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The Medical Examinations (Sub-normal Children) Regulations, 1959

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The Minister of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 69 of the Education Act, 1944(a), hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Medical Examinations (Sub-normal Children) Regulations, 1959, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1959.

2. These regulations shall apply to the medical examination of a child—

(*a*) under section 34 of the Education Act, 1944, if it appears to the local education authority that the child may be suffering from such a disability of mind that he should attend a special school for educationally sub-normal pupils;

(*b*) under section 57 of the Act, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the child is suffering from such a disability of mind as to make him unsuitable for education at school.

3. A medical examination to which these regulations apply shall be conducted by a duly qualified medical practitioner possessing one of the following special qualifications—

(*a*) he shall be a practitioner whose employment was approved by the Minister under regulation 11 of the School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations, 1953(b); or

(*b*) he shall be a psychiatrist working in a child guidance clinic; or

(*c*) he shall—

(i) have assisted for a period of at least six months in the conduct of medical examinations of the kind to which these regulations apply by a practitioner entitled to conduct them under these regulations; and

(ii) he shall have attended, at one of the following universities namely, Durham, Glasgow, Leeds, London or the Queen's University, Belfast, the post-graduate course of instruction in the ascertainment and treatment of children suffering from the disabilities described in regulation 2, or some equivalent course approved by the Minister for the purpose of these regulations.

4. Regulation 11 of the School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations, 1953, is hereby revoked.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Education this 2nd day of March, 1959.

(L.S.)

Edward C. G. Boyle,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education.

(a) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31. (b) S.I. 1953/1156 (1953 I, p. 613).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe the qualifications required of medical officers conducting examinations of certain sub-normal children. They replace a provision contained in regulation 11 of the School Health Service and Handicapped Pupils Regulations, 1953, which required the Minister to give his approval to the employment of each individual officer.

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The Educational Conferences (Revocation) Regulations, 1959

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The Minister of Education in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 83 of the Education Act, 1944(**a**), hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Educational Conferences (Revocation) Regulations, 1959, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1959.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. The Educational Conferences Regulations, 1945(**c**), and the Educational Conferences Amending Regulations No. 2, 1953(**d**), are hereby revoked.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Education this 2nd day of March, 1959.

(L.S.)

Edward C. G. Boyle,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations remove the restrictions hitherto imposed on local education authorities in respect of expenditure on educational conferences.

(**a**) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) S. R. & O. 1945/699 (Rev. VI, p. 397: 1945 I, p. 349). (**d**) S.I. 1953/317 (1953 I, p. 605).