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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Regulations 1974

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(**a**) and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, after consultation with such bodies as she recognises as representing persons who in her opinion are likely to be affected, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on the 1st April 1974.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, the expression "local authority" has the meaning assigned to it in section 33(1) of the National Assistance Act 1948(**b**).

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations a person is registered in respect of a profession if his name is on the register maintained under the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960(**c**) by the Board for that profession.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these Regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Employment of officers

3.—(1) No person shall be employed as an officer of an authority to which this regulation applies, in the capacity of chiropodist, dietitian, medical laboratory technician, occupational therapist, orthoptist, physiotherapist, radiographer or remedial gymnast, unless:—

(*a*) he is registered in respect of the profession appropriate to the work for which he is employed; or

(*b*) immediately before the 1st April 1974, he was an officer employed in the capacity of chiropodist, dietitian, medical laboratory technician, occupational therapist, orthoptist, physiotherapist, radiographer or

(**a**) 1973 c. 32.
(**b**) 1948 c. 29.
(**c**) 1960 c. 66.
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.

remedial gymnast, within the meaning of regulation 2 of the National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Regulations 1964(a), as amended(b) or was employed in such a capacity for the purposes of Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948 by a local authority or by a voluntary organisation acting on behalf of such an authority.

(2) The authorities to which this regulation applies are:—

(*a*) Regional Health Authorities;
(*b*) Area Health Authorities;
(*c*) special health authorities.

Barbara Castle,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

20th March 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations prohibit the employment for the purposes of providing services under the national health service, as reorganised by the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973, of chiropodists, dietitians, medical laboratory technicians, occupational therapists, orthoptists, physiotherapists, radiographers or remedial gymnasts unless they are registered under the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960 or were employed in such capacity immediately before 1st April 1974 in the national health service or local authority welfare services.

(a) 1964/940 (1964 II, p. 2100). (b) S.I. 1968/270 (1968 I, p. 806).

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