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EDUCATION

Further Education General Regulations

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH OCTOBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Ministry of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry", on behalf of the Secretary of State and in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Articles 58 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:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Further Education General Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect from 1st October 1973.

Regulations revoked

2. The following Regulations are hereby revoked:—

the Further Education (Grant Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(b);

the Further Education (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(c);

the Further Education (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967, No. 2(d).

Definitions

3. In these Regulations—

"institution of further education" means any place in which a board provides facilities for further education, including a place used only for part-time classes;

"Order" means the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

"part-time teacher" means a teacher who is not a full-time teacher.

General provisions

4. Any institution of further education shall be organised with due regard to the circumstances and needs of the district which it is intended to serve and the facilities available in other institutions of further education, and appropriate arrangements shall be made for consultation and co-operation with industry and commerce in respect of courses related thereto.

5. The instruction to be given in an institution of further education shall be determined with due regard to the ages, abilities and aptitudes of the students, and the curriculum, syllabuses and time-tables shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1263 (N.I. 12).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 210.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 183.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 189.

6. A teacher shall be required to teach classes approved by the Ministry for not less than 20 hours weekly: provided that the requirement as to the number of hours of teaching approved classes may be reduced to such extent and in such circumstances as may be approved by the Ministry.

7. The number of students under instruction together by one teacher shall at all times be consistent with educational and safety requirements recommended by the Ministry and shall not without the approval of the Ministry exceed—

(*a*) 20 for a class in a practical subject,

(*b*) 35 for a class in any other subject,

provided that if a class assistant whose qualifications are accepted by the Ministry is present the number in a class for a practical subject may be increased to 30.

8. Such registers or records shall be kept and such information and returns shall be furnished as the Ministry from time to time may require.

9. The rates of students' fees together with arrangements for the charging of fees shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

10. The Ministry may prohibit the use in an institution of further education of any books of which it does not approve.

Staffing

11. The establishment of teachers in every institution of further education (including any technical intermediate school conducted in association with the institution) shall be such as may be approved by the Ministry.

12.—(1) A teacher employed in an institution of further education who in accordance with approved arrangements also teaches in some other grant-aided school or institution of further education may, with the approval of the Ministry, be treated as a full-time teacher in the first-mentioned institution provided that in the opinion of the Ministry the aggregate number of hours of duty performed by the teacher in the first-mentioned institution and the other school or institution of further education 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 if any the Ministry or the authorities of any school or institution of further education shall meet or contribute to the cost of the teacher's salary.

13. During the period of absence of any teacher or part-time teacher a board shall make suitable provision for the continuance of his work.

14. Where the Ministry is satisfied that a board is unable to secure the services of a qualified teacher it may, under approved arrangements, sanction the temporary employment of a person who is not recognised as a qualified teacher.

Appointment, probation and recognition of teachers

15. To be eligible for recognition by the Ministry for appointment as a qualified teacher in an institution of further education a person must have obtained such qualifications as may be approved by the Ministry: provided that in exceptional circumstances a person with suitable experience who does not possess such qualifications may, at the discretion of the Ministry, be eligible for recognition as a qualified teacher.