

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

Under this Order subsidies to local authorities, the Northern Ireland Housing Trust and housing associations are revised (upwards) in respect of houses for which tenders are submitted to the Ministry for approval or accepted by the Trust or housing associations, after 31st March, 1965.

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## EDUCATION

## Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions)

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH APRIL, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1963, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 84, 104 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Introductory*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965, and shall come into operation on 1st August, 1965:

(2) In these Regulations—

"approved" means approved by the Ministry for the purposes to which the context relates;

"recognised" means recognised by the Ministry;

"school" means any recognised secondary school including (except where otherwise stated) a technical intermediate school;

"preparatory department" means the part of a grammar school in which primary education is provided;

"secondary department" means the part of a grammar school in which secondary education is provided;

"school year" means the year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July;

"school authorities" means the local education authority in the case of a county school and the managers in the case of a voluntary school;

"Group A voluntary school" means a grammar school which before 18th January, 1951, elected to be classified as a Group A voluntary school or which has been subsequently so classified by the Ministry;

"Group B voluntary school" means a grammar school which before 18th January, 1951, elected to be classified as a Group B voluntary school and has not been subsequently reclassified;

“qualified pupil” has the meaning assigned to it in the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(a).

2. These Regulations prescribe the conditions which shall be satisfied by a school in order that grant may be payable in respect thereof under the Act, and by a teacher in order that he may be recognised by the Ministry.

#### *General Conditions*

3.—(1) In order to be recognised a school shall comply with the requirements imposed on it by or under the Act.

(2) Recognition of a new school, or the continued recognition of an existing school, shall depend upon the maintenance of such average enrolment of pupils as the Ministry may determine.

4. A school shall be kept on a satisfactory level of efficiency and shall be open to inspection by officers of the Ministry.

#### *Management*

5. A copy of the approved scheme of management shall be deposited with the Ministry and no variation of or departure from the provisions of the scheme shall be made without the approval of the Ministry.

#### *Curriculum, time-table, attendance of pupils and size of classes*

6.—(1) The instruction to be given in a school shall be determined with due regard to the ages, abilities and aptitudes of the pupils, and the curriculum, syllabus and time-table shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

(2) The Ministry may prohibit the use in a school of any book of which it does not approve.

7.—(1) A school shall be in operation for three terms in any school year; the first term shall end in December, the second in March or April and the third in June or July.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) and paragraph (5) a school shall be in operation during the school year for at least 200 days (exclusive of Sundays) of which not more than five days may be counted in any one week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 8 the dates of school holidays shall be determined by the school authorities.

(4) A school may at the discretion of the school authorities be closed for a number of optional holidays, not exceeding ten days in any school year, and such optional holidays may be counted as days when the school is in operation for the purposes of paragraph (2).

(5) In exceptional circumstances the Ministry may sanction a reduction in the number of days prescribed in paragraph (2).

8.—(1) In this Regulation the expression “school” does not include a grammar school.

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(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 70; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 112; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 52; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 143.

(2) The dates of school holidays, other than optional holidays, shall in the case of voluntary schools be subject to the approval of the local education authority for the area in which the school is situated.

(3) Not later than 31st March in any year the principal of every voluntary school shall furnish to the local education authority, in such form as the authority may prescribe, a statement of the dates on which it is proposed that the school will be closed in the ensuing school year, including (so far as is known at that time) the dates of optional holidays.

- (4) (a) The local education authority's approval to proposals for holiday closings, as submitted in accordance with paragraph (3), shall not be unreasonably withheld and the authority shall take into account any representations made by or on behalf of the managers of a voluntary school.
- (b) In the event of the authority being unwilling to approve the proposals for closings submitted in accordance with paragraph (3) (or any amended proposals submitted after consultation between the authority and the managers) the authority shall determine the dates of such closings and shall notify the managers of its decision.
- (c) If the managers of a voluntary school are unwilling to accept the decision of the local education authority about the dates of closing they may, within fourteen days of receipt of the notification referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph, refer the matter to the Ministry for final determination.

9.—(1) The Ministry may require that such of the Regulations made under section 75 of the Act as it may from time to time direct shall be complied with in the case of pupils who are over compulsory school age and in respect of all pupils (including pupils of compulsory school age) the school authorities shall keep such records and furnish such returns as the Ministry may deem necessary.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation an attendance shall mean an attendance on any day under instruction, other than in religious education, for a period of not less than—

- (a) 3 hours in the case of a pupil enrolled in a class composed wholly or mainly of pupils who, at the commencement of the school year, had not attained the age of 8 years;
- (b) 4½ hours in the case of any other pupil:

Provided that—

- (i) on a day on which arrangements are in the time-table for a half-holiday the attendance of any pupil under instruction, other than in religious education, for not less than two hours may be reckoned as an attendance;
- (ii) the Ministry may approve the modification of this Regulation in the case of a pupil for whom educational instruction of a special nature is being provided.

(3) The minimum time constituting an attendance may include any time occupied by a pupil—

- (a) in undergoing inspection or treatment under a scheme of school medical service;
- (b) in attending an examination;
- (c) in any other manner approved by the Ministry.

(4) In the case of a pupil to whom the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) applies an attendance shall be made in two sessions separated by a period of not less than half an hour.

10. The number of pupils under instruction together by one teacher shall not, without sanction of the Ministry, exceed—

- (a) 20 for a class in a practical subject;
- (b) 35 for a class in any other subject.

#### *Appointment and recognition of teachers*

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 28(1), a full-time teacher

- (a) a principal; or
- (b) a teacher appointed in a full-time capacity and engaged for at least 25 hours per week in school duties of which not less than 20 hours are devoted to class instruction in subjects of the approved time-table:

Provided that—

- (i) if a teacher is employed in class instruction for at least 10 hours per week and also performs approved duties of a secretarial or administrative character in connexion with the school, half the time spent by him weekly in such secretarial or administrative duties may be reckoned as time spent in class instruction for the purposes of this Regulation;
- (ii) the Ministry may relax sub-paragraph (b) in the case of a teacher who is performing the duties of a principal during the principal's absence, or in other special circumstances, if it is satisfied that such relaxation is desirable having regard to the duties which the teacher is expected to perform.

(2) A part-time teacher is a teacher who is not a full-time teacher.

12. A full-time teacher will be required to satisfy the Ministry of his health and physical capacity for teaching.

13. As a condition of recognition as a qualified teacher the following qualifications or others adjudged by the Ministry to be equivalent are required:—

- (i) an approved university degree; or
- (ii) completion of an approved course of training; or
- (iii) an approved diploma or certificate.

Provided that any teacher granted recognition under the Further Education (Grant Conditions) Regulations who is declared redundant by a local education authority because of reorganisation of the institution of further education (including a technical intermediate school) in which he is employed may, at the discretion of the Ministry, be granted recognition.

14. A recognised teacher shall be entitled to teach such subject or subjects as the Ministry may from time to time determine in each case.

15. Where school authorities desire that a recognised teacher shall give instruction in a subject or subjects which he is not entitled to teach under Regulation 14, the Ministry may sanction such an arrangement, subject to any conditions which it may consider necessary.

16. Where the Ministry is satisfied that school authorities are unable to secure the services of a teacher who is eligible for recognition the appointment of a person who is not so eligible may be sanctioned and such person may be permitted to teach for a limited period as an unqualified teacher such subjects as the Ministry may determine.

17. A teacher shall not engage in any activities which in the opinion of the school authorities or of the Ministry would interfere with the proper discharge of his duties as a teacher.

18. A full-time teacher shall not be employed before he attains the age of 20 years or after the 31st July next following the date on which he attains the age of 65 years, except for limited periods in cases where there are special circumstances and the Ministry so approves.

19. —(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) a teacher who is recognised as a qualified teacher shall be on probation for an initial period of six terms or such period or periods as the Ministry considers equivalent to six terms. While a teacher is on probation his recognition shall be provisional.

(2) If a teacher has previous teaching experience, or in special circumstances, the Ministry may waive probation in whole or in part.

(3) Unless the Ministry in special circumstances considers that it is necessary to defer a decision, it shall at the end of the period or periods of probation referred to in paragraph (1) and of any period by which such period or periods are extended under the provisions of this paragraph confirm the teacher's recognition or extend his probation for a further period or withdraw his recognition.

(4) If a decision is deferred under paragraph (3) but at the end of the period of deferment the Ministry confirms the teacher's recognition, the Ministry shall determine from what date recognition would have been confirmed if the decision had not been deferred, and the teacher's recognition shall be deemed to have been confirmed from that date.

20. If a teacher's recognition is withdrawn the Ministry may in special circumstances provisionally restore his recognition for such period and subject to such conditions as it may determine. During such period the teacher shall be on probation and at the end of such period the Ministry shall either confirm the teacher's recognition or withdraw it.

21. The Ministry may, before confirming recognition, or at any time as a condition of continued recognition, require a teacher to attend further courses of study or to comply with such other conditions as it may determine.

22. The Ministry may refuse or withdraw the recognition of a teacher on the grounds of misconduct or inefficiency.

#### *Salaries of teachers*

23. The scales of salaries and allowances for teachers and the conditions for admission to such scales of salaries and for the granting of such allowances shall be those prescribed from time to time by the Ministry and teachers shall be remunerated at rates not lower than the appropriate rates determined in accordance therewith.

24. The contributions payable by a teacher under the provisions of the Teachers (Superannuation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(a) shall be deducted from his salary and—

- (a) in the case of a teacher paid by the Ministry shall be retained by the Ministry;
- (b) in the case of a teacher employed in a county school shall be remitted by the local education authority to the Ministry;
- (c) in the case of a teacher employed in a voluntary grammar school shall be recoverable by the Ministry from grants payable by the Ministry to the school authorities.

### Staffing

25.—(1) The number of full-time teachers who may be appointed to a school other than a technical intermediate school or a voluntary grammar school, and the number of full-time teachers who may be appointed to the authorised staff of a voluntary grammar school for the purposes of paragraph 1 of the First Schedule, shall be determined for each school year by the staffing score of the school in accordance with the following scale:—

<i>Staffing Score</i>	<i>Number of Teachers</i>
Less than 151 points . . . . .	5
151 but less than 181 points . . . . .	6

and so on, one teacher being added for each additional 30 points.

(2) The staffing score shall be determined by the number of pupils on the roll of the school, excluding the preparatory department, if any, for the preceding school year, and shall be calculated as follows:—

For each pupil under 16 years of age . . . . .	1½ points
For each pupil of 16 years of age and over . . . . .	2½ points

provided that each ascertained handicapped pupil, regardless of his age, shall count for 2 points.

(3) For the purposes of the preceding paragraph—

- (a) the pupils on the roll shall be taken to be those pupils whose names are on the roll of the school on the second Friday following its opening for the second term in the school year; and
- (b) pupils shall be classified according to their ages at 31st December in the school year.

(4) In the case of a grammar school with a preparatory department there shall be added to the number of teachers determined under paragraph (1) a number of teachers determined in accordance with the following scale:—

<i>Average daily enrolment for the year ending on preceding 31st December of pupils in the preparatory department of not less than 4 years of age</i>	<i>Number of teachers</i>
Below 25 pupils . . . . .	1
At least 25 but not exceeding 59 pupils . . . . .	2
Exceeding 59 but not exceeding 94 pupils . . . . .	3

and so on, one teacher being added for each additional 35 pupils, and an extra teacher where the average daily enrolment exceeds 234 pupils.

(5) The Ministry may decide, in such circumstances as appear to it so to require, that the number of teachers determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall be increased or diminished in any particular school.

(6) In the case of a school not recognised in the preceding school year the number of teachers who may be appointed shall be determined by the Ministry.

(7) The Ministry shall not merely on account of a diminution in the number of pupils require the removal from the authorised staff of a voluntary grammar school of any member of that staff until all the circumstances shall have been fully considered and due notice given by the Ministry to the school authorities.

26. The Ministry may, under approved arrangements, sanction the appointment to a school of one or more part-time teachers where it is satisfied that they are required for the needs of the school and may permit such teachers to teach such subject or subjects as it may determine.

27. School authorities shall, by the appointment of a substitute teacher or otherwise, make provision for the continuance of school work during the absence of a teacher.

#### *Employment of a teacher in more than one school*

28.—(1) A teacher employed in a school who in accordance with approved arrangements also gives instruction in some other grant-aided school or performs duties under a scheme of further education may, with the approval of the Ministry, be treated as a full-time teacher in the first-mentioned school provided that in the opinion of the Ministry the aggregate number of hours of duty performed by the teacher in the first-mentioned school and the other school or under the scheme is sufficient to justify the teacher being so treated.

(2) The arrangements referred to in paragraph (1) shall include provision for determining to what extent the Ministry or the authorities of any grant-aided school or the appropriate authorities in respect of a scheme of further education, shall meet or contribute to the cost of the teacher's salary.

(3) The Ministry shall determine whether a teacher employed in one or more voluntary grammar schools under arrangements made in accordance with paragraph (1) should be placed on the authorised staff of such school or schools and if the teacher is so placed he shall, to the extent that he is so employed in each such school, be regarded as additional to the number of authorised teachers to which the school is entitled in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 25.

(4) In this Regulation, notwithstanding the provision in Regulation 1(2), the expression "grant-aided school" has the same meaning as in the Act.

#### *Appointment and transfer of teachers to certain county schools*

29.—(1) Every advertisement issued pursuant to sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Act shall state—

- (a) the nature of the appointment (principal, assistant, etc.) and, if necessary, whether a man or a woman is required;
- (b) the name, location and enrolment of the school;
- (c) that forms of application and particulars of the position may be obtained on application to the local education authority;

(d) the latest date for receiving completed application forms; and  
 (e) such special conditions and other relevant particulars or information as the local education authority may consider should be stated.

(2) Every such advertisement shall be published in such newspapers or educational journals and with such frequency as the Ministry, after consultation with the local education authority, may direct.

(3) The local education authority shall, after the latest date appointed for receiving such applications, transmit the applications and particulars of the candidates to the school management committee by which the school is managed.

**30.—**(1) In every case in which sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Act does not apply and which comes under paragraph (a) of sub-section (3) of the said Section 19, and in which the local education authority proposes, in pursuance of the powers contained in the last named sub-section, to appoint or to transfer a teacher, it shall be the duty of the local education authority to inform the school management committee of the school to which the teacher is to be appointed or transferred of the proposal as soon as possible after the meeting at which the resolution embodying the proposal is adopted.

(2) If the school management committee desires under sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act to exercise its right of appeal to the Ministry against the said proposal, such appeal must be lodged with the Ministry within a period of 21 days reckoned from the date of issue to the school management committee of the notification of the local education authority's proposal. Every such appeal must state clearly the grounds upon which it is made.

(3) If no appeal is received from the school management committee within the said 21 days, the Ministry shall confirm the proposed appointment or transfer if it is satisfied that it is otherwise in accordance with the Ministry's Regulations.

*Regulations applicable only to grammar schools.*

**31.—**(1) A school shall not be conducted for private profit or farmed out to the principal or other person.

(2) The income of a school from all sources must be devoted solely to approved educational purposes.

(3) A statement of the accounts of a voluntary grammar school for each school year shall be furnished to the Ministry. This statement shall be certified by a qualified accountant and shall be supported by such vouchers and other evidence as the Ministry may require.

**32.—**(1) If the managers of a grammar school which has been classified as a Group B voluntary school subsequently request the Ministry to reclassify the school as a Group A voluntary school, and the Ministry is satisfied that having regard to the existing school provision in the area it is expedient that the school should be so reclassified, the Ministry may from such date as it may determine reclassify such school as a Group A voluntary school.

(2) The income in respect of any period after the thirty-first day of July, 1951, of a Group A voluntary school produced by the tuition fees charged in respect of pupils in the secondary department shall not, without the consent of the Ministry, be devoted to expenditure which in the opinion of the Ministry is capital expenditure or to any purpose not related to the tuition of pupils in that department.



**33.—(1)** The scale of fees charged by the school authorities of a grammar school shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

**(2)** There shall be charged in respect of a pupil in the secondary department of a grammar school who is not a qualified pupil fees of an amount not less than the fees charged in respect of a qualified pupil undergoing a corresponding course in that department.

**34.—(1)** This Regulation shall apply to a Group A voluntary school.

**(2)** The tuition fee charged in respect of pupils in the secondary department of the school—

**(a)** shall be based upon the annual income and expenditure in connexion with the tuition of pupils of that department;

**(b)** shall not be subject to the approval of the local education authority; and

**(c)** may be reviewed on the initiative either of the Ministry or of the school authorities, and on any such review regard shall be had to the fee charged during the three school years immediately preceding the review, to the policy, curriculum and traditions of the school and to any special circumstances or considerations that may be relevant.

**(3)** The expenditure in connexion with the tuition of pupils in the secondary department of the school may include such salaries, and such payments in respect of additional staff, as the school authorities may, subject to the approval of the Ministry, consider desirable having regard to the policy, curriculum and traditions of the school and to any other special circumstances or considerations that may be relevant.

**(4)** Where the school authorities incur or intend to incur capital expenditure, they may, for the purpose of meeting such expenditure, include in the scale of fees a fee of such amount not exceeding £15 as may be sanctioned by the Ministry.

**Grants**  
**35.** Subject to the provisions of these Regulations and to any deductions in respect of contributions payable under the Teachers (Superannuation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1950, the Ministry may pay to school authorities grants in respect of voluntary schools in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule.

**36.** The approved expenditure of a local education authority which is incurred under these Regulations shall, except where otherwise provided, be included in the expenditure in respect of which grants are payable by the Ministry to the authority under the Regulations of the Ministry dealing with the payment of grants to local education authorities.

**37.** In the event of the discontinuance of a school as a school conducted subject to these Regulations the Ministry may withhold payment of any grants due in respect of the school under these or any other Regulations of the Ministry or of any portion of such grants except of such amount as may be necessary to aid the school in discharging just and lawful debts incurred by way of approved educational expenditure before such discontinuance.

38. If school authorities fail to satisfy the requirements of these or of any other Regulations of the Ministry, the Ministry may either withdraw recognition from the school after such notice, if any, as it may determine or withhold or make deduction from grants payable under these or any other Regulations of the Ministry.

#### *Revocation of Regulations*

39. The Regulations named in the Second Schedule are hereby revoked. Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 6th day of April, 1965, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. M. Benn,*

Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Regulations in witness thereof the Seal of the Ministry has been fixed thereto this 6th day of April, 1965, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*R. H. Kidd,*

Assistant Secretary.

#### Regulation 35

#### FIRST SCHEDULE

##### *Salary Grant*

1. Salary grant shall be payable in respect of each recognised teacher appointed to the authorised staff of a voluntary grammar school by the school authorities with the approval of the Ministry and shall be an annual rate equal to two-thirds of the amount by which the annual rate of salary (including the principal's allowance, vice-principal's allowance, graded allowance or allowance for second master or second mistress) payable to the teacher under the Regulations exceeds the rate of £525 per annum:

Provided that in respect of any period of absence, owing to illness, in respect of which a teacher is paid half salary, the salary grant payable by the Ministry in respect of him for the period shall be half the salary grant that would normally be payable.

##### *Capitation Grant*

2. Capitation grant shall be payable for a school year in respect of each pupil of a voluntary grammar school who was at least 4 years of age at the beginning of the school year and was under 19 years of age for at least six calendar months during the school year and was following an approved course.

3. Subject to the adjustment specified in paragraph 5, capitation grant shall be payable in respect of the school year at the following rates:—

- (a) £12 in respect of each pupil in a preparatory department who was less than 12 years of age on 1st July of the school year.
- (b) £16.16s. in respect of each pupil in a secondary department who was less than 15 years of age on 1st July of the school year.
- (c) £21 10s. in respect of each pupil in a secondary department who was not less than 15 years of age on 1st July of the school year.

4. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3 the pupils shall be those on the rolls of the school on the second Friday following its opening for the second term in the school year.

5. Where the amount of capitation grant payable to a school recognised by the Ministry on 31st July, 1958, in respect of the pupils in the secondary department does not exceed £3,000 there shall be added thereto either the sum of £120 or such sum as will increase the amount of grant in respect of these pupils to £3,000, whichever is the less.

*Grant in respect of Modern Language Assistants*

6. Grant shall be payable not exceeding one half the approved maintenance allowance paid by the school authorities of a voluntary school to a person, other than a teacher, who is engaged, in accordance with arrangements approved by the Ministry, for the purposes of giving assistance in the teaching of modern languages.

Regulation 39

SECOND SCHEDULE

- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 100, Intermediate School (Grant Conditions) Regulations 1958.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 73, Intermediate Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 162, Intermediate Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2 (Northern Ireland) 1961.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 227, Intermediate Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 45, Intermediate Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 176, Intermediate Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2 (Northern Ireland) 1963.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 110, Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Regulations 1956.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 34, Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations 1957.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 56, Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1957.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 144, Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 4, 1957.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 98, Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations 1958.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 20, Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations 1959.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 157, Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) No. 3, 1959.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 251, Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 229, Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 46, Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.
- S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 100, Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2 (Northern Ireland) 1963.

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The purpose of these Regulations is to amalgamate the Grant Conditions Regulations for secondary (grammar and intermediate) schools. In addition, the Regulations introduce several amendments including an improved staffing scale, revision of the minimum number of days for which schools shall be in operation and adjustment of the daily hours of attendance of certain preparatory department pupils.

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**EDUCATION**

**Primary Schools (General)**

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH APRIL, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1963, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry", in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 84 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a), 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 Primary Schools (General) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) No. 2, 1965.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August, 1965.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Primary Schools (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(b).

3. For Regulations 15 and 16 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

15.—(1) A school shall be in operation for three terms in any school year; the first term shall end in December, the second in March or April and the third in June or July.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) and paragraph (5) a school shall be in operation during the school year for at least 200 days (exclusive of Sundays) of which not more than five days may be counted in any one week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive.

(a) 1947, c. 3.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 104; 1962, No. 12; 1962, No. 230; 1963, No. 48; 1964, No. 123; 1965, No. 39.