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EDUCATION

**Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993**

Made 3rd September 1993

Coming into operation 3rd September 1993

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 every other power enabling it on that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 3rd September 1993.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“assessment arrangements” has the meaning given by Article 7(3) of the 1989 Order;

“key stage 2” means the key stage as defined by Article 5(6)(b) of the 1989 Order;

“relevant assessment” means an assessment of a pupil required by Article 6(3) of the 1989 Order;

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

Amendment of the Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

3. The Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(b) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (1) to (3)—

(1) In regulation 2, after the definition of “the criteria” there shall be inserted—

“ “school year” means a year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July, both dates inclusive;”

(a) S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20)

(b) S.R. 1990 No. 328

- (2) In regulation 4(b)—
- (a) for “Grade 1” there shall be substituted “Grade A”;
 - (b) for “Grade 2” there shall be substituted “Grade B”;
 - (c) for “Grade 3” there shall be substituted “Grade C”;
 - (d) for “Grade 4” there shall be substituted “Grade D”;
- (3) For regulation 5 there shall be substituted the following regulation—
- “5. The criteria shall not include the following matters:
- (a) provision for the selection of pupils by reference to ability or aptitude except in the case of a grammar school or a school which on the day of the coming into operation of these regulations was recognised by the Department as one which selects some of its pupils by reference to ability or aptitude;
 - (b) the performance of any pupil in a test or examination held by, or on behalf of, the Board of Governors other than a test or examination held by a board at the request of the Board of Governors of a grammar school;
 - (c) the outcome of any relevant assessment which may be conducted in accordance with assessment arrangements made by the Northern Ireland Schools Examinations and Assessment Council in relation to a pupil in key stage 2 in the 1994/95 school year or in any subsequent school year;
 - (d) the outcome of any pilot assessment conducted in relation to a pupil in key stage 2 in the 1992/93 school year or the 1993/94 school year for the purpose of making assessment arrangements.”

Revocation

4. The Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 3rd September 1993.

(L.S.).

J. S. Smith

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990, by:

- taking account of the change in the designation of grades in the transfer procedure tests, which a grammar school may use as an admissions criterion (regulation 3(2));
- prohibiting all grant-aided secondary schools from including in their admissions criteria the outcome of any assessments of primary school pupils in key stage 2 in the 1994/95 school year and subsequently or the outcome of any pilot assessment of such pupils in the 1992/93 or 1993/94 school years (regulation 3(3)).

The regulations replace and revoke the Secondary Schools (Admissions Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 (regulation 4).

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**Temporary Speed Limit (Motorway M1) (No. 5)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1993**

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.