

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this nineteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

(Signed)

A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,

Secretary.

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Evening Elementary Schools.

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH OCTOBER, 1928, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTIONS 75 AND 77 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, AND LAID BEFORE BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 99 (2) OF THE ACT AFORESAID.

1928. No. 103.

I. *Conditions for the Recognition of Schools.*

1. Grants under these Regulations will be paid only in respect of schools recognised for the purpose by the Ministry.
2. Schools must be under the control of an Education Authority as provided for in the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, or other responsible Manager or body of Managers recognised for the purpose by the Ministry.
3. Applicants for recognition of an evening elementary school must submit to the Ministry a list of the subjects proposed to be taught in the schools under their control, accompanied by a representation from the education authority of the district in which the schools or classes are situated, that the subjects of instruction included in the list are suitable to the circumstances of the education area.
4. The premises in which the schools are conducted must be suitably situated and the accommodation and equipment must be approved by the Ministry.
5. The time-table for each school must receive the approval of the Ministry.
6. Syllabuses of the subjects to be taught must be submitted to the Ministry for approval before the beginning of the session.
7. Any of the subjects provided for in the Programme of Instruction for Public Elementary schools may be taught in evening elementary schools.

8. Other subjects not included in the above-mentioned programme may be taught with the approval of the Ministry.

9. The qualifications of all teachers must be approved by the Ministry. Except in the case of teachers of Domestic Economy, Drawing, Handwork and Horticulture, in which special qualifications will be required, teachers of public elementary schools who are rated as Efficient or Highly Efficient will be recognised as teachers of any of the subjects classified as obligatory in the Programme of Instruction for Public Elementary Schools.

10. The scale of fees (if any) to be charged to the students must be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

11. The managers of an evening elementary school must make accurate returns of such particulars as are required by the Ministry and within specified times.

12. The schools must be at all times open to the Ministry's Inspectors, who will, from time to time visit with or without notice, and report on the condition or suitability of the school buildings and classrooms, the character and quality of the instruction, and its suitability to the needs of the locality, the adequacy of the teaching staff for the number of students under instruction, the progress of the students, which they may ascertain in such manner as they may consider necessary the method of registration, and generally as to the organisation of the school work, and the carrying out of the scheme of instruction in accordance with these Regulations.

II. *Regulations for the Payment of Grants.*

13. (a) The Ministry may make grants to Education Authorities and to Voluntary managers to assist them in conducting evening elementary schools

(b) The rate of payment shall be based upon the total number of attendance hours made by the pupils in accordance with these regulations and the maximum rate shall be two-pence per attendance hour.

14. Grants may not be claimed in respect of the attendances of any student who is on the roll of another school in receipt of grants from the Ministry.

15. The attendances of any student who has failed to make 10 hours attendance may not be included in the claim for grants.

16. The grant payable may be reduced or withheld in any case where the regulations have not been complied with or where the instruction has been of an unsatisfactory character,

III. Regulations for the Organization of Schools.

17. Except in special cases, where previous approval has been given by the Ministry, classes may not be held before 4 p.m., save on Saturday, when the meetings may not take place before 2 p.m.

18. Lessons in theoretical subjects must be of not less than three-quarter hour's duration. Lessons in practical subjects must be of not less than one and a half hour's duration.

19. The course in any subject must consist of not less than 20 and not more than 40 lessons in any session.

20. In no case may a student be enrolled in classes in which the maximum number of hours instruction exceeds 200 in the aggregate.

21. The Ministry shall have power to waive or modify regulations 17, 19, and 20 in cases where it is satisfied that the objects to be obtained by the classes would be better secured thereby. Previous approval must, however, be obtained from the Ministry in each case.

22. As a rule not more than forty students may be taken at a time by one teacher for theoretical instruction and not more than twenty for practical instruction in any subject.

23. Students who have not received such an education as would entitle them to be placed in the Sixth Standard of a public elementary school should receive instruction in English and Arithmetic at least.

An exception may be allowed in the case of adults taking courses which they are capable of following with profit.

24. Instruction in any syllabus may not be given by the same teacher concurrently with instruction in any other syllabus or subject.

25. The attendances of students shall be recorded in accordance with the instructions set out on the official roll books supplied by the Ministry.

26. A teacher who is employed in any public elementary school may not be engaged in the teaching of classes in an evening elementary school on more than three evenings per week.

The number of evenings may be extended to four in exceptional cases approved by the Ministry.

27. From the funds at their disposal Managers are required to pay to the teachers remuneration at rates not less than

5s. 6d. per hour for men.

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IV. *General.*

28. The foregoing regulations shall apply to all evening elementary schools except elementary evening schools conducted under voluntary management which were in operation during the school year ending 30th June, 1928. Such schools shall continue to be recognised under the regulations hitherto existing, and so long as they are continuously recognised, may be paid grants under the terms of sections 23 and 24 of the Regulations Governing Payments to Teachers in Public Elementary Schools in Northern Ireland (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1924, No. 5).

29. Education authorities may make grants in aid of evening elementary schools under voluntary managers, if they are satisfied that these grants are required in order to enable the Managers to defray the necessary expenses of the schools.

30. The Interpretation Act, 1921 (2 Geo. V. Ch. 4), applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

31. In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction of these Regulations or as to any claim right or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

32. These Regulations shall take and have effect from 1st July, 1928, and except in so far as they are retained under regulation 28, sections 23 and 24 of the Regulations Governing Payments to Teachers in public elementary schools in Northern Ireland (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1924, No. 5) are hereby repealed.

33. These regulations may be cited as the Evening Elementary School Regulations, 1928.

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