County Councils : Officers' Qualifications.

THE COUNTY COUNCILS (OFFICERS' QUALIFICATIONS) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936.

1936. No. 106.

To the Councils of the several Administrative Counties (other than County Boroughs) in Northern Ireland ;

And to all others whom it may concern :

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 18 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, and of every other power in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby prescribes with respect to the appointment of Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries and Accountants and Assistant Accountants of County Councils (other than County Borough Councils) in Northern Ireland as follows, that is to say :—

1. No person shall be qualified to be appointed to the office of Secretary or Assistant Secretary of a County Council (other than a County Borough Council) in Northern Ireland unless :—

(*a*) (i) he has had wide experience extending over a period of not less than ten years in any one of the following professions :—

(*a*) barrister-at-law ;
(*b*) solicitor ;
(*c*) chartered accountant ;
(*d*) incorporated accountant ;

or

(ii) he satisfies the Ministry that he has had adequate and suitable experience and has shown capacity in local government administration or in commercial, industrial or financial matters, or in the conduct of public affairs ;

(*b*) he produces satisfactory evidence to the Ministry 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 of the period of five years ending on the date of appointment been resident in the United Kingdom ; and

(*d*) at the time of his appointment by the County Council he is, in the case of an applicant for the position of Secretary, not more than 45 years of age ; and in the case of an applicant for the position of Assistant Secretary not more than 35 years of age :

Provided that the Ministry may assent to a departure from the provisions of this paragraph with regard to maximum age limits in the case of a person holding an office under a local authority at the time of his appointment.

2. No person shall be qualified to be appointed to the office of Accountant or Assistant Accountant of a County Council (other than a County Borough Council) in Northern Ireland unless :—

(*a*) (i) he is a Chartered or an Incorporated Accountant ; or

(ii) he has held the office of Accountant or Assistant Accountant to a local authority for not less than five years ;

(*b*) he produces satisfactory evidence to the Ministry 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 of the period of five years ending on the date of appointment been resident in the United Kingdom ; and

(*d*) at the time of his appointment by the County Council he is, in the case of an applicant for the position of Accountant, not less than 25 years of age ; and in the case of an applicant for the position of Assistant Accountant not less than 21 years of age and not more than 35 years of age ;

Provided that the maximum age limited for the position of Assistant Accountant shall not apply to any applicant who holds the office of Accountant or Assistant Accountant of any local authority.

3. For the purposes of this Order the expression "local authority" means a county or district council or board of guardians or a regional education committee.

4.—(*a*) The provisions of this Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1936.

(*b*) The Ministry may from time to time assent to any departure from the provisions of this Order.

5. The Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland on the 11th December, 1899, regulating the qualifications for the office of Secretary of the Council of an Administrative County (not being a County Borough) is hereby revoked.

6. This Order may be cited as "The County Councils (Officers Qualifications) Order (Northern Ireland) 1936."

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 31st day of July, 1936.

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