

## 1980 No. 23

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**District Councils (Clerks Qualifications) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1980**

*Made* . . . . . 22nd January 1980

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 1st March 1980.

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a) and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the District Councils (Clerks Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1980.

*Revocation*

2. The District Councils (Qualifications of Clerks and Assistant Clerks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) are hereby revoked.

*Qualifications*

3. A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to the office of clerk, deputy clerk or assistant clerk of a district council unless—

- (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 Institute of Cost and Management Accountants;
  - The Association of Certified Accountants;
  - The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy;
  - The Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators; or
- (iii) he is a graduate of at least 3 years' standing of a recognised university or has held the Diploma of Public Administration or the Diploma of Municipal Administration of a recognised university for at least 3 years; or

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(a) 1972 c. 9 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 7(1) (II, p. 2992); 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1); and S.I. 1976/424 (N.I. 6)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 139 (I, p. 796)

(iv) he satisfies the appropriate advisory appointment panel established by the Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 40(4)(a) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 that he has had adequate and suitable experience of public service administration.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 22nd January 1980.

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*J. A. D. Higgins*

Senior Assistant Secretary

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These regulations replace the District Councils (Qualifications of Clerks and Assistant Clerks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and prescribe the qualifications required for the posts of clerk, deputy clerk and assistant clerk of a district council.