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**EDUCATION****Commencement of School Attendance**

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH NOVEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Ministry of Education on behalf of the Secretary of State and in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Articles 36 and 125 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Commencement of School Attendance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

2.—(1) The date of commencement of school attendance of a child on attaining the lower limit of compulsory school age shall be not later than the date of the first day of operation of the school at which he is registered in the term following his fifth birthday.

(2) For the purpose of this Regulation the terms during which a school is in operation shall be those specified in Regulation 14(1) of the Primary Schools (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(b), Regulation 11(1) of the Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) or Regulation 19(2) of the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(d).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 14th day of November 1973, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. Finney,*  
Deputy Secretary.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations prescribe the date of commencement of school attendance of a child on attaining the lower limit of compulsory school age.

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

(c) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 403.

(b) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 402.

(d) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 390.