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Voluntary Grammar Schools—Milk and Meals Grants

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972 (AS AMENDED) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 47, 105 and 125 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) as amended by the Local Government (Postponement of Elections and Reorganisation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Voluntary Grammar Schools Milk and Meals Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

Regulations revoked

2. The Voluntary Grammar Schools Milk and Meals Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(c) are hereby revoked.

Definitions

3.—(1) In these Regulations

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Education;

"approved" means approved by the Ministry;

"dinner" means a substantial mid-day meal;

"school" means a voluntary grammar school;

"school meals service" means a service for the provision of milk, meals or other refreshment or any combination thereof;

"school year" means a year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July.

(2) In these Regulations "overhead charges" means the total approved expenditure incurred by the managers of a school on a service for supplying dinners for day pupils after the deduction of any sums received as payment for dinners and any sums which in the opinion of the Ministry should be credited to the school meals account.

4. Where an approved school meals service is provided at a school, without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation 7, the Ministry may make to the managers of the school grants as follows:—

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1263 (N.I. 12).
(b) S.I. 1972, No. 1998 (N.I. 21).

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 141.

- (a) a grant equal to the overhead charges during the school year; and
- (b) a grant equal to the expenditure incurred with the prior approval of the Ministry on the purchase and where necessary the installation of equipment required for the purpose of supplying dinners to day pupils, less any receipts which in the opinion of the Ministry should be taken into account; and
- (c) a grant equal to the approved expenditure incurred on the provision of milk for pupils in accordance with Regulation 5(1) of the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(d).

5.—(1) Applications for grants under these Regulations shall be made in such form and at such time as the Ministry may require.

(2) Applicants for grants shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Ministry all such receipts or other documents as the Ministry may require for the purpose of vouching expenditure in respect of which the said grants are to be paid.

6. As a condition of the payment of grant under sub-paragraph (b) of Regulation 4 the Ministry may require the managers of a school to undertake to use and maintain the equipment, in respect of which grant is paid, for the provision of dinners for day pupils or in default to repay to the Ministry the whole or such part of the grant as the Ministry may determine, having regard to the period during which the equipment has been used.

7. Grants payable under these Regulations may be paid by the Ministry by instalments or by way of advances of grant at such times and of such amounts as the Ministry may determine.

8. In determining the expenditure admissible for grant under Regulation 4(b) the Ministry may take account of any receipts from the sale of surplus or superseded equipment provided with the aid of grant from the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 31st day of August 1973.

(L.S.)

P. K. McHugh,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Secretary of State hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 31st day of August 1973.

(L.S.)

A. J. Green,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations empower the Ministry to pay to the managers of a voluntary grammar school a grant equal to the approved net expenditure incurred by them on the provision of a school meals service.