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EDUCATION

**Primary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1991**

Made 22nd August 1991

Coming into operation 18th September 1991

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 38(6) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Primary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 18th September 1991.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the 1989 Order” means the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

“the criteria” means the criteria to be drawn up under Article 38(1) of the 1989 Order.

Application

3. These Regulations shall apply in relation to the admission of pupils to grant-aided primary schools commencing with admissions in the school year ending on 31st July 1993.

Matters to be included in criteria

4. The criteria shall include the following matters:

(a) the order of priority in which pupils shall be admitted to the school where the number of applications for admission exceeds the school's admissions number for any school year;

(b) provision to give priority to children who will have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission over those who will not have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission.

Matters not to be included in criteria

5. The criteria shall not include provision for the selection of pupils by reference to ability or aptitude, or the performance of any pupil in a test or examination held by, or on behalf of, the Board of Governors.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 22nd August 1991.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Article 38 of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 requires the Board of Governors of each grant-aided school to draw up the criteria to be applied in selecting pupils for admission to the school. It also enables the Department of Education to make Regulations requiring the criteria to include, or not to include, such matters or matters of such description as are specified in the Regulations.

These Regulations specify matters to be included, and matters not to be included, in the criteria for admission to grant-aided primary schools.

Regulation 4 specifies matters which the criteria shall include.

Regulation 5 specifies matters which the criteria shall not include.

These Regulations do not apply in relation to admissions to grant-aided primary schools in the 1991/92 school year.

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These Orders have been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. Summaries are given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.