STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 941

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The National Health Service (Speech Therapists) Regulations 1964

Made - - - -	23*rd June* 1964
Laid before Parliament	29*th June* 1964
Coming into Operation	1*st October* 1964

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 66 of the National Health Service Act 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Health Service (Speech Therapists) Regulations 1964, and shall come into operation on 1st October 1964.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :—

" employing authority " means (*a*) a Regional Hospital Board, in respect of appointments made on their behalf by a Hospital Management Committee, (*b*) the Board of Governors of a teaching hospital, and (*c*) a local health authority in their capacity as such authority.

" the Minister " means the Minister of Health.

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

3. On and after 1st October 1964 no officer shall be employed as a speech therapist by an employing authority unless he holds one of the following qualifications :—

(1) he was on 31st March 1954 employed as a speech therapist by an employing authority, or by a Regional Hospital Board or local health authority or education authority in Scotland, or by the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority or a health authority constituted under the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(c), in Northern Ireland ; or

(2) he had on or before 31st March 1954 passed the qualifying examination of the College of Speech Therapists after attending a full-time day course of training at a school recognised by the College ; or

(3) he holds a certificate issued by the College of Speech Therapists

(i) certifying that he has attended a course of training, and passed an examination, approved by the Minister ; or

(ii) certifying that the said College are satisfied that he has, in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom attended a course of training and passed an examination, recognised by the College and approved by the Minister ; or

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 1946 c. 19 (N.I.).

(4) his name is included in a List kept by the Minister of persons not qualified in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this regulation, who have satisfied him that their training and experience are adequate for employment as speech therapists ; or

(5) his name is included in any List of persons suitable for employment as speech therapists kept by the Secretary of State for Scotland, or the Minister of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland.

4. The National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations 1954(**a**) and the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations 1962(**b**) are hereby revoked.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 23rd June 1964.

(L.S.)

Anthony Barber,
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations revoke the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations 1954 (as amended), which applied to certain classes of medical auxiliaries. The new regulations prescribe, in respect of speech therapists only, qualifications for employment in National Health Service hospitals or by local health authorities, identical with those in the revoked regulations. The National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Regulations 1964 (S.I. 1964/940) now prescribe the qualifications of the other classes to which the revoked regulations applied.

(**a**) S.I. 1954/55 (1954 I, p. 1365). (**b**) S.I. 1962/2033 (1962 III, p. 2433).