(2) In addition to the number of teachers authorised under paragraph (1), an assistant teacher may be appointed for each 265 pupils on the average daily enrolment for the year ended 31st December; this will have effect from the 1st August following."

3.—(1) In Regulation 19 of the existing Regulations the expression "standard V" shall be replaced by the expression "Primary 7".

(2) The said Regulation 19 shall be alternative to the provisions of paragraph (2) of Regulation 18 and the school authorities may, subject to the approval of the Ministry, make appointments in accordance with whichever of the two alternative sets of provisions is more favourable to the staffing of the school.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of September, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.)

Leslie Arndell,

Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 19th day of September, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.)

K. R. Shimeld,

Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide for an improvement in the staffing of large primary schools; where the accommodation is suitable an additional assistant teacher may be appointed for each 265 pupils on the roll.

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH DECEMBER, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1956, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

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The Ministry of Education in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 104 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf,

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and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Primary Schools (General) (Amending) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Primary Schools (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949(a), as amended by the Primary Schools (General) (Amending) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(b).

3. To Regulation 59 of the existing Regulations there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(7). The period of absence determined under paragraph (1) may be reduced in any case where the school authorities and the Ministry are satisfied that the circumstances are so exceptional as to warrant such a reduction."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of December, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.)

A. C. Williams,

Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 19th day of December, 1958, in the presence of

(L.S.)

K. R. Shimeld,

Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The existing Regulations provide for a married woman teacher being absent for a period of not less than 18 weeks during the period preceding and succeeding child-birth. This amendment provides for the reduction of this period in exceptional circumstances, e.g., where the child does not live and it is desirable in the interests of the teacher that she should return to duty as soon as possible.

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(b) S.R. & O. 1957, No. 121.

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