



National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 29

PART II

PROVISION OF SERVICES

General medical services

20 Applications to provide general medical services.

(1) [^{F1}Subject to subsection (1A) below] all applications made in the prescribed manner to a Health Board for inclusion in a list kept by that Board of the names of medical practitioners undertaking to provide general medical services for persons in the Board's area shall be referred by the Board to the Medical Practices Committee and ^{F2} any medical practitioner whose application is granted by that Committee shall [^{F3}subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act relating to the disqualification of practitioners] be entitled to the inclusion of his name in the list.

[^{F4}(1A) No medical practitioner who is a national of a member State and is registered by virtue of a qualification granted in a member State shall be entitled to have his application for the inclusion of his name in the list kept by any Health Board referred to the Medical Practices Committee unless he satisfies the Board that he has that knowledge of English which, in the interests of himself and his patients, is necessary for the provision of general medical services in the Board's area; and where a Board is not so satisfied with respect to any applicant the Board shall not refer his application to the Committee.]

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Textual Amendments

F1 Words inserted by [S.I. 1981/432, art. 4\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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- F2** Words repealed by Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), **Sch. 7**
- F3** Words inserted by Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), **Sch. 6 para. 3**
- F4** S. 20(1A) inserted by S.I. 1981/432, **art. 4(1)(b)**
- F5** Ss. 16(3), 20(2), 51, 52, 59–63, 65–68, 96(2), Sch. 16 paras. 25, 43 repealed by Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53), **Sch. 7**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 20(1) excluded (31.3.1995) by S.I. 1995/416, **reg. 24(22)**
- C2** S. 20(1A) modified (31.3.1995) by S.I. 1995/416, **reg. 24(21)**

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