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COUNTY COUNCILS

**Qualifications of Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary,
Accountant and Assistant Accountant**

REGULATIONS, DATED 26TH SEPTEMBER 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1934.

The Ministry of Development (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 18 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1934(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the County Councils (Officers' Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966.

2. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of Secretary, or Deputy Secretary of a county council (other than a county borough council) unless he has wide experience of public administration extending over a period of not less than ten years and—

- (a) (i) he is a barrister-at-law or a solicitor; or
 (ii) he is qualified by examination to be a member of one or more of the following bodies:—
 The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;
 The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
 The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
 The Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors;
 The Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants;
 The Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants;
 The Chartered Institute of Secretaries; or
 (iii) he is an honours graduate of a recognised university; or
 (iv) he satisfies the Ministry that he has had adequate and suitable experience in local government administration; and
 (b) he is a British subject.

3. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of Assistant Secretary of a county council (other than a county borough council) unless he has had appropriate experience of public administration and—

- (a) (i) he is a barrister-at-law or a solicitor; or
 (ii) he has qualified by examination to be a member of one or more of the following bodies:—
 The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;
 The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
 The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
 The Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors;
 The Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants;
 The Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants;
 The Chartered Institute of Secretaries; or

- (iii) he is an honours graduate of a recognised university; or
- (iv) he satisfies the Ministry that he has had adequate and suitable experience in local government administration; and

(b) he is a British subject.

4. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of Accountant of a county council (other than a county borough council) unless he has had appropriate experience of accounting and—

(a) (i) he has qualified by examination to be a member of one or more of the following bodies—

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
- The Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors;
- The Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants;
- The Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants; or

(ii) he satisfies the Ministry that he has had adequate and suitable experience in local government accounting and finance; and

(b) he is a British subject.

5. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of Assistant Accountant of a county council (other than a county borough council) unless—

(a) (i) he has qualified by examination to be a member of one or more of the following bodies—

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
- The Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors;
- The Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants;
- The Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants; or

(ii) he satisfies the Ministry that he has had adequate and suitable experience in local government accounting and finance; and

(b) he is a British subject.

6. The County Councils (Officers Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1946(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development this 26th day of September 1966.

(L.S.)

W. F. Stout,
Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the qualifications required for the posts of Secretary and Accountant of a County Council and for their Deputies and Assistants.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1946, No. 80.