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HEALTH SERVICES**Appointment of Specialists**

REGULATIONS, DATED 15TH JULY, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948 TO 1963.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 57 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Health Services (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964.

2. These Regulations apply to the appointment by the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) of any medical or dental officer whether whole-time or part-time to the office of consultant or senior hospital medical officer or senior hospital dental officer, not being the appointment of persons belonging to any of the following classes:—

- (a) persons to be appointed jointly by the authority and the Queen's University of Belfast to whole-time offices involving both teaching and hospital duties (hereinafter referred to as “joint appointment offices”);
- (b) persons who will receive no remuneration for their hospital appointments;
- (c) persons to be appointed to the staff of a hospital primarily for the purpose of undertaking research;
- (d) persons to be appointed to offices expressly limited, with the approval of the Ministry, as regards their duration.

3. For the purposes of these Regulations an Advisory Appointments Panel shall be constituted by the Authority on the occasion of each vacancy in an office, other than an office which the Authority propose to fill by the variation of the contract of an existing consultant or senior hospital medical officer or senior hospital dental officer. A vacancy in an office shall for the purpose of these Regulations include a new office which it is proposed to fill. Where the office (not being a joint appointment office) involves teaching duties the Panel shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Schedule. Where the office does not involve teaching duties the Panel shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the Schedule.

4. The Authority shall advertise any vacancy in an office which it is proposed to fill and shall allow not less than one month for the receipt of applications for the appointment.

5. The Authority shall refer to the Advisory Appointments Panel all applications received before the closing date specified in the advertisement and may so refer any application received after that date where the Authority

is satisfied that such application could not have been submitted before that date for reasons beyond the control of the applicant. The Advisory Appointments Panel shall consider all applications referred by the Authority and may interview applicants with a view to selecting persons considered by them to be suitable for appointment and shall prepare a short list of selected persons showing the order in which the Panel consider them most suitable.

6. No appointment shall be made by the Authority except from applicants selected in the manner aforesaid.

7. The Authority may make to the members of an Advisory Appointments Panel payments in respect of travelling and subsistence expenses in accordance with the scales and subject to the conditions laid down in the Health Services (Travelling Expenses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(a).

8. The Health Services (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) are hereby revoked, provided that those Regulations shall continue to have effect with respect to the filling of any vacancy advertised in connection therewith before the commencement of these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this 15th day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

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Wm. J. Morgan,
Minister of Health and Local
Government.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Offices involving Teaching Duties

The Advisory Appointments Panel shall be constituted as follows:—

- (a) Five persons nominated by the Authority, one of whom shall be a consultant specialising in the branch of medicine or dentistry concerned outside Northern Ireland; not more than two of the said persons shall be laymen;
- (b) two persons nominated by the Queen's University of Belfast;
- (c) two persons nominated by the Hospital Management Committee concerned, or if two or more Hospital Management Committees are concerned by those Committees jointly;
- (d) two persons nominated by such organisation as appears to the Authority to be representative of the class of specialists concerned, one to be, where a medical appointment is to be made, a member of the medical staff of the hospital or one of the hospitals concerned;
- (e) one of the members of the Panel shall be appointed by the Authority to act as Chairman.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 159,

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 126,

PART II

Offices not involving Teaching Duties

The Advisory Appointments Panel shall be constituted as follows:—

- (a) Six persons nominated by the Authority, one of whom shall be a consultant specialising in the branch of medicine or dentistry concerned outside Northern Ireland, and one of whom shall be nominated after consultation with the Queen's University of Belfast; not more than two of the said persons shall be laymen;
- (b) two persons nominated by the Hospital Management Committee concerned, or if two or more Hospital Management Committees are concerned by those Committees jointly;
- (c) two persons nominated by such organisation as appears to the Authority to be representative of the class of specialists concerned, one to be, where a medical appointment is to be made, a member of the medical staff of the hospital or one of the hospitals concerned;
- (d) one of the members of the Panel shall be appointed by the Authority to act as Chairman.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations replace with amendments the Health Services (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1958. They make provision for the procedure to be followed by the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority in appointing certain medical and dental specialists. They require the advertising of the posts and provide for the setting up of an Advisory Appointments Panel to select and submit to the Authority the names of suitable applicants.

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As this Order has been classified as local it is not printed at length in this volume. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.