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## MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
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HIS Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to approve the following Regulations of the Medical Department in lieu of those now in force.

F. D. NORTH,  
Under Secretary.

### INTERPRETATION.

1. Throughout these Regulations the word "Department" shall be deemed to mean the Department of the Public Service of the State for the time being charged with the control of District Medical Officers and Hospitals.

2. "Principal Medical Officer" shall be deemed to be the Officer for the time being charged with the control of the Department, and shall include any officer constitutionally appointed to fill the office temporarily during the absence of the Principal Medical Officer.

### PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

3. The Principal Medical Officer shall, subject to the Statutory powers exercised by the Minister, have the control and management of the Medical Department of Western Australia.

4. He shall exercise a general supervision over all the Hospitals, and it shall be his duty to bring to the notice of the Minister controlling the Department any matter connected therewith which in his opinion requires attention or alteration.

5. For this purpose he shall have discretionary power to visit and inspect all or any such Hospitals, whether wholly or in part maintained by the Government.

6. He shall be the sole medium of communication between the Government and the officers of the Medical Department, and all returns and other official documents connected therewith shall be addressed to him.

### DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS.

7. These Officers shall be responsible for the proper performance of their medical duties within their districts (including free attendance and supply of medicines to all paupers and unindentured aborigines, and, when necessary in these cases issue a certificate of Lunacy), together with the general superintendence of the public hospitals which are controlled and maintained by the Government. It shall be the duty of a District Medical Officer to visit the Hospital both morning and evening, and see that the Regulations for its management are strictly observed, and that the officers and other persons connected with the Hospital discharge their several duties in a satisfactory manner. He shall, when required, attend persons in custody. He shall also be responsible for the care and proper expenditure of all Government Stores belonging to the Department; and at hospitals where no Secretary is appointed, the District Medical Officer shall, with the assistance of the Matron or Sister-in-Charge, perform the duties of Secretary. At Hospitals to which no Resident Physician or Surgeon is appointed it shall be the duty of the District Medical Officer to deliver the course of lectures to Probationer Nurses prescribed in these Regulations. Where no other Resident Medical Practitioner is available, a District Medical Officer shall, when required by the Local Health Authority so to do, discharge the duties devolving upon a Medical Officer of Health which embraces medical inspection of school children. The minimum payment for this service is provided for in the Health Act, 1911; and where a dispute arises between the Medical Officer and the Local Health Authority as to the emoluments, the Minister shall decide the amount to be paid to the Medical Officer for such services.

7A. The boundary line of contiguous districts shall be placed at a point equi-distant between the places of residence of the respective District Medical Officers, provided always that facility of access by road or rail shall be the determining factor in deciding which D.M.O. shall be responsible for attendance on calls in an adjoining district. (Note—When districts have been more clearly



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