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EDUCATION

Educational and Library Services Etc. Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . *18th February 1994*

Coming into operation . . *1st April 1994*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 115(1)(**a**) and 134(1)(**b**) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Educational and Library Services Etc. Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1994.

Revocation

2. The Educational and Library Services Etc. Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Payment of grants

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Department may pay grants to persons (other than boards or the trustees or managers of a voluntary school or a grant-maintained integrated school) in respect of expenditure incurred or to be incurred by them—

(*a*) for the purposes of, or in connection with, the provision (or proposed provision) of—

(i) educational or library services; or

(ii) social or cultural activities or services ancillary to education;

(*b*) for the purposes of research relevant to the functions of the Department or of boards under the Education Orders.

4.—(1) The Department shall not pay grant to a person under these Regulations unless that person—

(**a**) As substituted by S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20) Article 159
(**b**) As amended by S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12) Article 50(1) and Schedule 4 Part II
(**c**) S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3)
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 439

(*a*) satisfies the Department as to the purpose for which the service, activity or research is or is to be provided or conducted; and

(*b*) keeps such records and furnishes such statements of accounts and such other information and returns as the Department may require.

(2) The Department may require that such statements of accounts be certified by an accountant holding such qualifications as the Department may consider appropriate.

Amount of grant

5.—(1) The amount of grant to be paid in respect of expenditure incurred or to be incurred for any service, activity or research shall be determined by the Department after consideration of its character and cost and the financial resources of the person by whom or on whose behalf or under whose management it is or is to be provided or conducted.

(2) A grant may be paid by instalments on such date or dates as may be determined by the Department.

Withholding or reducing grant

6. In assessing the amount of grant payable under these Regulations, the Department shall have regard to payments made by it otherwise than under these Regulations or by another government department or by a board and if, having regard to such other payments, the Department considers that payment of grant should not be made in full, it may withhold or reduce the grant.

7. Where any of the requirements of these Regulations are not complied with the Department may withhold or reduce the amount of grant which would otherwise be payable.

Inspection

8. Where the Department has paid or proposes to pay grant under these Regulations, any premises or other thing used for the purposes of any service, activity or research to which the grant relates shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection by any person authorised by the Department in that behalf and that person shall be afforded all the facilities he requires for the purposes of such inspection.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 18th February 1994.

(L.S.) *R. J. Jordan*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 18th February 1994.

(L.S.) *R. Miller*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations revoke and replace the Educational and Library Services Etc. Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 ("the 1973 Regulations"). They make provision for the payment of grants to certain persons (other than education and library boards or the trustees or managers of voluntary schools or grant-maintained integrated schools) for the purposes of educational or library services, social or cultural activities or services ancillary to education. In addition to the matters which could be grant-aided under the 1973 Regulations, social activities may be grant-aided under these Regulations.