

respect of the period between the operative dates, and the date of the approval of the Scheme by Order in Council shall be made in such manner and at such times as the Ministry may determine.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 11th day of March, 1925, in the presence of

*G. C. Duggan,*

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Assistant Secretary.

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## Superannuation Scheme for Lay Assistant Teachers and Junior Assistant Mistresses in Public Elementary Schools.

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MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, NORTHERN IRELAND, 1923, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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1. The Irish Teachers' Pension Rules, 1914, and amending Rules (hereafter referred to as the Principal Rules) made under Section 11 of the National School Teachers' (Ireland) Act, 1879, shall, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided, be deemed to apply as from 1st February, 1922, to the following classes of Teachers in Public Elementary Schools in Northern Ireland:—

- (a) Recognised Lay Assistant Teachers (hereinafter referred to as Lay Assistant Teachers) who are in receipt of personal salaries from the Ministry of Education and who are employed in Convent Public Elementary Schools where the members of religious orders who are engaged in teaching in such schools are paid by capita-tion grants :
- (b) Junior Assistant Mistresses.

2.—(a) Any such teacher who was serving in either of the above-mentioned capacities in a national school in Northern Ireland on the 1st February, 1922, or who having so served in a national school situated outside the Northern Ireland area, is before 1st February, 1927 accepted in either of such capacities by the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, shall be entitled to have reckoned, for purposes of superannuation, one-third of the actual duration of any period of recognised service in Ireland prior to 1st February, 1922, or to the date of such admission as the case may be, and the word "service" where it occurs in the Principal Rules shall, in respect of such period be interpreted accordingly.

(b) In the case of a Junior Assistant Mistress recognised past service may include all recognised past service rendered in that particular capacity and also in the capacity of Manual Instructress in a public elementary school.

(c) Any former service by a Lay Assistant Teacher or Junior Assistant Mistress which would have been reckoned in full for superannuation purposes under the Principal Rules shall continue to be so reckoned provided that the general requirements of those Rules, including repayment of refunded premiums, are fulfilled.

3. A pension may be awarded to a teacher who has attained the age of 55 years and whose total period of employment in one or more of the capacities of Manual Instructress, Junior Assistant Mistress, Lay Assistant Teacher, Principal Teacher and Assistant Teacher amounts to not less than 35 years.

4. Where under the operation of this scheme a Lay Assistant Teacher who was recognised in that capacity on or before 1st February, 1922, would receive a pension of less than £75 per annum, the Ministry of Finance may substitute for such pension either a pension of £75 per annum, or a pension calculated on the basis of £1 17s. 6d. for each year of employment as Lay Assistant Teacher and as Principal Teacher or Assistant Teacher in a Public Elementary School, whichever is the less.

5. Where under the operation of this scheme a Junior Assistant Mistress who was recognised in that capacity on or before 1st February, 1922, would receive a pension of less than £50 per annum, the Ministry of Finance may substitute for such pension either a pension of £50 or a pension calculated on the basis of £1 5s. 0d. for each year of employment in public elementary schools in any or all of the capacities of Junior Assistant Mistress, Principal Teacher, Assistant Teacher, and Manual Instructress, whichever is the less.

6. Service from 1st February, 1922, shall only be recognised in full for superannuation purposes if the teacher consents to deduction of premium as provided in the Principal Rules being made in respect of salary payments from that date and such deductions shall be made in such manner and at such time as the Ministry of Finance may direct. In the event of any teacher not so consenting, then the period from 1st February, 1922, to the date of the approval of this Scheme by Order in Council shall, for purposes of superannuation be reckoned as provided in Article 2 hereof.

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 11th day of March, 1925, in the presence of

*G. C. Duggan,*

Assistant Secretary.

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