EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The existing Regulations provide for a normal period of probation of two years for teachers entering service in Northern Ireland, at the end of which recognition is confirmed or withdrawn or the period of probation is extended.

The purpose of these amending Regulations is to provide for a normal period of probation of six terms, to allow for a decision on a teacher's recognition to be deferred in certain circumstances, and to permit the provisional recognition on probation of a teacher whose recognition had previously been withdrawn.

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EDUCATION

Nursery Schools

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH DECEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1962, 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 84 and 112 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 Nursery Schools Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January, 1963.

2.—(1) The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Nursery Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**b**).

(2) The Nursery Schools (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 (**c**), are hereby revoked.

3. After Regulation 18 of the existing Regulations there shall be added the following Regulations:—

"18A.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) a teacher who is recognised under Regulation 15 shall be on probation for an initial period of six terms or such period or periods as the Ministry considers equivalent to six terms. While a teacher is on probation her recognition shall be provisional.

(2) If a teacher has previous teaching experience or in special circumstances the Ministry may waive probation in whole or in part.

(**a**) 1947. c. 3.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 97; 1953, No. 12; 1953, No. 90.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 83.