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## County Health Authorities

## County Sanitary Officers, Qualifications and Duties

REGULATIONS DATED 17TH DECEMBER, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS 12 AND 28 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 12 and 28 of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1946 (in these Regulations referred to as "the Act") 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 County Sanitary Officers Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.
- (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.
- 2. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of County Sanitary Officer of a County Health Authority unless—
  - (1) (a) he has not less than five years' experience, under a local authority, in general sanitary administration including general sanitation, housing, and food inspection duties; provided that any period of experience, not exceeding two years, that he has had in comparable duties in time of war emergency in the armed forces of the Crown may be counted in computing the aforesaid period of five years; and
    - (b) he holds
      - (i) the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board; or
      - (ii) the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for appointments outside England and Wales; or

- (iii) the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the late Sanitary Inspectors Examination Board; or
- (iv) the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute issued before the 1st January, 1926; or
- (v) the Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland; and
- (vi) the Certificate for Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods of the Royal Sanitary Institute;
- (2) he produces satisfactory evidence to the Ministry that his health and character are good;
- (3) he is a natural born British subject and the son of a father also a natural born British subject, and has during the whole of the period of five years ending on the date of appointment been resident in the United Kingdom; provided that any period during which he has served outside the United Kingdom in time of war emergency in the armed forces of the Crown, or in the mercantile marine shall be treated as a period during which he has been resident in the United Kingdom; and
- (4) at the date of his appointment by the County Health Authority he is not more than forty five years of age; provided that this age limit shall not apply in the case of a person holding the office of sanitary inspector or sanitary sub-officer under a local authority at the time of his appointment.
- 3. A County Sanitary Officer shall observe and execute all lawful orders and directions of the County Health Authority and of the County Medical Officer of Health in administering the law relating to sanitary matters, and his duties shall include the supervision of the work of sanitary inspectors appointed by the health authority after consultation with the borough, urban or rural district council concerned.

He shall keep such records and statistics relating to sanitary matters and shall furnish such reports as the County Medical Officer of Health may require, and shall inform himself as far as may be practicable regarding all sanitary matters affecting or likely to affect the public health and shall furnish reports thereon.

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

(L.S.)

Thos. Elwood,

Assistant Secretary.