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HEALTH SERVICES

General Dental Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 26TH MARCH 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, on behalf of the Secretary of State, and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 13, 64 and 87 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**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

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Dental Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Amendment

2. For Schedule 6A to the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**) there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

"SCHEDULE 6A Regulation 19

Remuneration of dentists employed by the Board at a health centre

1. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, the remuneration payable by the Board to a dentist employed by the Board at a health centre who under the arrangements made between him and the Board is employed full-time in a grade set out in column 1 below, shall be the remuneration set out in respect of that grade in column 2 below:

Column 1	Column 2
Grade	
I	£3,594 per annum

increasing to £4,515 per annum by annual increments as follows:—

£3,723
£3,855
£3,987
£4,120
£4,248
£4,377
£4,515

II	£2,652 per annum

(**a**) 1971. c. 1. (N.I.).
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 60.

increasing to £3,810 per annum by annual increments as follows:—

£2,748
£2,862
£2,976
£3,087
£3,201
£3,312
£3,423
£3,543
£3,669
£3,810

2. The remuneration payable by the Board to a dentist employed by the Board at a health centre who under the arrangements made between him and the Board is employed otherwise than full-time for not less than 6 sessions per week shall be such proportion of the rate specified in paragraph 1 above for full-time employment as may be appropriate to those arrangements.

3. The remuneration payable by the Board to a dentist employed by the Board at a health centre who under the arrangements made between him and the Board is employed for less than 6 sessions per week shall, subject to paragraph 4(4) below, be in respect of a practitioner of the grade set out in column 1 below, the remuneration set out in respect of that grade in column 2 below:

Column 1	Column 2
Grade	*Fee per session of 3 hours*
I	£9.15
II	£7.35

4. In determining the appropriate rate of remuneration payable to a dentist under the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule the following provisions shall apply—

(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) below, a dentist shall be appointed in Grade II.

(2) The Board, if they are satisfied that the qualifications, experience and capacity of a dentist justify his appointment in Grade I, may, after consultation with the Local Dental Committee and subject to the approval of the Ministry, appoint the dentist in that grade.

(3) Payment of the annual increments for which provision is made in paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall be conditional on the satisfactory service of the dentist concerned.

(4) Where a dentist is regularly employed at a health centre by the Board and a local authority and the total number of sessions per week for which he is employed by those authorities is six or more, he shall be deemed to be employed part-time by the Board and he shall be remunerated accordingly.

(5) The Board may at its discretion credit a dentist on appointment in Grade II with additional increments not exceeding one increment in respect of each year of experience after the first five years of experience since he became a registered dental practitioner, or gained a commonwealth or foreign diploma recognised by the General Dental Council under section 12(3) of the Dentists Act 1957 whichever event first occurred,

Annual Leave

5. Grade I and Grade II dentists employed full time in health centres shall have an annual leave entitlement of six weeks exclusive of statutory and general national holidays. Dentists employed part-time shall receive the appropriate proportion of annual leave.

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6. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule a dentist shall be subject to such conditions of service as the Board may from time to time determine, subject to the approval of the Ministry, under Section 62(1) of the Act."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 26th day of March 1973.

(L.S.) *F. A. Elliott,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 26th day of March 1973.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations further amend the Health Services (General Dental Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 by providing for a new scale of remuneration for salaried practitioners, i.e. dentists employed by the Board at health centres.