

3. In this Schedule "close-coupled", in relation to a trailer, means that the wheels on the same side of the trailer are so fitted that at all times while it is in motion they remain parallel to the longitudinal axis of the trailer, and that the distance between the centres of their respective areas of contact with the road surface does not exceed thirty-three inches.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958, specifies the maximum speed for specified classes and descriptions of vehicles when they are being driven on roads generally.

The present Regulations abolish the maximum speed for any of these vehicles when they are being driven on the Motorway, except in the case of vehicles drawing certain types of trailers, the maximum speed of which is limited to 40 m.p.h.

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Voluntary Primary, Intermediate and Special Schools Building Grants

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH JUNE, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1962.

The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sub-section (1) of Section 106 and Section 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Voluntary Primary, Intermediate and Special Schools Building Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August, 1962.

(3) The Voluntary Primary, Intermediate and Special Schools Building, etc., Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(a), are hereby revoked.

2. In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:

"the Act" means the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947;

"the applicants" has the meaning assigned to the expression in Regulation 4;

"boarding accommodation" includes approved residential accommodation at a boarding school for teaching and domestic staff as well as residential accommodation for pupils;

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 207.

“school” means a primary, intermediate or special school, not being a school under the management of a local education authority.

3.—(1) The Ministry may, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations, pay grants towards approved expenditure incurred on or in connection with the provision of a new school or the alteration of an existing school.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1) and subject thereto, the power of the Ministry to pay grants under these Regulations shall include power to pay grants towards approved expenditure on or in connection with—

- (a) works of a temporary nature;
- (b) the acquisition of land; and
- (c) in the case of a special school, the provision or alteration of boarding accommodation.

(3) When approved expenditure has been incurred in connection with the proposed provision of a new school or the proposed alteration of an existing school and the project in connection with which such expenditure has been incurred is with the approval of the Ministry abandoned in favour of another project (hereinafter referred to as “the superseding project”) approved for the purpose of grant under these Regulations, then the expenditure so incurred, or so much thereof as the Ministry may consider reasonable in the circumstances, may at the discretion of the Ministry be treated for the purposes of paragraph (1) of this Regulation as approved expenditure incurred in connection with the superseding project.

4. Save as provided in Regulation 10, applications for payment of grant under these Regulations shall be made by or on behalf of the trustees or other persons (which trustees or other persons are in these Regulations referred to as “the applicants”) in whom the school premises are, or are to be, vested and shall be in such form and contain such particulars and information as the Ministry may require.

5. The Ministry may require that sketch plans, working drawings, specifications, estimates, tenders and such other information and documents as the Ministry may direct shall be submitted for its approval.

6.—(1) A grant shall not be paid under these Regulations unless the applicants—

- (a) provide or undertake to provide such additional sum as will when added to the grant be sufficient in the opinion of the Ministry to meet the total cost of the works proposed to be carried out; and
- (b) satisfy the Ministry that the school is vested in them in such manner as to satisfy the requirements of sub-section (1) of Section 106 of the Act for ever or for an approved term of years, and on such conditions as the Ministry may approve.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1) a grant for the provision of a new school shall not be paid unless the applicants satisfy the Ministry—

- (a) that the school is needed to ensure adequate and suitable provision for the education of the pupils expected to attend; and
- (b) that the site is suitable for the purposes of the school; and
- (c) that they have in accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 9 of the Act consulted the local education authority for the area in which the school is to be established.

(3) Where it is necessary for the purposes of payment of grant under these Regulations for a document to be prepared vesting the school in the applicants, the document will be prepared by the Ministry's Solicitor free of charge save for stamp duty or other statutory fees or for any expenditure incurred in obtaining proof of title or any necessary consent.

7.—(1) The applicants shall insure and keep insured the premises (including all buildings or erections thereon and all fixtures, fittings and equipment therein) of a school in respect of which a grant has been paid under these Regulations against loss or damage by fire and such other risks as the Ministry may from time to time in writing direct in some insurance office of repute for a sum equal to the full value thereof and will from time to time upon request produce to the Ministry the policy of insurance for the time being in force and the receipt for the last premium due thereunder and will whenever any loss or damage by fire or such other risks as aforesaid shall happen to the school premises or to the buildings or erections thereon or the fixtures, fittings or equipment therein expend in rebuilding or reinstating the same all or so much of the money received under such insurance as aforesaid as the Ministry may require.

(2) The premises of a school in respect of which a grant has been paid under these Regulations shall not be used for political meetings, or for the transaction of any political business or for any purposes connected directly or indirectly with parliamentary or local government elections, otherwise than as polling booths on the requisition of the officer responsible under the enactments governing such elections.

(3) The applicants shall maintain the premises (including all buildings or erections thereon and all features, fittings and equipment therein) of a school in respect of which a grant has been paid under these Regulations in a manner satisfactory to the Ministry and shall carry out or cause to be carried out such works of internal or external maintenance or take such other action as the Ministry may from time to time direct.

(4) The premises or the furniture, fittings or equipment of a school in respect of which a grant has been paid under these Regulations shall not be used otherwise than for the purposes of the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1947 to 1962, or the Youth Welfare, Physical Training and Recreation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1938 to 1962, or purposes ancillary thereto.

8.—(1) A payment on foot of a grant under these Regulations shall not be made towards expenditure incurred on the purchase of lands or premises without the prior approval of the Ministry or on works begun before the Ministry has signified its approval thereof or (except as provided by paragraph (3) of this Regulation with respect to payment of instalments) on works which have not been completed to the satisfaction of the Ministry: Provided that expenditure incurred without the prior approval of the Ministry may be admitted for grant at the discretion of the Ministry if the Ministry is satisfied—

- (a) that delay in incurring the expenditure would have resulted in risk, danger or hardship to pupils or have necessitated the closing of the whole or part of the school in respect of which the expenditure was incurred; or
- (b) that it was in the circumstances impracticable for the applicants to obtain the prior approval of the Ministry or that it would have been unreasonable to require them to do so.

(2) Expenditure on the carrying-out of works shall not, save in so far as the Ministry may otherwise approve, be treated as approved expenditure for the purpose of these Regulations unless incurred by acceptance of the lowest competitive tender received in response to public advertisement.

(3) The Ministry may pay grants by instalments, the first of which shall not be paid until at least one-tenth of the estimated cost of the work has been met by the applicants, and the final instalment of grant shall not be paid until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Ministry and any maintenance period prescribed in the contract documents has expired.

(4) The applicants shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Ministry all such receipts, architect's certificates or other documents as the Ministry may require for the purpose of vouching the approved expenditure towards which the grant is to be paid.

(5) On such vouching payments on foot of the grant may be made to the applicants or to any manager or other person nominated by them whose receipt shall be a good discharge to the Ministry.

9.—(1) Grant shall not be paid under these Regulations in respect of expenditure incurred in making good damage resulting from fire or from any defect in or accident to, or accident caused by, a boiler installed on the school premises or any other risk in respect of which the Ministry has issued a direction under Regulation 7(1).

(2) Where after school premises have suffered such damage as is referred to in paragraph (1) works are carried out with the approval of the Ministry which result in alterations to the school premises in addition to or in lieu of the making good of such damage, the expenditure on such works in respect of which grant is payable, under these Regulations shall be the approved cost of the works reduced by the estimated cost of making good such damage.

(3) Where after school premises have suffered such damage as is referred to in paragraph (1) new school premises are provided with the approval of the Ministry in lieu of the making good of such damage, the expenditure on such works in respect of which grant is payable under these Regulations shall be the approved cost of the works reduced by the estimated cost of making good such damage.

(4) For the purposes of this Regulation the estimated cost of making good damage shall be the cost as estimated by or agreed by the Ministry.

10. These Regulations shall in their application to schools vested in the Ministry have effect subject to the following modifications—

- (a) applications for grant shall be made by the manager of the school;
- (b) for Regulation 6 the following Regulation shall be substituted:—

“6. A grant shall not be paid under these Regulations unless the manager of the school provides or undertakes to provide such additional sum as will when added to the grant be sufficient in the opinion of the Ministry to meet the total cost of the work proposed to be carried out.”;

- (c) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 7 and in Regulation 8 any reference to the applicants shall be deemed to be a reference to the manager of the school.