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## EDUCATION

## Milk and Meals Amending Regulations

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST MARCH 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1966.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 43, 74 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Milk and Meals Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April 1968.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1955(b).

3. The Milk and Meals Amending Regulations No. 3 (Northern Ireland) 1960(c) and the Milk and Meals Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(d) are hereby revoked.

4. For Regulation 17 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation:

- "17.—(1) The parents of a pupil shall be charged
- (a) for a dinner supplied to a pupil an approved amount; and
  - (b) for any other meal or refreshment so supplied, an amount not less than the cost of the ingredients of the said other meal or refreshment:

Provided that the responsible authority shall remit the charge in the case of:

- (i) a handicapped pupil attending a special school;
- (ii) a pupil who resides in a voluntary home and in respect of whose maintenance there no allowance is payable by a statutory body; and
- (iii) any dependent child in excess of three in a large family.

In any other case the responsible authority may remit the whole or part of the charge, in accordance with arrangements approved by the Ministry, if it is satisfied that the payment thereof would involve financial hardship to the parent.

For the purpose of (iii) above—

- (a) a large family is a family with more than three dependent children;
- (b) a dependent child is one who is under school leaving age or who, being over school leaving age, is in full-time attendance at school, or is a pupil to whom Regulation 3(3) of these Regulations applies.

(a) 1947. c. 3.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955, No. 52; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 194.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 98.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 2.

(2) A parent shall, if he desires to obtain the remission of the whole or part of the charge, make application to the responsible authority.

(3) An application under paragraph (2) on grounds of financial hardship shall contain such information as to the parent's means as will enable the responsible authority to determine whether or not the payment of the whole or part of the charge would involve him in financial hardship and shall be made on a form approved by the Ministry.

(4) Milk supplied to pupils in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations shall be supplied to them free of charge.

(5) Save as the Ministry may in any particular case direct any reference in this Regulation to the cost of the ingredients shall refer to the cost as estimated by the responsible authority."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 1st day of March 1968 in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. M. Benn,  
Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The purpose of these Amending Regulations is to make provision for the supply of school meals, free of charge, to fourth and subsequent children in a family of four or more.