
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART III

THE CURRICULUM

Miscellaneous and supplementary

Curriculum advice and support by boards

29.—(1) Within such time after the coming into operation of this Article as the Department may direct, each board shall prepare and submit to the Department a scheme for the provision to—

- (a) all controlled schools under its management;
- (b) all maintained schools maintained by it;
- (c) all other voluntary or grant-maintained integrated schools situated in its area,

of advisory and support services in relation to the curricula and staff of such schools.

(2) A scheme under paragraph (1) shall be in such form as the Department may direct and, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), shall contain provision—

- (a) requiring the board, in accordance with a programme approved under Article 149, to secure the provision of further training for teachers (whether or not employed on the staff of a particular school);
- (b) empowering the board to pay to persons undergoing the training referred to in sub-paragraph (a) travelling and other allowances at such rate or of such amount and subject to such conditions as the board may determine;
- (c) enabling the board to provide teaching and training materials for use in schools or by persons undergoing the training referred to in sub-paragraph (a);
- (d) enabling services, training and materials mentioned in the scheme to be provided by the board itself or through the agency of another board, person or body;
- (e) requiring such services, training and materials to be provided free of charge;
- (f) requiring the board to secure the agreement of the Board of Governors of a school to the entry into that school for the purposes of the scheme of any persons employed by the board.

(3) Before preparing a scheme under paragraph (1), a board shall consult—

- (a) the Board of Governors of every school mentioned in that paragraph; and
- (b) such other persons as the board considers appropriate.

(4) The Department may request a board to furnish such information in connection with any scheme submitted to the Department under this Article as the Department may require, including information as to the results of consultations under paragraph (3).

(5) The Department may, after making such modifications, if any, in the scheme as after consultation with the board it considers necessary or expedient, approve any scheme submitted to it under this Article.

(6) It shall be the duty of a board to give effect to the provisions of any scheme which has been approved by the Department under this Article.

(7) Where—

(a) a board fails to submit a scheme to the Department under this Article by the date, or in the form, directed by the Department; or

(b) the Department refuses to approve a scheme submitted to it under this Article,

the Department may, after consultation with the board and such other persons as the Department thinks fit, make a scheme which shall be treated for the purposes of paragraphs (6) and (8) as if it had been made by the board and approved by the Department under this Article.

(8) A board may at any time, and shall if the Department so directs, prepare and submit to the Department a revised scheme or an amendment to an existing scheme and paragraphs (3) to (6) shall apply in relation to any such revised scheme or amendment as they apply in relation to the scheme.