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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1964 No. 939**

**NATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

**The National Assistance (Professions  
Supplementary To Medicine) Regulations 1964**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>23rd June 1964</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>29th June 1964</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st October 1964</i>

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 35 of the National Assistance Act 1948, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) 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:—

“the Act” means the National Assistance Act 1948;

“the Act of 1946” means the National Health Service Act 1946.

(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 by the Board for that profession.

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

3. On and after the date of the coming into operation of these regulations no officer shall be employed by a local authority for the purposes of Part III of the Act or by a voluntary organisation acting under arrangements with or on behalf of a local authority for those purposes in the capacity of chiropodist, dietitian, occupational therapist, physiotherapist or remedial gymnast unless—

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

(b) he was on 29th June 1964 employed in a like capacity—

(i) by that local authority for the purposes of Part III of the Act, or,

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- (ii) by that or any other voluntary organisation in carrying out arrangements with or on behalf of that local authority for the purposes either of Part III of the Act or Part III of the Act of 1946.

4. Where by or under any enactment passed before or after the coming into operation of these regulations an officer is transferred to the service of another local authority or where in any area the functions under Part III of the Act or Part III of the Act of 1946 have become exercisable by a different authority, for the purposes of these regulations the officer shall be deemed to have been transferred and the local authority shall be deemed to have been exercising those functions on 29th June 1964 and references to employment by a local authority or by a voluntary organisation in carrying out arrangements with or on behalf of a local authority on that date shall be construed accordingly.

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

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*Anthony Barber*  
Minister of Health

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

These regulations prohibit the employment on and after 1st October 1964 for the purpose of providing services under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948, of chiropodists, dietitians, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or remedial gymnasts unless they are registered under the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960. In certain circumstances, which the regulations define, persons so employed on 29th June 1964 in connection with the provision of health or welfare services by or on behalf of local authorities are exempted from the requirement of registration.