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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 1250**

**The General and Specialist Medical Practice  
(Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003**

**PART 3**

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Minimum requirements for specialist training**

- 6.—(1) The minimum requirements for specialist training referred to in article 4(2) are that—
- (a) the training must constitute an entire course of training in the specialty in question and must, subject to paragraph (2)—
    - (i) comprise theoretical and practical instruction,
    - (ii) be full-time training,
    - (iii) be supervised by the Board,
    - (iv) be in a university centre, in a teaching hospital or, where the Board is satisfied that it is appropriate, in a health establishment approved for this purpose by the Board,
    - (v) involve the personal participation of the medical practitioner training to be a specialist in the activity and in the responsibilities of the establishments concerned,
    - (vi) comply with the requirements of point 1 of Annex I to the Directive (the characteristics of the full-time training of specialists), and
    - (vii) be at least as long as the relevant period (if any) specified in Schedule 3.
  - (2) Part-time specialist training is permitted where training on a full-time basis would not be practicable for well-founded individual reasons, and accordingly, the Board may approve part-time training which satisfies—
    - (a) any conditions imposed by the Board;
    - (b) the conditions set out in paragraph (1)(a)(i), (iii), (iv) and (v);
    - (c) the following conditions—
      - (i) the standard of training must not be lower than that of full-time training,
      - (ii) the total length of training in the specialty in question must not be less than that of full-time training in the same specialty, and
      - (iii) the training must comply with the requirements of point 2 of Annex I to the Directive (the characteristics of the part-time training of specialists).
  - (3) Schedule 5 (which sets out the text of Annex I to the Directive as it had effect on the date this Order was made) shall have effect.