(3) The rate of salary specified in Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations as applicable to an unqualified woman teacher shall be augmented by the addition of the relevant proportion of the difference between the aforesaid rate and the rate of salary of an unqualified man teacher.

4. The relevant proportion for each period set out in column (i) below shall be the proportion shown opposite in column (ii)

(i) Period			(ii) Proportion
From		To	
1st October,	1955,	to 31st March, 1956	one-seventh
1st April,	1956,	to 31st March, 1957	two-sevenths
1st April,	1957,	to 31st March, 1958	three-sevenths
1st April,	1958,	to 31st March, 1959	four-sevenths
1st April,	1959,	to 31st March, 1960	five-sevenths
1st April,	1960,	to 31st March, 1961	six-sevenths

Provided that where the amount of the addition includes a fraction of a pound the said fraction shall be ignored if under 10s. and reckoned as £1 0s. 0d. if it is 10s. or over.

5. From the 1st April, 1961, the salaries and allowances prescribed for men shall apply equally to women.

6. Paragraph 3 of Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations shall have effect as if for the words "and in the case of a man a further annual increment of £25, to the maximum of Scale V" wheresoever they occur there were substituted "and a final annual increment to the maximum of Scale V".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 21st day of September, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. S. Brownell,
Secretary.

Milk and Meals

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST MARCH, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1953.

1955. No. 52 [C]

The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 43, 74 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April, 1955.

(3) The Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a), the Milk and Meals Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), No. 2, 1951(b), and the Milk and Meals Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), No. 3, 1952(c), are hereby revoked.

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

"authority" means local education authority;

"dinner" means substantial mid-day meal.

"equipment" includes furniture, apparatus and articles of whatever kind (other than food or drink) required in connection with a school meals service;

"inspector" means an inspector of the Ministry or any person authorised by the Ministry to carry out inspection for the purpose of these Regulations;

"responsible authority" means, in the case of a voluntary grammar school, the managers of the school, and in the case of any other school to which these Regulations apply means the authority;

"school meals service" means a service for the provision of milk or meals or other refreshment or of any combination thereof;

"trustees" includes any persons in whom the school premises are vested.

3.—(1) Each authority shall provide a school meals service for day pupils in attendance at all primary, intermediate and special schools and at all county grammar schools in its area.

(2) The managers of each voluntary grammar school shall provide a school meals service for day pupils in attendance at the school.

(3) An authority may in accordance with approved arrangements provide a school meals service for pupils (being pupils who have not attained the age of eighteen years) in attendance at full-time day courses in institutions providing further education, and where such approved arrangements are made at or in connection with any such institution these Regulations shall, except to such extent as the Ministry may from time to time in any particular case otherwise direct, apply to the institution as they apply to a school under the management of the authority.

(4) An authority may, with the consent of the proprietor of an independent school, and upon such financial and other terms, if any, as may be determined by agreement between the authority and the proprietor of the school, make arrangements for securing the provision of a school meals service for pupils in attendance at the school;

(a) S.R. & O. 1948 (N.I.), No. 289.
(b) S.R. & O. 1951 (N.I.), No. 20.
(c) S.R. & O. 1952 (N.I.), No. 187.

Provided that any arrangements made under this sub-paragraph shall be such as to secure, so far as is practicable, that the expense incurred by the authority in connection with such arrangements shall not exceed the expense which would have been incurred by them for such service if the school were a grant-aided school.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, upon days on which any school to which Regulation 3 applies is open for instruction, the responsible authority shall provide dinners for day pupils in attendance at the school, and for day pupils and boarding pupils milk to drink of such amount as will enable any pupil to receive not less than one third and not more than two thirds of a pint on each such day.

(2) The responsible authority may also if it thinks fit provide—

(*a*) for day pupils

(i) On such days as in paragraph (1) other meals or refreshment; and

(ii) on any other days milk of such amount as aforesaid, dinners, other meals or refreshment; and

(*b*) for boarding pupils on any such other days milk to drink of such amount as aforesaid:

Provided that the managers of a voluntary grammar school may arrange that the authority will provide milk in accordance with this Regulation for pupils in attendance at the school and in respect of any period during which milk is so supplied the authority shall, for that purpose, be the responsible authority.

5.—(1) Dinners, milk, other meals or refreshment shall not be provided for pupils whose parents object to such provision.

(2) The responsible authority may exclude any pupil from the benefits of the school meals service or part thereof if the pupil avails himself so rarely or irregularly of the said service or the said part thereof that waste or undue expense is involved in catering for him, or for any other reasonable cause.

6. The responsible authority shall ensure that due economy is observed in the operation of the school meals service.

7. The responsible authority shall take such steps and provide or secure the provision of such premises, equipment, materials and facilities (including transport) as are necessary to ensure that its school meals service is conducted in accordance with these Regulations.

8.—(1) This Regulation applies to primary, intermediate and special schools not being schools under the management of an authority.