STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 438

EDUCATION

Primary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*2nd October 1997*
Coming into operation	*2nd October 1997*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 16(9) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Primary Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1997.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the 1997 Order" means the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;

"the criteria" means the criteria to be drawn up under Article 16(1) of the 1997 Order.

Application

3. These Regulations shall apply in relation to the admission of children to grant-aided primary schools commencing with admissions in the school year ending on 31st July 1999.

Matters to be included in the criteria

4. The criteria to be applied in selecting children for admission to a school shall include the following matters—

(a) the order of priority in which children in the relevant age group shall be admitted to the school at the beginning of the school year, where the number of applications for admission exceeds the school's admissions number for that school year;

(**1**) S.I.1997/866 (N.I. 5)