STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 2841

The Medical Profession (Responsible Officers) Regulations 2010

PART 1

General

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Medical Profession (Responsible Officers) Regulations 2010 and shall come into force on 1st January 2011.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Medical Act 1983;

"armed forces bodies" means the bodies referred to in paragraphs 12 to 14 of the Schedule to these Regulations;

"hospital" has the same meaning as in section 275 of the National Health Service Act 2006(1);

"medical practitioner", except in regulation 7(1)(b), means a registered medical practitioner(2);

"NHS body" means any of the bodies listed in paragraphs 1 to 6 and 15 to 17 of the Schedule to these Regulations;

"non-departmental public body" means a body established by an Act of Parliament, an Act of the Scottish Parliament or by a statutory instrument made under any such Act to perform functions conferred on it under or by virtue of that Act or instrument or any other Act or instrument;

"practising privileges" means the grant, by a person managing a hospital, to a medical practitioner of permission to practise as a medical practitioner in that hospital;

"Scottish training governance body" means a body which exercises, on behalf of Scottish Ministers, functions conferred on Scottish Ministers that relate to education and training relating to the health service, including without prejudice to that generality, functions specified in section 47 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(**3**).

Application of these Regulations to armed forces bodies

2.—(1) These Regulations apply to serving members of the armed forces bodies as if they were employed by those bodies.

^{(1) 2006} c. 41.

⁽²⁾ The definition of "registered medical practitioner" in Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30) was substituted by S.I.

^{2002/3135,} Schedule 1, paragraph 10 with effect from 16th November 2009.

^{(3) 1978} c. 29. NHS Education for Scotland is currently the sole body in this class.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) a member of a reserve force is to be treated as a serving member of the armed forces body which that reserve force supports, and for this purpose "reserve force" is to be construed in accordance with section 374 of the Armed Forces Act 2006(4).

(3) Where the sole or main role of a medical practitioner employed by the Ministry of Defence is to work in support of any of the armed forces bodies, for the purposes of these Regulations that medical practitioner shall be treated as employed by that body.

Application and extent

3.—(1) These Regulations, except Part 3, extend to England and Wales, and Scotland.

(2) Part 3 (additional responsibilities of responsible officers) extends to England and Wales, and applies in relation to England only.