

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Health Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954, in two major respects. They provide for the making by employing authorities of a supplementary contribution towards the cost of superannuation benefits provided under the Health Services Superannuation Scheme amounting to one and a half per cent. of an employee's remuneration.

The regulations also restrict the right to receive interest on superannuation contributions which are returned to an employee on his leaving the Health Service. Interest will in future be paid only to an employee who leaves the service otherwise than by voluntary resignation, or resignation or dismissal in consequence of inefficiency, fraud or misconduct. Interest will continue to be paid where contributions are returned to the personal representatives of a deceased employee in respect of whom no death gratuity is payable. Subject to certain limitations, officers who before the regulations would have received interest on their contributions will continue to enjoy that right.

The regulations substitute revised actuarial tables for use in the calculation of payments for the conversion of non-contributing service to contributing service and in the calculation of certain transfer values payable by the Ministry. In the former case the rate of interest on unpaid instalments is increased from $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. The introduction of the revised tables has necessitated certain consequential amendments to the 1954 Regulations.

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EDUCATION

Standards for School Premises

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH JUNE, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

The Ministry of Education, in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 7 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and effect

1.—These Regulations may be cited as the School Premises (Standards) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1960.

2.—(1) The Regulations hereby amended are the School Premises (Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(a).

(2) These Regulations shall have effect from 1st August, 1960.

Amendment of Regulation 15

3. For Regulation 15 of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation:

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 135.

"Playing Fields

15.—(1) Every secondary school shall have appropriated to it a playing field or playing fields which shall be—

- (a) laid out in pitches of suitable dimensions; and
 (b) not less in total area than the appropriate area in the following table:—

<i>Enrolment of the School</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Up to 180	4
181 - 420	6
421 - 560	8
561 - 700	10
Over 700	12

Provided that if part of the playing field accommodation is provided with a hard porous surface suitable in size for the playing of hockey, Association Football or other appropriate games, that part may be deemed to be three times its actual area, so, however, that at least one-half of the appropriate area shall have a grass surface.

- (2) (a) There shall be provided for each secondary school a number of hard courts suitably marked out for games, such that there shall be at least—
- (i) two such courts where the enrolment comprises boys only or does not exceed 140;
- (ii) four such courts where the enrolment exceeds 140 and either includes girls or comprises girls only;
- (iii) five such courts where the enrolment exceeds 560 and either includes girls or comprises girls only.
- (b) The area of the hard courts may be in addition to that of the paved space or paved spaces provided for in Regulation 14."

Amendment of Regulation 18

4. For paragraph (1) of Regulation 18 of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(1) The minimum area of an ordinary classroom in a secondary school shall be 480 square feet:

Provided that a smaller area may be approved if the classroom is intended for a class or group of not more than 20 pupils or for a class of junior pupils."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 28th day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty.

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(Signed) A. C. Williams,

Secretary.