

standing or plying for hire or used to carry passengers for hire.

The expression "axle-weight" means, in relation to an axle of a public service vehicle, the aggregate weight transmitted to the surface of the road or other base whereon the public service vehicle moves or rests by the several wheels attached to that axle when the public service vehicle is loaded.

The expression "registered axle-weight" means, in relation to the axle of a public service vehicle the axle weight of that axle as registered in pursuance of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905.

2. The provisions of Article 7 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, shall henceforth cease to apply to a public service vehicle which has all its wheels fitted with pneumatic tyres.

3. The speed at which a public service vehicle exceeding two and a half tons in weight unladen, and with all its wheels fitted with pneumatic tyres, is driven on any highway shall not exceed twenty miles per hour; provided that where the registered axle weight of any axle of any such public service vehicle exceeds four tons, and does not exceed six tons, the speed shall not exceed fifteen miles per hour, and where the registered axle weight of any axle exceeds six tons, the speed shall not exceed twelve miles per hour.

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Speed) Regulations, 1926.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 1st day of December, 1926.

Geo. A. Harris;
Assistant Secretary.

(L.S.)

SUPERANNUATION.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 3 (2) OF THE SUPERANNUATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1926. No. 23.

In pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Superannuation Act (Northern Ireland), 1925 (hereinafter referred to as the 1925 Act), the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called the Ministry) hereby makes the following Regulations :

(a) for determining, where the superannuation benefits or the conditions qualifying a person for superannuation benefits are not identical in the case of a teacher and

- in the case of a civil servant, what modification (if any) corresponding to the variation between the respective benefits or conditions shall be made in the amount which may be granted under the Superannuation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1925 ; and
- (b) for determining what portion of a grant made to, or in the case of, any person to whom the section applies, shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and what portion (if any) shall be paid out of the fund to which that person's superannuation contributions in respect of teaching service were made ; and
 - (c) generally, for prescribing the conditions subject to which teaching service may be reckoned for the purposes of the section.

1. For the purpose of the aforesaid section of the 1925 Act, teaching service may be reckoned where an interval of not more than three months has elapsed between the termination of such service and the commencement of service as a civil servant, but where such interval exceeds a period of three months, such teaching service shall not be reckoned unless the Ministry in any exceptional case shall so determine. Where between the termination of the teaching service and the commencement of service as a civil servant, a person is employed in the civil service in an unestablished capacity, the period of such employment may be disregarded in reckoning the interval of three months aforesaid, but such unestablished service shall not itself be reckoned for purposes of superannuation, except in so far as it may be so reckonable under any general regulations in force under the Superannuation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1925.

2. Where the appointment as a civil servant was made before the 20th September, 1909, and the officer did not elect to adopt the provisions of the Superannuation Act, 1909, or, having adopted them, determined under the powers conferred by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, to be treated as if he had not so elected, three-fourths only of the teaching service shall be reckonable for purposes of superannuation.

3. Where the appointment as a civil servant was made on or after the 20th September, 1909, or where it was made before that date and the officer adopted the provisions of the Superannuation Act, 1909, the whole of the teaching service shall be reckonable for purposes of the calculation of (a) a superannuation allowance and (b) a gratuity under section 2 sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Superannuation Act, 1909, as amended by section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1914, but no part of such service shall be reckonable for the purpose of the calculation of an additional allowance under sub-section (2) of section 1 or sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Superannuation Act, 1909.

4. Where, in the case of a civil servant whose teaching service is deemed for the purposes of section 3 of the 1925 Act to be service as a civil servant, the pension rules or scheme applicable to such person in respect of his teaching service prescribe that a teacher leaving the teaching service shall on being re-employed be required to refund with interest at a specified rate any sums paid to him on account of contributions in respect of superannuation as a condition of eligibility for superannuation on final retirement as a teacher, then such requirement shall equally apply for the purpose of section 3 of the 1925 Act and repayment shall be made to the appropriate Teachers' Pension Fund in such manner and at such times as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

5. The portion of any grant to which section 3 of the 1925 Act applies which shall be paid out of the appropriate Teachers' Pension Fund shall be an amount equivalent to that which would have been chargeable against such Fund if at the time the officer retired from the teaching service he had been granted a pension on the ground of physical or mental disability, and the remaining portion shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

6. These regulations shall not apply to any civil servant in the employment of the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Agriculture on the 22nd day of December, 1925, who would be affected thereby, if he signifies to the Ministry not later than three months after they come into force that he wishes to be exempted from their operation.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this 25th day of February, 1926, in the presence of

(L.S.)

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

TRADE BOARDS.

Aerated Waters Trade, Northern Ireland.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE
TRADE BOARDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (13 & 14
GEO. 5, C. 32).

1926. No. 35.

The Ministry of Labour (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of powers conferred by Section 17 of the Trade Boards Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, and of every other power the Ministry hereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Regulations :—