of the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and the Paddington Group Hospital Management Committee in the " net capital sum " referred to in the National Health Service (Apportionment of Hospital Endowment Fund) Regulations, 1949(a) shall each be reduced by the sum of £1,197.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this seventeenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.)

J. E. Pater,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order adds Sheffield Street Hospital (which will in future be called St. Philip's Hospital) to the group of hospitals designated as a teaching hospital under the name of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Hospitals. The Order also provides for the transfer of part of the capital assets of the Hospital Endowments Fund to the Board of Governors of the teaching hospital.

The National Health Service (Executive Councils) Amendment Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 1696

Made - - - -	21*st September*, 1951
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Coming into Operation	1*st November*, 1951

M.H. 83.

The Minister of Health in exercise of his powers under section 41 of the National Health Service Act, 1946(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Amendment Regulations, 1951 and shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1951.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. There shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of regulation 19 of the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations, 1947(d) the following paragraphs—

" (1) for the purpose of Part IV of the Act and these regulations the expression " medical practitioner having the prescribed qualifications " means a medical practitioner who has either—

(*a*) held an appointment under the Hospital and Specialist Services provided under Part II of the Act with the status of consultant

(a) S.I. 1949 (No. 482) I, p. 2595.
(b) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 889) I, p. 1324.

ophthalmologist or held for a period of two years an appointment of equivalent status as an ophthalmic surgeon or assistant ophthalmic surgeon on the staff of an ophthalmic hospital or a hospital having a special ophthalmic department approved for this purpose by the committee, or

(*b*) obtained the Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery or the Diploma in Ophthalmology (Conjoint Board) or the Diploma in Ophthalmology (Oxon) or any other higher degree or qualification approved by the committee and held for the period of two years an appointment or appointments in an ophthalmic hospital or the ophthalmic department of a general hospital which has been approved for this purpose by the committee, of which period at least six months shall have been spent in a resident appointment,

and who shall, to the satisfaction of the Minister acting on the advice of the committee, have had adequate, including recent, experience.

For the purpose of this paragraph the expression "the committee" means the committee recognised by the Minister for the purpose of approving any hospital, degree or qualification which is required by the paragraph to be approved and of advising the Minister in accordance with the requirements of the paragraph.

(1A) Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding paragraph a medical practitioner whose qualifications for the purposes of providing supplementary ophthalmic services had been and were still approved immmediately before the first day of November, 1951 shall, so long as he possesses the qualifications then in force, be deemed to have the qualifications required by this regulation."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.) *H. A. Marquand,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations, 1947 by prescribing fresh qualifications for medical practitioners providing supplementary ophthalmic services under section 41 of the National Health Service Act, 1946. Nothing in these regulations affects the position of practitioners who are already providing such services.