

4. These Regulations shall come into force on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 15th day of April, 1924.

L. M'Quibban,
Secretary.

Public Elementary Education.—Transitional Services.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION
ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1924. No. 32.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These regulations shall apply to schools or educational facilities in areas in which the relevant provisions of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, have not been brought into operation by Order in Council, and upon an appointed day being fixed for applying the said relevant provisions to any such area as aforesaid, these regulations, with the exception of 2 (c) and 3 (c), shall cease to apply in respect of such area.

SCHOOL REQUISITES.

2.—(a) A first stock of school requisites may be furnished gratuitously by the Ministry to each public elementary school in proportion to the average attendance of pupils.

(b) When an unsuitable schoolhouse has been superseded by a suitable schoolhouse erected from private funds, or when a considerable sum derived from private contributions has been expended upon the enlargement or structural improvement of a schoolhouse, a special free stock of school requisites may be granted by the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector. Money expended on furniture or repairs cannot be taken into account in deciding a claim for a special free stock.

(c) The requisites granted as free stock must be kept as a school stock, for which the principal teacher is held responsible, and they must not be sold or taken out of the school without the previous consent of the Ministry.

(d) The maximum amount of the free stock which may be awarded to a school shall be in accordance with the following scale :—

Average Attendance.	Amount of Free Stock Grant.	Average Attendance.	Amount of Free Stock Grant.
50 children or under	£4 0 0	401 to 425	£11 10 0
51 to 75 ..	4 10 0	426 ,, 450	12 0 0
76 ,, 100 ..	5 0 0	451 ,, 475	12 10 0
101 ,, 125 ..	5 10 0	476 ,, 500	13 0 0
126 ,, 150 ..	6 0 0	501 ,, 525	13 10 0
151 ,, 175 ..	6 10 0	526 ,, 550	14 0 0
176 ,, 200 ..	7 0 0	551 ,, 575	14 10 0
201 ,, 225 ..	7 10 0	576 ,, 600	15 0 0
226 ,, 250 ..	8 0 0	601 ,, 625	15 10 0
251 ,, 275 ..	8 10 0	626 ,, 650	16 0 0
276 ,, 300 ..	9 0 0	651 ,, 675	16 10 0
301 ,, 325 ..	9 10 0	676 ,, 700	17 0 0
326 ,, 350 ..	10 0 0	701 ,, 725	17 10 0
351 ,, 375 ..	10 10 0	726 ,, 750	18 0 0
376 ,, 400 ..	11 0 0	751 ,, 775	18 10 0
		776 ,, 800	19 0 0

SUPPLIES OF EQUIPMENT.

3.—(a) If the Ministry is satisfied that the full cost of the equipment required in connection with the instruction of the pupils of a public elementary school in elementary science cannot be provided from local sources, it may make a grant towards the cost of supplying the necessary equipment. The grant shall be made only to a school where there is a teacher fully competent to give instruction in the subject, and on condition that the Manager of the school undertakes to have the equipment properly stored and to provide for its maintenance in an efficient condition. No second grant shall be made in any circumstances.

(b) The maximum grant which may be made by the Ministry shall be in accordance with the scale sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance and in force at the time, but the full amount in the scale shall be granted only in necessitous cases.

(c) Equipment obtained by means of a grant made by the Commissioners of National Education prior to 1st February, 1922, or by the Ministry on or after that date, shall remain the property of the Ministry.

4.—(a) Where a school garden is recognised by the Ministry in connection with a public elementary school, the Ministry may make a grant of half the certified cost of the preliminary equipment, including toolhouse, and of the seeds, manures, etc., provided that the total grant shall not exceed £6. The Ministry may subsequently make grants of half the certified cost of the

seeds, plants and manures, and of the renewal and repair of garden implements, etc., provided that the total grant so made shall not exceed £2 for any year.

(b) It shall be a condition for the payment of the grants specified at (a) that the Ministry's Inspector shall certify that it is probable that for the school year for which the grant is claimed, at least 10 pupils enrolled in the fourth and higher standards will be present at half of the minimum number of lessons in practical instruction, and also at half the minimum number of lessons in theoretical instruction which are required to constitute a course of instruction.

(c) The regulations set forth above at (a) and (b) shall also apply to the making of grants by the Ministry towards expenditure incurred in the provision and repair of equipment, etc., and in the purchase of seeds, plants and manures for a second class recognised in connection with a school garden.

HEATING AND CLEANING OF SCHOOLS.

5.—(a) In every public elementary day school for which it is certified

- (1) that the schoolrooms were adequately heated during school hours in the cold season of the year ;
- (2) that the washing of the floors, and the cleansing of the interior surface of the walls, etc., of the building and outoffices have been efficiently attended to ; and
- (3) that the pits of the outoffices have been duly emptied and cleansed ;

the Ministry may make an annual grant towards recoupment, amounting to one-half of the certified aid in cash or kind provided by local parties in respect of the services specified under (1) and (3), and one-half of the certified aid in cash similarly provided in respect of the service specified under (2) subject to a maximum limitation as set forth in the following scale :—

Average attendance at school for year ending 31st March.	Maximum grant
Under 20 units	£1 10 0
20 and under 35 units	1 15 0
35 " " 50 "	2 0 0
50 " " 70 "	2 10 0
70 " " 95 "	3 5 0
95 " " 200 "	4 15 0
200 " " 300 "	6 15 0
300 " " 500 "	9 0 0
500 " " 700 "	11 0 0
700 " " 900 "	13 0 0
900 units and above	15 0 0

(b) Where one-half of the certified value of the local contribution for the services specified in the foregoing section falls short of the maximum grant warranted under the scale by the average attendance, the Ministry may, if satisfied that these services have been efficiently carried out, allow payment of a moiety of the local aid provided for the lime washing or other cleansing of the exterior of the schoolhouse, the out offices and the enclosing walls, but the total grant may not in any case exceed the maximum amount which the average attendance permits, as set forth in the scale in the foregoing section.

(c) If the Inspector certifies that the services, or any one of them, have not been satisfactorily rendered, the Ministry may withhold or reduce the grant which would otherwise be available.

(d) A deduction according to the following scale shall be made from the grant in the case of ordinary public elementary schools which are vested in the Ministry, as part of the cost of the services is already provided for through the Ministry of Finance :

Average attendance.	Deduction.
Under 50 units	£0 10 0
50 and under 95 units	0 15 0
95 units and over	1 0 0

(e) In the case of schools to which no privies or closets are attached, and in which the expense consequent upon these does not exist, a deduction from the grant shall be made upon the following scale :

Average attendance.	Deduction.
	s. d.
Under 20 units	5 0
20 to 34 ,,	6 0
35 units and over	8 0

6. The Ministry may also make grants towards the cost of heating and lighting evening elementary schools which are aided under the provisions of Rule 24 of the Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1924, No. 5. The maximum grant in the case of any school shall be at the rate of 6d. per class-room for each evening on which it is used for the instruction of students, provided that the grant so calculated does not exceed one-half of the actual expenditure on the service.

CONVEYANCE OF CHILDREN TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BY VAN OR BOAT.

7.—(a) Where the Ministry is satisfied that, as the result of the discontinuance of a public elementary school, a number of children in the locality cannot obtain suitable instruction except at a school or schools situated beyond a reasonable walking distance from their homes, the Ministry may make a contribution towards the cost of the conveyance of the said children by vehicle to the nearest suitable public elementary school at which there is

sufficient accommodation. The annual rate of the contribution shall not exceed the total amount of the grants (exclusive of annual capitation grant) which would have been payable to the school had it not been discontinued.

(b) The Ministry may also, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, make a contribution towards the cost of conveying children to a public elementary school, where this course is considered desirable as an alternative to the establishment of a new school. The annual rate of the contribution shall not exceed the total amount of the grants (exclusive of annual capitation grant) which would have been payable annually by the Ministry to a new school had it been established.

(c) Before undertaking to make a contribution under either of the foregoing sections of this rule the Ministry must be satisfied that the number of children habitually using the vehicle will not be less than ten, and the continuance of the contribution shall be dependent upon the fulfilment of that condition.

(d) In any case where the Ministry has undertaken to make a contribution towards the cost of the conveyance of children to school, it may also, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, make a grant towards the initial cost of providing a suitable vehicle for the service ; but such grant shall be made only on the condition that, if the service be afterwards discontinued, the vehicle shall be sold, and part of the proceeds, representing the proportion of the original cost contributed from Public Funds, paid over to the Ministry.

8.—These regulations may be cited as the Public Elementary Education (Transitional Services) Regulations, 1924.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of May, 1924.

L. M'Quibban,

Secretary.

Public Elementary Education : Miscellaneous Services.

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1924. No. 33.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter