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**FACTORIES****The Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945  
(Competent Persons Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969**

ORDER, DATED 31ST JANUARY 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in pursuance of Regulation 4(6) of the Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 (Competent Persons Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 3rd February 1969.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this Order have the same respective meanings as in the Regulations.

2. In the case of a competent person who fulfils the conditions set out in Article 3, exemption is hereby granted from so much of Regulation 33 of the Regulations as requires that a competent person undertaking any repair, alteration, extension, cleaning or such work where technical knowledge or experience is required in order to avoid danger shall be over 21 years of age.

3. The conditions referred to in Article 2 are that such a person—

- (a) shall be over 18 years of age; and either
- (b) shall have completed a course of training designed to impart such knowledge and experience as aforesaid under an apprenticeship or studentship scheme, being a course of training provided by or on behalf of or approved for the time being by an industrial training board in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) or a course of training approved for the time being by certificate of the Chief Inspector; or
- (c) shall be in the third or any subsequent year of such a course of training as aforesaid and be undertaking work of a kind specified in Article 2 as part of this training.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 31st day of January 1969.

(L.S.)

*W. Slinger,*  
Assistant Secretary.

(a) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1945, No. 113.

(b) 1964. c. 18 (N.I.).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order grants exemption, subject to specified conditions, from the requirement contained in Regulation 33 of the Electricity (Factories Act) Special Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945 that a competent person undertaking in factories and certain other places dangerous work of a kind specified in that Regulation shall be over 21 years of age.