical officer of health, deputy medical officer of health or assistant medical officer of health under a local authority : provided that any period of experience, not exceeding two years, that he has had in comparable duties in time of war emergency in one of the medical branches of the armed forces of the Crown may be counted in computing the aforesaid period of five years ;

(*b*) he produces satisfactory evidence that his health and character are good ;

(*c*) he is a natural born British subject and the son of a father also a natural born British subject, and has during the whole