

be conducted in such manner as may be provided by regulations to be made by the Privy Council.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said section eight of the Medical Act, 1886, their Lordships have made the regulations contained in the schedule to this Order, and do hereby order and direct that all elections of direct representatives shall be conducted in accordance with the said regulations.

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SCHEDULE.

Regulations for the conduct of Elections under section eight of the Medical Act, 1886.

1. The returning officer shall fix the last day on which nomination papers are to be sent in, and at least fourteen days before the day so fixed shall cause a notice of the election to be published, specifying the number of persons to be elected, the place where the nomination papers are to be sent in, and the last day on which they are to be sent in.

The notice shall be published in two or more newspapers circulating in the part of the United Kingdom in which the election is to be held, and shall be, as nearly as may be, in the form marked A in the appendix to these regulations, or to the like effect.

2. Before the last day fixed for the sending in of nomination papers, the returning officer shall issue his precept to the branch council for that part of the United Kingdom in which the election is to be held requiring the said branch council to cause a representative or representatives to be elected by the registered medical practitioners resident in that part of the United Kingdom within twenty-one days after the receipt of the said precept.

The said precept shall be as nearly as may be in the form marked B in the appendix to these regulations, or to the like effect, and shall be sent, by post or otherwise, to the registrar of the said branch council.

3. Each candidate for election shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper signed by not fewer than twelve registered medical practitioners resident in that part of the United Kingdom in which the election is to be held.

4. Every nomination paper shall state the name, registered address, and registered qualification or qualifications of the person nominated, and also the registered addresses and registered qualifications of the persons signing such paper, and shall be, as nearly as may be, in the form marked C in the appendix to these regulations, or to the like effect.

5. Any person entitled to vote at the election may sign the nomination paper of a candidate or of any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

6. Every nomination paper shall, on or before the last day fixed for the sending in of nomination papers be delivered by post or otherwise at the appointed place, and shall be accompanied by a declaration in writing signed by the person nominated, acknowledging that such person consents to be nominated. Every nomination paper in respect of which any requirement of these regulations has not been complied with, or which is not received at the appointed place on or before the last day fixed for the sending in of nomination papers, shall be invalid.

7. If the number of persons so nominated as aforesaid does not exceed the number to be elected, such persons (if duly qualified) shall be deemed to be elected, and shall be so certified in writing by the branch council to the returning officer.

8. If the number so nominated exceeds the number to be elected, the branch council for the part of the United Kingdom in which the election is to be held shall cause voting papers and identification envelopes to be prepared. Voting papers shall contain the names, registered addresses, and registered qualification or qualifications of all the persons nominated, and state the last day on which voting papers may be returned, and the place to which they are to be returned, and the identification envelope shall bear a declaration of identity.

Voting papers and identification envelopes shall be as nearly as may be in the form marked D and E in the appendix to these regulations, or to the like effect.

9. The branch council shall, seven days at least before the last day fixed for the return of voting papers, cause a voting paper to be forwarded by post to each registered medical practitioner resident in the part of the United Kingdom in which the election is held, at his registered address, together with an identification envelope. Each voter shall be entitled to receive one voting paper and no more; and votes shall not be given except upon the voting papers provided by the branch council.

10. Each voter shall mark the voting paper delivered to him with a cross \times against the name or names of the person or persons (not exceeding the number of persons to be elected) for whom he intends to vote, and shall place his voting paper folded face inwards in the identification envelope and securely fasten the same. The voter shall sign the declaration printed on the said envelope, place it inside a covering envelope and send it by post to the appointed place on or before the last day fixed for the return of voting papers. Every voting paper in respect of which any requirement of these regulations has not been complied with, or on which the voter has placed any mark whereby he may be afterwards identified, or which is not received at the appointed place on or before the last day fixed for the return of voting papers, shall be invalid.

11. The branch council, immediately after the last day fixed for the return of voting papers, shall cause the validity of the votes to be ascertained by an examination of the identification envelopes, and by such other evidence (if any) as they may think necessary, and shall cause such of the identification envelopes as are found to be valid to be opened and the voting papers withdrawn, kept folded face inwards, and placed in a ballot box. When all the voting papers have been transferred to the ballot box they shall be examined and counted, and the number of valid votes given for each candidate ascertained. Any candidate or his agent appointed by him to represent him may be present during the examination of the identification envelopes and the counting of the voting papers.

12. The candidate or the candidates to the number to be elected, who being duly qualified has or have received the greatest number of votes, shall be deemed to be elected, and shall be so certified in writing by the branch council to the returning officer. If an equality of votes is found to exist between any of the candidates, and the addition of a vote would entitle any of such candidates to be declared elected, the branch council shall determine by lot which of the candidates whose votes are equal shall be certified as duly elected.

13. The returning officer shall forthwith give to every person certified by the branch council to be elected notice of his election.