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EDUCATION

Training Scholarships

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH AUGUST 1968, 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") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 59 and 77 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a), and of all other powers 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) 1968.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect from 1st September 1968.

(3) The Training of Teachers (Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) are hereby revoked with effect from 31st August 1968.

2. To be eligible for the award of a scholarship a student must be ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland.

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations—

(1) The Ministry shall award a scholarship to or in respect of each student admitted to a college of education in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations relating to the admission of students to colleges of education in Northern Ireland.

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

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 scholar in changing his course or his college or institution where such a change is considered appropriate.

(3) The Ministry may extend the normal period—

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

(*b*) to enable a scholar on account of illness or for other satisfactory reason 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 consulta-

(a) 1947. c. 3. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 170.

tion with the authorities of the college or institution, it is of the opinion that the attendance, conduct or progress of the scholar is not satisfactory.

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 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 may be required by the Ministry.

(2) For the purpose of the annual determination of the value of a scholarship or of any reassessment deemed necessary by the Ministry, the scholar or his parent shall furnish such further information accompanied by 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).

7.—(1) A scholar 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 scholar 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 applicant or his parent to give an undertaking that the applicant will attend regularly at the college or institution and complete the course for which the award is tenable and that if for any reason attendance should cease before the normal date of termination of the award a refund will be made of such sum as may be determined by the Ministry to have been paid in respect of the period after attendance ceased, and any such undertaking may also provide for the refund of any advance made prior to notification of a change in financial circumstances under Regulation 7.

10. Where a scholar 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 scholar who held an award under the Training of Teachers (Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 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 the former Regulations whichever is the more advantageous to the scholar.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 29th day of August 1968.

(L.S.) *J. M. Benn,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 29th day of August 1968.

(L.S.) *James V. Morrison,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Ordinary Scholars

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 scholar in excess of £100 (which term shall include other awards, bursaries or prizes held by the scholar from whatever source) and by a contribution assessed under Paragraph 4 on the income of the scholar's parents.

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

(3) 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 and any service bounty received as a Reservist with the Armed Forces.

(*c*) Covenanted payments made to a scholar by a parent in respect of whom a contribution is assessed.

(*d*) Grants for specific educational purposes such as foreign travel, not provided for by the scholarship award:
Provided that the amount ignored shall not exceed expenditure actually incurred.

(*e*) Competitive prizes paid as a single payment which do not stipulate further study.

(*f*) 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 institution, together with a standard grant towards term-time and vacation maintenance, travel and the cost of books and stationery and, where appropriate, an additional grant towards other items of expenditure 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 of a basic element selected as appropriate from sub-paragraph (*b*) and an additional element calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (*c*).

(*b*) The basic element shall be in accordance with the following:—

(i) Scholars living at home	£290
(ii) Scholars living in college hall or lodgings	£360
(iii) A married woman living in her husband's home where the husband is not a full-time student	£275

(*c*) The additional element shall be calculated as follows:—

(i) where the scholar attends the college or institution for any period over 30 weeks in a year, then a payment shall be made in respect of the excess period of £1 per day if the scholar lives away from home or of 11s. 6d. per day if he does not;