

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

These regulations amend the National Health Service (Superannuation) (War Service, etc.) Regulations 1977 which provide for the war service of certain members of the National Health Service superannuation scheme to count at half its length for the purpose of calculating superannuation benefits payable to or in respect of them.

A person who was unable to have his war service reckoned for benefit purposes because he transferred from the National Health Service superannuation scheme to certain other schemes before 17th July 1975, will, subject to certain conditions, be able to have his reckonable war service transferred to that scheme. Similarly a member of the National Health Service superannuation scheme may have his reckonable war service transferred from another scheme to the National Health Service superannuation scheme where a transfer payment is made to the Secretary of State (regulation 7).

Certain officers who were in public health service employment following war service but were previously excluded from the National Health Service (Superannuation) (War Service, etc.) Regulations 1977 may now make application under those regulations to have their war service reckon for benefit purposes (regulation 4).

Public Health Laboratory staff who were excluded from the provisions of regulation 13 of the National Health Service (Superannuation) (War Service, etc.) Regulations 1977 are now given the opportunity of purchasing back service credit in the National Health Service superannuation scheme (regulation 8).

In accordance with section 12(1) of the Superannuation Act 1972, regulations 4 and 5 will have retrospective effect as from 17th July 1975.