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EDUCATION

Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances)

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH JUNE, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1958.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 48 and 76 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959.

(2) The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships, and Special Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953(a).

(3) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August, 1959.

2. Paragraph (1) of Regulation 2 of the existing Regulations shall be amended by the addition thereto of the following:—

"School year" means a period of twelve months ending on the 31st day of July and a school shall be in operation for three terms in a school year: the first term shall end in December; the second term shall end in March or April; and the third term shall end in June or July;

"Incidentals Allowance" means a special allowance under the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 payable until the day preceding the first day of the term following that in which a qualified pupil attains the upper limit of the compulsory school age;

"Maintenance Allowance" means a special allowance under the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 payable from the first day of the term following that in which a qualified pupil attains the upper limit of the compulsory school age;

"Boarding Allowance" means a special allowance granted under the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of Regulation 8.

3. For Regulation 8 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"**8.**—(1) An award shall consist of

(*a*) a scholarship of a value equal to—

(i) in the case of a pupil who is in attendance at a Group A voluntary school or county school, the approved tuition fee of the school; or, in the case of a pupil who is in attendance at a Group B voluntary school, an amount determined by the Ministry; and

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(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 70; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 100.

(ii) the amount of examination fees as certified by or on behalf of the school authorities and approved by the local education authority; and

(iii) such amount in respect of books, stationery, and other school requisites as may be determined by the local education authority and approved by the Ministry, which amount may be paid either to the school authorities, the parent or otherwise for the benefit of the pupil as the local education authority may decide; and

(*b*) a special allowance of an amount determined in accordance with the Schedule being either an Incidentals Allowance or a Maintenance Allowance: provided that—

(i) a Maintenance Allowance shall not be payable in respect of a qualified pupil who is in receipt of a Boarding Allowance; and

(ii) where a qualified pupil was entitled to a special allowance under sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 of the existing Regulations any such allowance shall continue to be payable subject to the provisions of the existing Regulations unless and until the pupil becomes eligible to receive a special allowance of greater amount under this sub-paragraph.

(2) In addition to the amounts payable in accordance with paragraph (1), an award may also include such special allowance as may be granted in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) If in respect of any qualified pupil the local education authority are satisfied—

(*a*) that, where by reason of the distance between his home and the nearest suitable school, or other sufficient cause, it would be unreasonable that he should attend a school as a day pupil; and

(*b*) that it is necessary that, for the purpose of the avoidance or alleviation of hardship to that pupil or his parents, a special allowance should be granted so as to enable him to attend a suitable school as a boarder;

the local education authority may in their discretion grant in respect of that pupil a Boarding Allowance of such value as the authority with the approval of the Ministry may determine.

(4) Special allowances shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the local education authority with the approval of the Ministry may determine".

4. In the proviso to Regulations 9 of the existing Regulations for the words "conduct or progress" there shall be substituted the words "conduct, progress or attendance".

5. For Regulation 11 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"**11.** An application for an award shall be submitted to the local education authority and shall be in such form, contain such information, be accompanied by such documents and be submitted by such date as the authority may require: provided that the authority may waive any such requirement in any particular case. The authority shall, in accordance