SCHEDULE 9

Sandwich Courses

1.—(1) In this Schedule—

"modified proportion" means the proportion which the number of weeks in the year in which there are no periods of experience for the student in question bears to 52;

"periods of experience" means, subject to sub-paragraph (2), periods of industrial, professional or commercial experience associated with full-time study at an institution but at a place outside the institution;

"prescribed proportion" means the proportion which the number of weeks in the year for which the student in question attends the institution for bears to 30, except that, where that proportion is greater than the whole, it means the whole;

"sandwich course" means a course consisting of alternate periods of full-time study at an institution and periods of experience so organised that, taking the course as a whole, the student attends the periods of full-time study for an average of not less than 19 weeks in each year of the course; and for the purpose of calculating his attendance the course shall be treated as beginning with the first period of full-time study and ending with the last such period;

"sandwich year" means, as respects any student, any year of a sandwich course which includes both periods of full-time study in the institution and periods of experience, other than—

(a) unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland;

(b) unpaid service with a public body in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland acting in the exercise of its functions relating to health, welfare or the care of children and young persons or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out activities of a like nature in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland;

(c) unpaid service in the prison, probation and aftercare service in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland;

(d) teaching practice;

(e) unpaid research in an institution or, in the case of a student attending an overseas institution as a necessary part of his course, in an overseas institution;

(f) such experience as aforesaid falling wholly within the usual periods of attendance at the institution in any year which do not comprise paid service or employment and which do not aggregate more than either 6 weeks during that year or fall within that year and another year and do not aggregate more than 12 weeks during the 2 years taken together, where that other year has not already been taken into account for the purposes hereof;

(g) unpaid service with—

(i) a Health Authority established pursuant to section 8 of the National Health Service Act 1977(**1**) or a Special Health Authority established pursuant to section 11 of that Act(**2**);

(ii) a Health Board or a Special Health Board constituted under section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(**3**); or

(**1**) 1977 c. 49; Section 8 was substituted by the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17), section 1(1)
(**2**) Section 11 was amended by the Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), Schedule 1, paragraph 31, the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) Schedule 10 and the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17), Schedule 1, paragraph 2
(**3**) 1978 c. 29; Section 2 was amended by the Health and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c. 41), Schedule 7, paragraph 1, and by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19) Section 28 and Schedule 9, paragraph 19(1)

(iii) a health and social services board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**4**); or

(iv) a Health and Social Services Trust established under Article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**5**).

(2) In the case of a student whose course includes the study of one or more modern languages for not less than one half of the time spent studying on the course and which includes periods of residence in a country whose language is a language of the course, "periods of experience" means such period of residence during which the student is employed.

(3) For the purposes of determining the prescribed proportion or the modified proportion where the number of weeks in question is not a whole number, a day shall be reckoned as a seventh of a week.

(4) In the application of this Schedule to a student to whom Schedule 8 applies, references to Schedules 6 and 7 shall be construed as references to those Schedules as modified in accordance with Schedule 8.

(5) In the application of this Schedule to a student who is attending a course provided at the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge, the provisions thereof shall have effect as if—

(a) in the definition of "prescribed proportion" in sub-paragraph (1) for the number "30" there were substituted the number "25"; and

(b) in paragraph 3(a) and (b) for "30 weeks 3 days" there were substituted "25 weeks 3 days".

(**4**) S.I.1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(**5**) S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1); Article 10 was amended by the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/429 (N.I. 2)) Article 3(8)