(*g*) Full-time teaching service, to such extent as the Ministry may determine, which was given in a school in the British Commonwealth and Empire prior to the date on which the school was recognised or began to receive grants from the accredited education authority, provided that on the said date the teacher was employed in full-time teaching service in the school and possessed the qualifications required for recognition by the Ministry."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 30th day of March, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Seal of the Ministry has been fixed thereto this 30th day of March, 1953, in the presence of

Thom. McCrea,
(L.S.) Assistant Secretary.

Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances)

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH MAY, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1952.

1953. No. 70

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, as amended by the Education (Extension of Benefits) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, 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) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953, and shall come into operation on 1st August, 1953.

(2) The Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (**a**), the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 (**b**), and the Grammar Schools (Admissions, Scholarships and Special Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952 (**c**), are hereby revoked.

(**a**) S. R. & O. 1950, No. 217 (**b**) S. R. & O. 1951, No. 89 (**c**) S. R. & O. 1952, No. 93

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" Approved " means as approved from time to time by the Ministry for the purposes to which the context relates ;

" Award " has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 of these Regulations ;

" Group A Voluntary School " has the meaning assigned to it in the Grammar School (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1950 ;

" Group B Voluntary School " has the meaning assigned to it in the Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1950 ;

" Lower Division " means that portion of a secondary department in which is provided a course leading to the Junior Certificate Examination of the Ministry ;

" Qualified Pupil " has the meaning assigned to it in Regulation 4 of these Regulations ;

" School " means a grammar school recognised by the Ministry for the purposes of the Grammar Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations, 1948, as amended by subsequent Regulations ;

" School Authorities " means, in the case of a county school, the local education authority and, in the case of a voluntary school, the managers of that school ;

" Secondary Department " means that part of a school in which secondary education is provided ;

" Upper Division " means that portion of a secondary department in which is provided a course for pupils who have completed the lower division course.

(2) Other expressions to which meanings have been assigned by the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1947 to 1952, shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, have the same respective meanings.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3. These Regulations prescribe the conditions under which qualified pupils shall be admitted to the lower division of the secondary departments of schools and the conditions under which awards tenable at schools shall be made by local education authorities.

4. A " qualified pupil " is

(i) a pupil who has reached the qualifying standard in such test or tests for the admission of pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of a school as the Ministry may conduct or approve ; or

(ii) a pupil who

(*a*) is enrolled in the upper division of the secondary department of a school; and

(*b*) has passed the Ministry's Junior Certificate Examination held in 1953 or thereafter, and was under 16 years 3 months on 1st June in the year in which he passed the examination; or has passed the Ministry's Junior Certificate Examination held in 1952 or earlier provided that he passed in English and in four of the other compulsory subjects, and was under 16 years on 1st June in the year in which he passed the examination; or has passed the Ministry's Senior Certificate Examination and was under 18 years of age on 1st June in the year in which he passed the examination.

Provided, however, that, in special or exceptional circumstances, a pupil who has not satisfied the conditions laid down under paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this Regulation may, nevertheless, at the discretion of the Ministry, be deemed to be a qualified pupil.

5.—(1) The school authorities of every Group A voluntary school or county school shall reserve for qualified pupils not fewer than 80 per cent. of the places available each school year for the admission of day pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of the school.

(2) The school authorities of a Group A voluntary school or county school shall not without the prior approval of the Ministry increase the number of places available in the school for boarding pupils in such a way as to reduce the number of places available for day pupils.

(3) No qualified pupil shall be refused admission to a Group A voluntary school or county school on other than reasonable grounds:

Provided, however, that, where the number of qualified pupils seeking admission to the lower division of the secondary department of a Group A voluntary school or county school is greater than the number of places reserved for such pupils in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the school authorities may select such of the qualified pupils as appear to them best fitted to profit by the education provided at the school.

6. The school authorities of a Group B voluntary school may admit each year to the lower division of the secondary department of the school such and so many qualified pupils as they may think fit.

7. The local education authority shall make an award to each qualified pupil ordinarily resident in their area who is in attendance at a school.