

(Northern Ireland), 1948, (a) (in these Regulations referred to as "the principal Regulations").

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. In Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations there shall be added a new paragraph as follows :—

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) (c) of this Regulation a person who has been in practice as an ophthalmic optician for a lesser period than that specified and who shows to the satisfaction of the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph (2) of this Regulation that he is competent as an ophthalmic optician shall be regarded by the Ministry, if so advised by the said Advisory Committee, as having the prescribed qualifications.

3. In Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations there shall be added a new paragraph as follows :—

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) (c) of this Regulation a person who has been engaged as an optician for a lesser period than that specified and who shows to the satisfaction of the Advisory Committee referred to in paragraph (2) of Regulation three of these Regulations that he is competent as a dispensing optician shall be regarded by the Ministry, if so advised by the said Advisory Committee, as having the prescribed qualifications.

4. In Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations, the words "by reason of his not having had adequate experience" shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Thos. Elwood,

Assistant Secretary.

Health Authorities — Grants

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 AND UNDER SECTIONS 53 AND 55 OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 122.

(in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry") with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section one hundred and four of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 (a), and the Public Health and Local Government (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948 (b), and by section fifty-three and fifty-five of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (c), and of all other powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Authorities (Grants) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations, in so far as they apply to the school health service shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April, 1948, and in so far as they apply to the general health services shall come into operation on 5th July, 1948.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them —

"approved expenditure" means expenditure (including capital expenditure) approved by the Ministry ;

"approved net expenditure" means the approved expenditure after deducting therefrom any income received in respect of services provided by a health authority under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 ;

"financial year" means the period of twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March ;

"general health services" means health services provided by a health authority other than school health services ;

"grant aided", where applied to services or to expenditure, means the services or expenditure referred to in Part I or Part II of these Regulations ;

"health authority" means a health authority constituted under the public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (d) ;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921 shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PART I

School Health Service

3. The grant payable to a health authority in respect of expenditure on the medical inspection and treatment of pupils under the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 shall, for the financial year ending on

(a) 1947 c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948 No. 74.
(c) 1948 c. 3. (d) 1946 c. 19.

31st March, 1949, and in each subsequent financial year be a sum equal to sixty-five per cent. of the approved expenditure in respect of that year.

PART II

General Health Services

4. The grant payable to a health authority in respect of expenditure incurred in the performance of their functions under Part IV and section seventy-one of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, shall, for the period from the 5th July, 1948 to the 31st March, 1949, and in each subsequent financial year, be a sum equal to fifty per cent. of the approved net expenditure in respect of that period or year as the case may be.

PART III

General

5.—(1) Not later than the 25th November in each year each health authority shall furnish to the Ministry an estimate in such form as the Ministry may from time to time determine, setting forth particulars of all the probable receipts and payments of the health authority within the next following financial year.

(2) Not later than the 5th January in each year the Ministry shall approve the estimate so furnished with or without modifications which may include additions or exceptions :

Provided that a health authority shall not be required to furnish such estimate in respect of the period or financial year ending on 31st March, 1949.

6.—(1) Not later than 30th April in each year each health authority shall furnish to the Ministry a First Claim (in such form as the Ministry may from time to time determine) setting forth—

(a) the receipts and expenditure in respect of grant aided services during the six months ended on 31st March last preceding ; and

(b) the estimated receipts and expenditure in respect of grant-aided services during the six months ending 30th September next following and calculated generally in accordance with the annual estimate as approved under Regulation 5 of these Regulations.

(2) On or within a reasonable time after 15th May in each year the Ministry shall pay to each health authority an advance of grant not exceeding eighty per cent. of the amount of grant calculated as payable in respect of the half-year ending on 30th September in that year.

(3) Not later than 15th October in each year each health authority shall furnish to the Ministry a Second Claim (in such form as the Ministry may from time to time determine) setting forth —

(a) the receipts and expenditure in respect of grant-aided services during the six months ended 30th September last preceding ;

- (b) the estimated receipts and expenditure in respect of grant-aided services during the six months ending 31st March next following and calculated generally in accordance with the annual estimate as approved under Regulation 5 of these Regulations but taking into account also —
- (i) any items of proposed expenditure specifically approved by the Ministry between the date of the submission of the annual estimate and 30th September last preceding ; and,
 - (ii) any excess or deficiency in the amount of the advance of grant paid on the First Claim as compared with the grant correctly payable in respect of the actual net expenditure as shown at paragraph (3) (a) of this Regulation.

(4) On or within a reasonable time after 15th November in each year the Ministry shall pay to each health authority an advance of grant not exceeding eighty per cent. of the amount of grant calculated as payable in respect of the half-year ending on 31st March in the following year :

Provided that, for the purpose of enabling the Ministry to make advances of grant, the provisions of this Regulation shall have effect, in respect of the period ending on 30th September 1948, subject to such modification as the Ministry may direct.

(5) The balance of the grants due shall be paid to each health authority after examination of the health authority's accounts for the year by the local government auditor and the submission of his certified statement of the expenditure ranking for grant purposes under Part I and Part II respectively of these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Thos. Elwood,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.)

John I. Cook,
Assistant Secretary.