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Voluntary Grammar Schools Building Grants

REGULATIONS, DATED 15TH JANUARY, 1964, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 106 AND 112 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 106(3) and 112(1) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Voluntary Grammar Schools Building Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st March, 1964.

(3) The Voluntary Grammar Schools Building etc. Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951(**a**), and the Voluntary Grammar Schools Building etc. Grant Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(**b**), are hereby revoked.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say—

"the Act" means the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947;

"alteration" includes any structural improvement, enlargement of or addition to the premises of a school;

"approved" means approved by the Ministry;

"boarding accommodation" includes residential accommodation for teaching and domestic staff as well as residential accommodation for pupils;

"equipment" means the initial supply of equipment relating to the provision of a new school or the alteration of an existing school other than equipment required in connection with a school meals service;

"grant conditions" means the conditions specified in Regulation 6;

"Group A school" means a Group A voluntary school within the meaning of the Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Regulations 1956;

"Group B school" means a Group B voluntary school within the meaning of the Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Regulations 1956;

"school" means a voluntary grammar school.

Expenditure towards which grants are payable

3.—(1) The Ministry may, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations, pay grants towards approved expenditure incurred on or in connection with the provision and equipment of a new school or the alteration and equipment of an existing school:

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 199. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 18.

Provided that the Ministry shall not pay grants in respect of a Group B school except where it is satisfied that the expenditure is incurred for the purpose of enabling the managers of the school to fulfil the duty laid upon them by section 43 of the Act and the Regulations made thereunder to provide school meals for day pupils.

(2) Subject as aforesaid, the power of the Ministry to pay grants shall include power to pay grants towards approved expenditure incurred on or in connection with—

(*a*) works of a temporary nature:

(*b*) the acquisition of lands; and

(*c*) the provision or alteration of boarding accommodation where the Ministry is satisfied that such accommodation is required as a consequence of awards of boarding scholarships by local education authorities.

(3) When approved expenditure has been incurred in connection with the proposed provision of a new school or the proposed alteration of an existing school and the project in connection with which such expenditure has been incurred is with the approval of the Ministry abandoned in favour of another project (hereinafter referred to as "the superseding project") approved for the purpose of grant under these Regulations, then the expenditure so incurred, or so much thereof as the Ministry may consider reasonable in the circumstances, may at the discretion of the Ministry be treated for the purposes of paragraph (1) as approved expenditure incurred in connection with the superseding project.

Application for grants

4.—(1) Applications for payment of grant shall be made by or on behalf of the trustees or other persons in whom the ownership of the school premises is or is to be vested (in these Regulations called "the applicants") and shall be in such form and contain such particulars and information as the Ministry may require.

(2) The Ministry may require that sketch plans, working drawings, specifications, estimates, tenders and such other information and documents as the Ministry may direct shall be submitted for its approval.

Restrictions on making of grants

5.—(1) A grant shall not be paid unless the applicants—

(*a*) provide or undertake to provide such additional sum of money as will when added to the grant be sufficient in the opinion of the Ministry to meet the total cost of the works proposed to be carried out; and

(*b*) satisfy the Ministry that the school premises are vested in fee simple or by virtue of a grant or lease for such term of years and on such conditions as the Ministry may approve, in such trustees or other body of persons as may be approved by the Ministry in trust to maintain and carry on the school; and

(*c*) have executed a written document in such form as the Ministry may approve containing an undertaking to perform and observe the grant conditions and each of them during the relevant period for which those conditions are applicable.

(2) Without prejudice to the preceding paragraph a grant for the provision of a new school shall not be paid unless the applicants—