

ance towards the cost of maintenance at or in the neighbourhood of the school may be made at the rate of £35 for the school year."

3. These regulations shall have effect until further notice, and may be revoked or amended at any time.

4. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of the foregoing regulations, the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Pupil Teachers and Monitors Interim Regulations, 1931.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 24th day of September, 1931.

(L.S.)

*A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,*  
Secretary.

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### School Attendance.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1931 AND DULY PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT.

1931. No. 147.

The Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland in pursuance of the provisions thereto relating in the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923 to 1931 and in exercise of the powers therein contained hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (School Attendance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1931.

2.—(a) In these Regulations expressions to which a meaning is assigned by the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923 to 1931 (hereinafter called the Acts) shall have the same meaning as in the Acts.

(b) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (12 Geo. 5, c. 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.

3. It shall be the duty of the parent of every child, so soon as the child attains the age prescribed for school attendance in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, to cause him to attend a public elementary school or other school recognised by the Ministry as efficient, except in so far as there is a reasonable excuse as in the said Education Acts defined for the non-attendance of any such child; and in any such case it shall be the duty of the parent upon request of the Education Authority to furnish all necessary and proper evidence of such reasonable excuse.

4. The number of days in the year during which the parent of any child of school age shall cause his child to attend school shall be 260 school days :

Provided that, on any school day on which any school shall not be in operation, every pupil enrolled and ordinarily in attendance thereat shall for the purposes of these Regulations be deemed to have made an attendance :

And Provided also that, on any day on which the school has been in operation for less than four hours of secular instruction, every pupil who has been in attendance for this lesser period shall be deemed to have made an attendance for the purpose of these Regulations. The expression "school day" in these Regulations shall mean any day other than a Saturday or a Sunday.

5.—(1) In the case of a child attending a Preparatory, Intermediate or Secondary School or a day course at a Technical School or any other school not being a Public Elementary School an attendance on any day shall mean not less than three hours of secular instruction for pupils under 9 years of age and not less than four hours for pupils of 9 years of age and over :

Provided, however, that (i) on a day which is a school half-holiday the attendance of any pupil under instruction in the school for not less than 2 hours shall be reckoned as an attendance for the purpose of these Regulations, and (ii) the attendance of a pupil at an examination conducted by the Ministry shall be deemed to be an attendance for the purpose of these Regulations.

(2) In the case of a child attending a Public Elementary School, an attendance for the purposes of these Regulations shall, subject to Regulation 4 hereof, mean presence at secular instruction for not less than four hours on the same day :

Provided, however, that where, in accordance with any other regulations of the Ministry relating to Public Elementary Schools, a period of attendance at secular instruction of three hours is allowed in the case of certain classes of pupils or schools as defined therein, "three hours" shall be substituted for "four hours" in the aforesaid definition of an "attendance" :

Provided further that, where it is permissible for a pupil on any day on which the school is in operation to attend during school hours at any place for any purpose approved by the Ministry in accordance with any other regulations relating to Public Elementary Schools, the time so occupied shall count as presence at the school for the purpose of completing an attendance.

(3) In the case of a child attending a special school or class for afflicted children or of a child under medical treatment the Ministry may reduce the hours of attendance prescribed in Regulation 5 (2) hereof.

(4) An attendance for the purposes of these Regulations may be completed in one or two sessions on the same day according as the arrangements of each particular school may enable or provide.

(5) A Year for the purposes of these Regulations shall in the case of Public Elementary Schools commence on the 1st July and end on the 30th June following, and in the case of all other schools commence on the 1st August and end on the 31st July following.

6. The head teacher of every school at which children of school age are in attendance shall at least two weeks before the termination of each year aforesaid prepare in duplicate a Table for the next ensuing year in accordance with Form S.A.1 in the Schedule hereof, both of which Tables shall be signed by the head teacher and countersigned by, or with the authority of, the manager or the governors of the school. One copy thereof shall, within the time aforesaid, be transmitted to the Education Authority and the other shall be exhibited in a prominent position in the school and shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by a parent of any pupil of the school and such parent shall be entitled to make extracts therefrom.

7. The parent of every child shall when the child is being enrolled in any school furnish to the head teacher thereof a Registrar's Certificate or other satisfactory documentary evidence of the date of the child's birth.

The said head teacher shall preserve and retain possession of the said certificate or other documentary evidence so long as the child is in attendance at the school and shall permit any accredited officer of the Education Authority at all reasonable times to inspect such certificate or other evidence :

Provided that he shall during such period allow the Education Authority to have possession thereof if required for purposes of proceedings under the Acts for such time as may be necessary for such purposes ; and shall also return such certificate or other evidence to the parent when the child is leaving the school.

8.—(a) A bye-law, made by an Education Authority and confirmed in accordance with the provisions of the Acts altering the age limit for school attendance, shall be published by advertisement or otherwise as may be deemed by the Education Authority to be most effective for bringing such bye-law to the knowledge of all whom it may concern.

(b) No such bye-law shall come into operation at a date earlier than six months from the date on which it is made.

(c) A copy of every such bye-law shall be supplied by the Education Authority to the manager and head teacher of every school in the education area concerned at which children of school age are in attendance.

9.—(a) Every summons to appear before an Education Authority shall be according to the Form S.A.2 in the Schedule hereof,

or such other form to the like effect as may be approved by the Ministry.

(b) Every School Attendance Order shall be according to the Form S.A.3 in the Schedule hereof or such other form to the like effect as may be approved by the Ministry.

10. All reasonable information respecting children who are required by the Acts to attend school and who may be attending school within an education area shall be supplied by the Education Authority of that area to the Education Authority of any other area, if such information is required for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Acts relating to school attendance.

11. Every school attendance officer shall, for the purpose of the performance of his duties under the Acts, be entitled at all reasonable times to inspect and make extracts from the Roll Books and Registers of any school at which children of school age are in attendance within the education area of which he is an officer.

12. The certificate of attendance which the head teacher of any school recognised by the Ministry is required under the provisions of the Acts to issue to the parent of a child who is being removed from the school shall be according to Form S.A.4 in the Schedule hereof, or in such other form to the like effect as may be approved by the Ministry.

13. The head teacher of every school shall, when required by the Education Authority for the purpose of proceedings under the Acts, furnish a certificate under his own hand stating, as may be required, whether or not any particular child of school age is or is not attending that school, and, if so required, stating the particulars of the attendance of any such child at that school.

14. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning or effect of these Regulations the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

15. These Regulations shall come into operation and have effect on 1st January, 1932, as from which date the Education (School Attendance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1926, the Education (School Attendance) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1929, and the Education (School Attendance) No. 2 Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930, are hereby repealed.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for  
Northern Ireland this ninth day of December, 1931.

(L.S.)

(Signed),

*A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,*

Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Form S.A.1.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 to 1931.

School..... Roll No. (For Public Elementary Schools only.) .....

Year, 1st ..... 19..... to ..... 19.....

1. POSSIBLE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS	No. of days.
(i.e., every day, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, in each week throughout the year)	
2. (a) VACATIONS, reckoning School Days only:	
Christmas.....	
Easter .....	
Other Vacations (state month or months).....	
.....	
(b) OTHER HOLIDAYS OR CLOSINGS,	
reckoning School Days only (give dates)	
.....	
Total number of days of closing for any cause	
(exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays).	
3. TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS ON WHICH THIS SCHOOL WILL BE IN FULL OPERATION DURING THE YEAR.....	

Dated.....day of.....19.....

Signed.....

Principal Teacher or Headmaster.

Countersigned by, or with the authority of, the Manager or the Governors of the School. \*

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.....EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

.....EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1931.  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

SUMMONS TO SHOW CAUSE.

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Name of Parent.....

To M.....

Address .....

Name of Child (attendance required\*).....

WHEREAS you have failed to perform your duty to cause your child ..... to attend school in accordance with the provisions of the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923 to 1931, and the Regulations made thereunder relating to School Attendance :

Date of Meeting.....

Take Notice, therefore, that you are hereby required to attend before the.....Committee of the above-named Authority at.....on.....day, the .....day of.....19....., at the hour of.....o'clock .....m., to show cause why a School Attendance Order should not be made against you in respect of the said Child.

Place of Meeting.....

Date of Service .....

\*You are further required to bring your said child.....with you at the time and place above-mentioned.

Mode of Service.....

On Whom Served.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

By Order.....

\*Strike out if not required.

\*Strike out if not required.

EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1931.

Education Authority of the County of.....
Regional Education Committee
District School Attendance Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ORDER.

ORDER made this.....day of.....19.....
by the above-named School Attendance Sub-Committee, being the Sub-Committee duly appointed in pursuance of the said Acts for the exercise in the above-named District of the powers contained therein.

WHEREAS, on it appearing to the aforesaid School Attendance Sub-Committee that.....being the Parent, as in the said Acts defined, of....., a child to whom the School Attendance provisions of the said Acts apply, had failed or neglected to perform the duty imposed on h..... by the said Acts and the Regulations and bye-laws duly made thereunder to cause the said child to attend School as therein prescribed, the said Sub-Committee thereupon duly summoned the said Parent to appear before them and give information and explanation of his said neglect or failure of duty ;

And whereas the said Parent duly appeared but did not appear and School Attendance Sub-Committee that he had not neglected or failed in his said duty ;

And whereas the said child is ordinarily resident within the education area of the said Sub-Committee and has not been exempted from school attendance and there is no reasonable excuse as by the said Acts specified for the non-attendance of the said child ;

Now therefore the said District School Attendance Sub-Committee in exercise of the powers aforesaid and all other powers thereunto enabling hereby orders that the said Parent shall from the date of service of a copy of this Order and until this Order may be varied, revoked or otherwise become inoperative cause the said child.....to attend.....Public Elementary School on every day and for the specified hours and number of hours in each such day necessary to constitute an attendance, during which the said School shall, in accordance with the Regulations of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, be open for secular instruction, the said School being willing to receive the said child and being also the School which the said Parent has selected. Sub-Committee thinks expedient.

By order of the above-named District School Attendance Sub-Committee this.....day of.....19.....

Chairman.
Clerk.
Of the above-named District School Attendance Sub-Committee.

To.....

..... EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

..... EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 to 1931.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

.....School.

School.....

.....Department.

Department.....

Pupil's Name.....

Date of Birth.....

Department.....

Class.....

Date of Removal.....

Cause of Removal.....

Attendance from.....

to.....

Number of Attendances.....

Date.....

.....

Head Teacher.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....  
residing at.....  
attended the above-named School from.....  
to.....

The number of attendances during that period was.....

At time of removal...he was placed in Class (or Standard).....

The date of birth, as given in Register is.....

The reason for leaving was stated to be.....

Parent's (or Guardian's) Name.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

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Head Teacher.