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EDUCATION

Training Scholarships

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH AUGUST 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1968, 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 vested in it by Sections 59 and 77 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Regulations:

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Training of Teachers (Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect from 1st September 1972.

(3) The Training of Teachers (Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(b) are hereby revoked with effect from 31st August 1972.

2. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations—

(1) The Ministry shall, except as provided in Regulation 3, award a scholarship to or in respect of each student admitted for the first time to an approved course of teacher training at a college or other institution in Northern Ireland.

(2) The Ministry may award a scholarship to or in respect of a student admitted to any other institution approved by the Ministry for teacher training purposes.

3. The award of a scholarship shall be at the discretion of the Ministry in the case of a student who—

(1) has previously attended an initial full-time course of teacher training or a course deemed by the Ministry to be equivalent thereto; or

(2) has successfully completed a part-time course of teacher training; or

(3) has attended a full-time course of further education of not less than two years duration, being a course which in the opinion of the Ministry is above the level of a course leading to a General Certificate in Education ("A" Level) Examination; or

(4) has not been—

(*a*) ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for at least three years immediately preceding the date on which his course of training as a teacher is due to begin; and

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(a) 1947. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 250; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 321; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 385.

(*b*) resident in Northern Ireland on the last day of the month of June, October or February preceding the beginning of the course according as the course begins in the autumn, spring or summer term respectively,

except in the case of a student who would have been so resident had he, his wife or his parent (or in the case of a woman student, she, her husband or her parent) not been employed for the time being outside the United Kingdom:

Provided that a student shall not be regarded as ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for the purposes of this Regulation if he was so resident wholly or mainly for the purpose of attending a full-time course of education.

For the purposes of this Regulation a student shall be deemed to have attended a course if he has attended any part of that course.

4.—(1) Each scholarship shall, subject to satisfactory attendance, conduct and progress be tenable to the end of the period normally required for the completion of the course of study in respect of which the award was made.

(2) The Ministry shall extend the normal period of a scholarship to facilitate a student in changing his course or his college or other institution where the Ministry considers such a change appropriate.

(3) The Ministry may extend the normal period—

(*a*) to enable a student to follow an associated course of study either during or at the end of the principal course; or

(*b*) to enable a student on account of illness or for other reason acceptable to the Ministry to repeat any portion of a course.

(4) The Ministry may suspend or terminate a scholarship or withhold or reduce any payment normally due in respect of the scholarship if, after consultation with the authorities of the college or other institution, it is of the opinion that the attendance, conduct or progress of the student is not satisfactory.

(5) If a student is absent from a course through illness for a period of more than 28 days, the Ministry may at its discretion reduce any payment normally due in respect of the scholarship.

5.—(1) The value of a scholarship other than a scholarship to which paragraph (2) applies shall be determined annually in accordance with the provisions of the First or Second Schedule as appropriate.

(2) Where a scholarship is awarded—

(*a*) to or in respect of a student admitted to a college or other institution outside Northern Ireland, or

(*b*) to or in respect of a student in whose case the application of the First or Second Schedule would, in the opinion of the Ministry, otherwise be impracticable or inappropriate,

the value of the scholarship shall be such as the Ministry, under arrangements approved by the Ministry of Finance, may determine.

6.—(1) Each application for a scholarship shall be in such form, contain such information and be accompanied by such documents as the Ministry may require.

(2) For the purpose of the annual determination of the value of a scholarship or of any reassessment deemed necessary by the Ministry, the student or his parent shall furnish such further information or such further documents as the Ministry may at any time require.

(3) The Ministry may take such steps as it considers necessary to satisfy itself of the accuracy of information furnished under the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2).

(4) The Ministry may withhold any payment to or in respect of any student until the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) have been met:

Provided that if it is satisfied that a grant would be payable to the student if the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) were met the Ministry shall pay a grant of not less than £50 in respect of any year in which such requirements are not met.

7.—(1) A student who obtains any scholarship, exhibition or bursary under any other scheme, endowment or foundation, or who acquires any source of income or engages in any form of employment, shall immediately inform the Ministry.

(2) The student or his parent shall immediately inform the Ministry of any change otherwise in financial circumstances or place of residence.

8. A scholarship shall be paid in such manner as the Ministry may determine.

9. The Ministry may require the student to give an undertaking that he will attend regularly at the college or other institution and complete the course for which the award is tenable and that if for any reason he ceases to attend before the normal date of termination of the award he shall refund such sum as may be determined by the Ministry to have been paid in respect of the period after he ceases to attend, and any such undertaking may also provide for the refund of any advance made before notification of a change in financial circumstances under Regulation 7.

10. Where a student fails at any time to observe any of the conditions under which a scholarship has been awarded the Ministry may suspend or terminate the scholarship.

11. A student who held an award under the Training of Teachers (Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 shall continue to hold the award as if it had been made under these Regulations and the value of any such continuing scholarship shall be determined either under the provisions of these Regulations or under the provisions of those Regulations whichever is the more advantageous to the student.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 29th day of August 1972.

(L.S.) *G. I. Dent,*
Senior Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland 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 29th day of August 1972.

(L.S.) *A. J. Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Ordinary Students

1. The provisions of this Schedule shall apply in accordance with Paragraph (1) of Regulation 5 in determining the value of scholarships other than scholarships assessable under the Second Schedule.

2.—(1) The value of a scholarship for each academic year shall be the maximum allowable amount calculated under Paragraph 3 reduced by any personal income of the student in excess of £100 (including any other scholarship, award, bursary or prize held by the student from whatever source) and by a contribution assessed under Paragraph 4 on the income of the student's parents, except where the Ministry is satisfied that the student's parents cannot be found.

(2) A student who has no parent living may retain, before any reduction is made, £200 of any trust income as described in Paragraph 6 of this Schedule or up to £100 of personal income together with such amount of any trust income that the aggregate of personal and trust income does not exceed £200.

(3) Where the benefit from an award so reduced is less than £50 a minimum grant of £50 shall be payable.

(4) Personal income for the purpose of this Paragraph shall be net income, that is to say income received after the deduction of income tax and National Insurance contributions and Graduated Pension contributions, if any; and the following shall be ignored:—

(*a*) vacation earnings;

(*b*) disability pensions not liable to income tax;

(*c*) any income received in respect of service as a Reservist with the Armed Forces or in the Ulster Defence Regiment or in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve;

(*d*) covenanted payments made to a student by a parent in respect of whom a contribution is assessed;

(*e*) grants for specific educational purposes such as foreign travel, not provided for by the scholarship award;

(*f*) competitive prizes paid as a single payment which do not stipulate further study;

(*g*) family allowances and any benefit under the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.

3.—(1) The maximum allowable amount shall be the total of the approved fees charged by the college or other institution, including the boarding fee in the case of a student resident in a college of education, together with a standard grant as provided in sub-paragraph (2)(*a*) and where appropriate an additional grant as provided in sub-paragraph (3).

(2) (*a*) The standard grant towards term-time and vacation maintenance, travel and the cost of books and stationery shall consist subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*b*) of a basic element selected as appropriate from the following and an additional element calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (*c*):—

(i) where the student is resident in a college of education . . £200

(ii) where the student resides at the parental home . . . £355

(iii) where the student is in attendance at Oxford University, Cambridge University, London University or any other establishment within the city of London or the Metropolitan Police District and resides in hall or lodgings or, in the case of a married student, in the matrimonial home £480