
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 406

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The National Health Service (Vocational
Training) Amendment Regulations 1991**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>4th March 1991</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>8th March 1991</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 1991</i>

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 31 and 32(1)(g) and (3)(b) of the National Health Service Act 1977⁽¹⁾ and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The National Health Service (Vocational Training) Amendment Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 1st April 1991.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Regulations 1979⁽²⁾.

Amendment of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “health authority” for the words “includes a” there shall be substituted the words “includes an NHS trust⁽³⁾ and any”

(3) In regulation 8 (exemptions)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(e) for the words from “either maternity” to the end of the sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the words

“general medical services limited to—

(1) 1977 c. 49. See, for the definition of “prescribed” and “regulations”, section 128(1). Sections 31 and 32 were amended by S.I.1985/39, article 7(5) and (6).

(2) S.I. 1979/1644, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(3) See, for the definition of “NHS trust”, section 128(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49), as amended by section 26(2)(d) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19).

- (i) child health surveillance services only,
 - (ii) contraceptive services only,
 - (iii) maternity medical services only, or
 - (iv) minor surgery services only,
- or to any combination of those services;”;
- (b) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) for sub-paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—
 - “(a) “child health surveillance services”, “maternity medical services” and “minor surgery services” have the meanings assigned by regulation 2(1) of the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1974⁽⁴⁾;
 - (aa) “contraceptive services” has the meaning assigned by regulation 3(1)(b) of those Regulations;”;
 - (ii) for the words from “providing maternity” to “such services only” there shall be substituted the words “providing general medical services limited as mentioned in paragraph (1)(e),”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

4th March 1991

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(4) S.I. 1974/160; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/719, 1982/1283, 1985/39, 1989/1897.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health (Vocational Training) Regulations 1979 (“the principal Regulations”) which prescribe the medical experience which, under section 31 of the National Health Service Act 1977, a medical practitioner is required to have acquired, or to be exempt from the need to have acquired, before his name may be included in a list of general medical practitioners maintained under section 29 of that Act.

The definition of “health authority” in regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations is amended to include a reference to an NHS trust (established under the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990), so that a doctor’s employment in an educationally approved post in a hospital managed by an NHS trust may count towards the vocational training prescribed in regulation 5 of the principal Regulations, and so that a consultant employed in clinical practice by an NHS trust is eligible for membership of the appeal body constituted under regulation 9 of the principal Regulations (regulation 2(2)).

These Regulations also amend regulation 8 of the principal Regulations in so far as it exempts from the need to have acquired the prescribed medical experience a doctor who seeks to have his name included in a medical list only for the provision of a limited category or categories of general medical services. The amendment includes child health surveillance services and minor surgery services among those categories, and makes consequential changes elsewhere in that regulation (regulation 2(3)).