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**THE HEALTH INSPECTORS QUALIFICATIONS
REGULATIONS 1975**

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 21st day of April 1975

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. W. E. ROWLING PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 121 of the Health Act 1956, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Health Inspectors Qualifications Regulations 1975.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day 3 months after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Interpretation—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, —

“Diploma” means the Royal Society of Health Diploma for Public Health Inspectors (New Zealand).

“Qualified” means—

(a) Holding either the diploma or some other qualification accepted by the Director-General in any particular case as being at least equivalent to it; or

(b) Having held, or having been qualified to hold, immediately before the commencement of these regulations, a position as an inspector employed by a local authority.

“Trainee” means a person employed by a local authority for the purpose of enabling him to become an inspector.

3. Appointment of inspectors—No person who is not qualified shall be appointed by any local authority as an inspector.

4. Appointment of trainees—(1) No person shall be appointed by any local authority as a trainee unless—

- (a) He is approved for such appointment by the Director-General; and
- (b) He is not more than 40 years old; and
- (c) The local authority employs one or more inspectors; and
- (d) No other trainee, or, if the population of the district under the control of the local authority exceeds 20,000 persons, no more than one fewer than the number of trainees approved by the Director-General for that authority, is employed by that authority.

(2) Notwithstanding subclause (1) (b) of this regulation, a local authority may appoint a person who is more than 40 years old as a trainee if the Director-General agrees that special reasons exist for so appointing him.

(3) Notwithstanding subclause (1) (c) of this regulation a local authority which employs no inspector may appoint a person as a trainee if it is intended that his training be in terms of regulation 5 (2) of these regulations.

5. Conditions governing employment of trainees—(1) No trainee shall continue to be employed by a local authority as a trainee unless—

- (a) The period of his employment as a trainee does not exceed 4 years or such longer period as the Director-General may approve in relation to him; and
- (b) The local authority continues to employ one or more inspectors; and
- (c) He regularly attends such courses of theoretical and practical instruction in environmental health and sanitation as may from time to time be approved for trainees by the Director-General; and
- (d) He sits the examination for the diploma at the first opportunity after completing those courses.

(2) Notwithstanding subclause (1) (b) of this regulation a local authority which employs no inspector may, provided all other conditions set out in subclause (1) of this regulation are satisfied, continue to employ a trainee if his training is under the supervision and control of the Medical Officer of Health of the health district within which he is employed and the local authority has undertaken to be responsible for the cost of his training to the extent that the cost may not be met by the Department of Health under any scheme conducted by it for the training of inspectors.

6. Revocation—The Health Inspectors Qualifications Regulations 1958* are hereby revoked.

P. G. MILLEN,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*S.R. 1958/45

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations replace the Health Inspectors Qualifications Regulations 1958. They provide that the Royal Society of Health Diploma for Public Health Inspectors is to be the principal qualification for appointment as a Health Inspector.

Regulations 4 and 5 set out the conditions for the appointment and continued employment of trainees, extending the maximum age limit for appointment to 40 years, and providing that no trainee may be employed by a local authority unless either the authority employs Health Inspectors, or the trainee is trained by the local Medical Officer of Health.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.