

2014 No.

SOCIAL CARE, ENGLAND

Care and Support (Registers) Regulations 2014

Made - - - - ***

Laid before Parliament ***

Coming into force - - ***

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the power conferred by section 77(2) of the Care Act 2014(a), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Care and Support (Registers) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 1st April 2015.

(2) In these Regulations—

“Certificate of Visual Impairment” means the form endorsed by the Department of Health for the purpose of certifying a person as sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired;

“consultant ophthalmologist” means a consultant or honorary consultant appointed in the medical speciality of ophthalmology, who is employed for the purposes of providing any service as part of the health service continued under section 1(1) and (2) of the National Health Service Act 2006(b).

Persons to be treated as sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired

2.—(1) A person is to be treated as being sight-impaired if it is so provided in a Certificate of Visual Impairment issued by a consultant ophthalmologist.

(2) A person is to be treated as being severely sight-impaired if it is so provided in a Certificate of Visual Impairment issued by a consultant ophthalmologist.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

[Date]

[Name]
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department of Health

(a) 2014 c. 23. The powers to make regulations are exercisable by the Secretary of State. See section 125(1).
(b) 2006 c. 41. Section 1 has been substituted by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 c. 7.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 77(1) of the Care Act 2014 (“the Act”) sets out the requirement on local authorities to establish and maintain a register of people who are ordinarily resident in their area and are sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired. These Regulations specify the persons who are to be treated as being sight-impaired and severely sight-impaired for the purposes of that section.