EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935. They apply throughout England and Wales, excluding London. The amendments are designed to relax central controls by removing the obligation to which local authorities have been subject of obtaining the Minister's consent to the appointment and salaries of medical officers of health, and to proposals for the filling of vacancies, but to retain the measure of security of tenure which these officers have enjoyed. By virtue of applied provisions of the Regulations of 1935 for which provisions are substituted by these regulations, the position has been similar in relation to sanitary inspectors, and will be similarly affected by these regulations. In the case of medical officers of health, however, the Minister's consent to proposals for filling vacant appointments will still be required, unless the vacancies are to be filled in accordance with arrangements formulated under the Local Government Act, 1929, or the Local Government Act, 1933, for securing that medical officers of health shall not engage in private practice.

MEDICAL PROFESSION

The Medical Act, 1950 (Appointed Days) Order of Council, 1951

1951 No. 658

Made - - - - 13*th April*, 1951

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall

The 13th day of April, 1951

By The Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

Whereas under the Medical Act, 1950(a), the operation of the provisions of that Act specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto (which relate to the matters specified in the second column of the said Schedule) is determined by reference to the appointed day:

And Whereas under the said Act the expression "the appointed day" means such day as the Privy Council may by Order appoint, and different days may be appointed for the purposes of different provisions of the said Act or for the purposes of the application of any such provision to different classes of case:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, Their Lordships are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

(1) The appointed day for the purposes of the following provisions of the said Act shall be April 28, 1951, namely:—Subsection (4) of section 10, subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 11.

(2) The appointed day for the purposes of the application of subsection (1) of section 14 of the said Act to the class of case where a notice of inquiry under section 26 or section 29 of the Medical Act, 1858, has not, at the date of this Order, been sent in pursuance of the Standing

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 29.

Orders of the General Medical Council, shall be April 14, 1951, and for the purposes of the application of the said subsection to the class of case where a notice of such inquiry has, at the date of this Order, been sent in pursuance of the said Standing Orders, shall be June 4, 1951.

(3) The appointed day for the purposes of the application of subsection (2) of section 19 of the said Act to the class of case where a notice of inquiry under section 29 of the Medical Act, 1858, has not, at the date of this Order, been sent in pursuance of the Standing Orders of the General Medical Council, shall be April 14, 1951, and for the purposes of the application of the said subsection to the class of case where a notice of such inquiry has, at the date of this Order, been sent in pursuance of the said Standing Orders, shall be June 4, 1951.

(4) The appointed day for the purposes of subsection (2) of section 14 of the said Act shall be June 4, 1951.

(5) The appointed day for the purposes of subsection (7) of section 21 of the said Act shall be April 14, 1951.

(6) This Order may be cited as the Medical Act, 1950 (Appointed Days) Order of Council, 1951.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

SCHEDULE

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Subsection (4) of section 10	Increase in number of elected members of General Medical Council.
Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 11.	Adjustment of term of office of elected members of Council holding office at the passing of the Act.
Subsection (1) of section 14	Transfer to Medical Disciplinary Committee of functions of Council or Branch Councils under sections 26 and 29 of the Medical Act, 1858.
Subsection (2) of section 14	Reservation to Council of disciplinary cases in which the hearing before them has been begun before the appointed day.
Subsection (2) of section 19	Application of the subsection to inquiries under section 29 of the Medical Act, 1858, begun before the appointed day.
Subsection (7) of section 21	Effect of subsections (1) to (6) of the section in relation to any period before the appointed day.