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Education (School Information and Prospectuses) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

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The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 42(3) and (6) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**a**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (School Information and Prospectuses) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 3rd September 1994.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect in relation to information to be published or otherwise made available by Boards of Governors in the 1994/95 school year and in each subsequent school year.

Amendment of the Education (School Information and Prospectuses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

2. The Education (School Information and Prospectuses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(**b**), shall be amended as provided in regulations 3 and 4.

3. In regulation 3(1) (Interpretation) after the definition of "the 1989 Order" there shall be inserted the following definitions—

" "transfer procedure test grade" means the grade achieved by a pupil on his performance in a test or tests administered in accordance with arrangements specified by the Department as part of the arrangements for the transfer of pupils from primary to secondary education;

"year 1", in relation to any pupil, means the first school year of key stage 1;

"year 8", in relation to any pupil, means the first school year of key stage 3;"

(**a**) S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20)
(**b**) S.R. 1993 No. 370

4. In Schedule 2 (Information relating to individual schools (other than nursery schools) to be published by the Board of Governors of the school or by the relevant board on their behalf) after paragraph 5 there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

"5A.—(1) In the case of a primary school or a secondary school, subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) and paragraph 5B, the number of applications for admission to the school in respect of the school year in which the prospectus is published and in each of the previous two school years and the number of pupils admitted to the school in each of those three school years.

(2) In the case of a grammar school which includes in its admission criteria the transfer procedure test grade achieved by pupils—

(*a*) the number of applicants for admission to the school falling within each transfer procedure test grade; and

(*b*) the number of pupils falling within each such grade admitted to the school.

(3) In the case of a school which is recognised by the Department as one which selects some of its pupils by reference to ability or aptitude and which includes in its admission criteria the transfer procedure test grade achieved by pupils—

(*a*) the number of such applicants for admission to the school falling within each transfer procedure test grade; and

(*b*) the number of such pupils falling within each such grade admitted to the school,

but this sub-paragraph shall not require the publication of the information mentioned in head (*a*) or (*b*) in respect of applications for admission to the school considered by the Board of Governors without reference to a pupil's ability or aptitude or in respect of pupils admitted to the school without reference to ability or aptitude.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) an application is an application for admission to the school, in the case of a primary school to year 1 and in the case of a secondary school to year 8, which is not subsequently withdrawn before it is considered by the Board of Governors of the school.

5B.—Paragraph 5A shall have effect in accordance with sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*), that is to say—

(*a*) in the case of a prospectus published in the 1994/95 school year the information required to be published in accordance with that paragraph may relate to the 1994/95 school year only;

(*b*) in the case of a prospectus published in the 1995/96 school year the information required to be published in accordance with that paragraph may relate to the 1994/95 school year and the 1995/96 school year."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 10th August 1994.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Education (School Information and Prospectuses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 (''the 1993 Regulations''). They add to the range of the information which the Board of Governors of a school must include in its school prospectus.

Regulation 4 requires Boards of Governors of primary and secondary schools to publish information about numbers of applications for admission to the school and numbers of pupils actually admitted, in the year in which the prospectus is published and in the preceding two years. In the case of grammar schools, which include in their admission criteria the grade achieved by pupils in the transfer procedure tests, the information to be published must include the grades achieved in those tests both by applicants for admission and by pupils actually admitted to the school; such information must also be provided by a school recognised by the Department as one which selects some of its pupils by reference to ability or aptitude, in relation to such pupils only. Regulation 4 also contains a transitional provision in relation to prospectuses published in the school years 1994/95 and 1995/96.