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Education and Library Boards: Charges for Library Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 20TH SEPTEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER ARTICLE 65 OF THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Ministry of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry" on behalf of the Secretary of State, and in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Article 65 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education and Library Boards (Charges for Library Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

2. For the purposes of these Regulations:—

(1) "Board" means an Education and Library Board.

(2) The period for which a book or article is lent includes any period following immediately upon the original period of loan for which the loan is renewed.

3. A Board may charge in respect of—

(1) notifying a person that a book or other article has become available for borrowing, a sum not exceeding the cost of necessary postage;

(2) failure to return a book or other article before the end of the period for which it is lent, a sum not exceeding 2p for each week or portion of a week that the book or other article is overdue; provided that a Board may reduce the sum of 2p to 1p in the case of old age pensioners or children under 16 years of age;

(3) the borrowing of articles other than books, pamphlets or similar articles, a sum not exceeding £3 a year to individual borrowers or £5 a year to Societies or groups of borrowers;

(4) the repair or replacement of any book or article damaged or lost whilst on loan, a sum not exceeding the cost of repair or replacement;

(5) supplying book catalogues or indexes or any similar articles where the articles become the property of the person to whom they are supplied, a sum not exceeding the cost, including handling and postage costs, of supplying such articles;

(6) providing facilities beyond those ordinarily provided by the Board as part of its library service, a sum not exceeding the additional cost to the Board of providing such facilities.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1263 (N.I. 12).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 20th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

G. I. Dent,
Deputy Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations introduce with effect from 1st October 1973 scales of charges for certain library services provided by the Education and Library Boards established under Article 3 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.