3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1956 No. 1075

The National Health Service (Executive Councils) Amendment Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	12*th July*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	19*th July*, 1956
Coming into Operation	1*st October*, 1956

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 41 and 79 of, and the Fifth Schedule to, the National Health Service Act, 1946(**a**), as amended(**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, 1956, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1956.

(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. The National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations, 1954(**d**), shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) At the end of paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (which paragraph provides for the interpretation of expressions) there shall be added the following:—

"" dispensing optician" means a person qualified as a dispensing optician in accordance with the Ophthalmic Services Regulations.

"medical practitioner having the prescribed qualifications" means a medical practitioner having the qualifications prescribed by the Ophthalmic Services Regulations.

"ophthalmic optician" means a person qualified as an ophthalmic optician in accordance with the Ophthalmic Services Regulations.

"Ophthalmic Services Regulations" means the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956(**e**)."

(*b*) For paragraph (3) of regulation 20 (which paragraph provides for the appointment of a deputy to a professional member of an ophthalmic services committee) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(3) A deputy who is a dispensing optician shall be appointed in like manner as the member appointed under sub-paragraph (*c*) (iii) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, and where such member is unable for any reason to attend, or take part in any proceedings at, a meeting of the committee, the deputy may act in his place in those proceedings."

(*c*) Regulation 22 (which prescribes the qualifications of persons entitled to provide supplementary ophthalmic services) is hereby revoked:

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 93. (**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1954/224 (1954 I, p. 1270). (**e**) S.I. 1956/1078 (p. 1524 above).

Provided that such revocation shall not affect any qualification acquired under that regulation and such qualification shall so far as it could have been acquired under regulation 4 of the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956, have effect as if it had been so acquired.

(*d*) After regulation 21 there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

"*Vacation of office*

22. If a member of the committee, being a member appointed under sub-paragraphs (*a*) or (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 20 of these regulations, ceases to be a member of the council, he shall also cease to be a member of the committee:

Provided that for the purpose of this regulation a person shall not be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the council, if he has been re-elected a member thereof not later than the day of his retirement."

(*e*) For regulation 25 (which prescribes the term of office of members of an ophthalmic services committee) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"25. The term of office of members of the committee shall be three years:

Provided that (*a*) the term of office of members in office at the coming into operation of these regulations shall be one year, and

(*b*) at the expiration of his term of office a member shall be eligible for re-appointment."

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twelfth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

Robert H. Turton,
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, 1954, by:—

(1) providing for the appointment of a deputy to the member of an Ophthalmic Services Committee who is a dispensing optician (regulation 20);

(2) providing for the vacation of office of certain members of an Ophthalmic Services Committee (regulation 22);

(3) extending from one to three years the period of office of members of such a Committee (regulation 25).

They also contain amendments consequential on the transfer of the provisions relating to the qualification of ophthalmic medical practitioners and ophthalmic and dispensing opticians to the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956.