

(g) Full-time teaching service, to such extent as the Ministry may determine, which was given in a school in the British Commonwealth and Empire prior to the date on which the school was recognised or began to receive grants from the accredited education authority, provided that on the said date the teacher was employed in full-time teaching service in the school and possessed the qualifications required for recognition by the Ministry."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 30th day of March, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. S. Brownell,
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Seal of the Ministry has been fixed thereto this 30th day of March, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Thom. McCrea,
Assistant Secretary.

Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances)

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH MAY, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1952.

1953. No. 70

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 48 and 76 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, as amended by the Education (Extension of Benefits) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953, and shall come into operation on 1st August, 1953.

(2) The Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (a), the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 (b), and the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952 (c), are hereby revoked.

(a) S. R. & O. 1950, No. 217 (b) S. R. & O. 1951, No. 89 (c) S. R. & O. 1952, No. 93

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

- “ Approved ” means as approved from time to time by the Ministry for the purposes to which the context relates ;
- “ Award ” has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 of these Regulations ;
- “ Group A Voluntary School ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1950 ;
- “ Group B Voluntary School ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1950 ;
- “ Lower Division ” means that portion of a secondary department in which is provided a course leading to the Junior Certificate Examination of the Ministry ;
- “ Qualified Pupil ” has the meaning assigned to it in Regulation 4 of these Regulations ;
- “ School ” means a grammar school recognised by the Ministry for the purposes of the Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations, 1948, as amended by subsequent Regulations ;
- “ School Authorities ” means, in the case of a county school, the local education authority and, in the case of a voluntary school, the managers of that school ;
- “ Secondary Department ” means that part of a school in which secondary education is provided ;
- “ Upper Division ” means that portion of a secondary department in which is provided a course for pupils who have completed the lower division course.

(2) Other expressions to which meanings have been assigned by the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1947 to 1952, shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, have the same respective meanings.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply 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. These Regulations prescribe the conditions under which qualified pupils shall be admitted to the lower division of the secondary departments of schools and the conditions under which awards tenable at schools shall be made by local education authorities:

4. A “ qualified pupil ” is

- (i) a pupil who has reached the qualifying standard in such test or tests for the admission of pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of a school as the Ministry may conduct or approve ; or

(ii) a pupil who

- (a) is enrolled in the upper division of the secondary department of a school; and
- (b) has passed the Ministry's Junior Certificate Examination held in 1953 or thereafter, and was under 16 years 3 months on 1st June in the year in which he passed the examination; or has passed the Ministry's Junior Certificate Examination held in 1952 or earlier provided that he passed in English and in four of the other compulsory subjects, and was under 16 years on 1st June in the year in which he passed the examination; or has passed the Ministry's Senior Certificate Examination and was under 18 years of age on 1st June in the year in which he passed the examination.

Provided, however, that, in special or exceptional circumstances, a pupil who has not satisfied the conditions laid down under paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this Regulation may, nevertheless, at the discretion of the Ministry, be deemed to be a qualified pupil.

5.—(1) The school authorities of every Group A voluntary school or county school shall reserve for qualified pupils not fewer than 80 per cent. of the places available each school year for the admission of day pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of the school.

(2) The school authorities of a Group A voluntary school or county school shall not without the prior approval of the Ministry increase the number of places available in the school for boarding pupils in such a way as to reduce the number of places available for day pupils.

(3) No qualified pupil shall be refused admission to a Group A voluntary school or county school on other than reasonable grounds :

Provided, however, that, where the number of qualified pupils seeking admission to the lower division of the secondary department of a Group A voluntary school or county school is greater than the number of places reserved for such pupils in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the school authorities may select such of the qualified pupils as appear to them best fitted to profit by the education provided at the school.

6. The school authorities of a Group B voluntary school may admit each year to the lower division of the secondary department of the school such and so many qualified pupils as they may think fit.

7. The local education authority shall make an award to each qualified pupil ordinarily resident in their area who is in attendance at a school.

8.—(1) An award shall consist of

(a) a scholarship of a value equal to —

- (i) in the case of a pupil who is in attendance at a Group A voluntary school or county school, the approved tuition fee of the school ; or, in the case of a pupil who is in attendance at a Group B voluntary school, an amount determined by the Ministry ; and
- (ii) the amount of examination fees as certified by or on behalf of the school authorities and approved by the local education authority ; and
- (iii) such amount in respect of books, stationery and other school requisites as may be determined by the local education authority and approved by the Ministry, which amount may be paid either to the School Authorities, the parent or otherwise for the benefit of the pupil as the local education authority may decide ; and

(b) such special allowances as may be granted in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation.

(2) Where, upon application made by the parent of a pupil to whom an award of a scholarship is made under the last preceding Regulation, it appears to the local education authority that it is necessary, for the purpose of the avoidance or alleviation of hardship to the pupil or his parents, that an allowance should be granted in respect of incidental expenses arising out of his attendance at the school, the local education authority may grant in respect of such pupil a special allowance (in these Regulations referred to as an incidentals allowance) calculated in accordance with and not exceeding the amount set forth in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(3) If in respect of any qualified pupil the local education authority are satisfied —

- (a) that, where by reason of the distance between his home and the nearest suitable school, or other sufficient cause, it would be unreasonable that he should attend a school as a day pupil ; and
- (b) that it is necessary that, for the purpose of the avoidance or alleviation of hardship to that pupil or his parents, a special allowance should be granted so as to enable him to attend a suitable school as a boarder ;

the local education authority may in their discretion grant in respect of that pupil a special allowance (in these Regulations referred to as a boarding allowance) of such value as the authority may with the approval of the Ministry determine.

9. Each award made under these Regulations shall be continued so long as is necessary to enable the holder to complete the course of study which has been approved by the local education authority for the purpose of the award :

Provided that the local education authority may at any time cancel the award —

- (i) if the holder ceases to satisfy the conditions under which the award was made ; or
- (ii) if they are satisfied, after consultation with the principal of the school concerned, that the conduct or progress of the holder is not satisfactory.

10. As a condition of making an award under these Regulations the local education authority may require the parent of a pupil to undertake that he shall remain in attendance at a school for such period as the authority may consider reasonable :

Provided, however, that the authority may release the parent from the undertaking if the authority, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, consider that the parent should be so released.

11. An application for an award shall be submitted to the local education authority and shall be in such form, contain such information, be accompanied by such documents and be submitted by such date as the authority may require ; provided, however, that the authority may waive any such requirement in any particular case. The authority may take such steps as they consider necessary to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the information so furnished.

12. It shall be the duty of the parent of the holder of an incidentals allowance or a boarding allowance to inform the local education authority of any change in his financial circumstances. If the authority have reason to believe that such a change has occurred or if the parent of the holder represents to the authority that such a change has occurred, the authority shall give the parent an opportunity of submitting a revised application and the authority shall thereafter reconsider and if necessary adjust the value of or cancel the allowance.

13. It shall be the duty of the parent of the holder of an award to inform the local education authority of any change in his place of residence.

14. The school authorities of a school shall furnish to the local education authority concerned such reports on the conduct and progress of each holder of an award as the authority may require.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 5th day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. S. Brownell,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE
(Regulation 8 (2)).

I. TABLE FOR CALCULATION OF INCIDENTALS ALLOWANCE

Net Income of Parent	Maximum Amount of Allowance per Annum			
	1st Pupil	2nd Pupil	3rd Pupil	4th Pupil
Under £200 per annum ...	£ 7 10 0	£ 7 10 0	£ 7 10 0	£ 7 10 0
£200 and over but less than £275 ...	5 0 0	7 10 0	7 10 0	7 10 0
£275 and over but less than £350 ...	2 10 0	5 0 0	7 10 0	7 10 0
£350 and over but less than £425 ...	—	2 10 0	5 0 0	7 10 0
£425 and over but less than £500 ...	—	2 10 0	5 0 0	5 0 0
£500 and over but less than £575 ...	—	—	2 10 0	5 0 0
£575 and over but less than £650 ...	—	—	—	2 10 0
£650 and over ...	—	—	—	—

Where five or more children of any family hold at the same time awards under these Regulations the local education authority may at their discretion extend and apply the foregoing Table.

II. CALCULATION OF NET INCOME OF PARENT

To determine the net income the following deductions may be made from the gross income :—

- (i) an allowance of £50 in respect of each wholly dependent son or daughter of the parent excluding one ;
- (ii) expenditure which, in the opinion of the local education authority, is reasonably incurred by the parent on the education of members of the family ;
- (iii) mortgage interest payable in respect of property held by the applicant or the parent ;
- (iv) exceptional items of expenditure at the discretion of the local education authority.

III. CALCULATION OF GROSS INCOME OF PARENT

To determine the gross income there shall be taken into account receipts under the following heads :—

- (i) earned and unearned income of both parents ;
- (ii) any amount received under any of the following Acts :—
the National Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1946 to 1952 ;
the Family Allowances Acts (Northern Ireland), 1945 and 1952 ;
the National Assistance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1948 and 1952 ;
- (iii) endowment or other private scholarships held by members of the family and any sums paid by relatives or other persons towards the cost of educating members of the family ;
- (iv) the annual value of any property held by the applicant or the parent.

IV. The deductions and receipts to be taken into account in calculating the gross and net incomes of the parent shall be in respect of the preceding financial year : provided that in order to avoid hardship to the pupil or his parents the receipts and deductions for the current financial year may be taken into account, in which case the receipts and deductions for the current financial year shall continue to be taken into account for each succeeding year.

V. The amount of the allowance shall, where necessary, be adjusted from that shown on the table so that the net income less the difference between the maximum allowance and the above-mentioned allowance is not reduced below what it would have been if the net income had fallen at the highest point in the next lower group.