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Emergency Training of Teachers

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD JUNE, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

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The Ministry of Education in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 65 and 99 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Emergency Training Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

" approved " means approved by the Ministry for the purposes to which the context relates ;

" emergency training " means such training of teachers as is specially provided under arrangements made by the Ministry under these Regulations ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland ;

" recognised " means recognised by the Ministry for the purposes of payment of grant.

3. In order to arrange for the training as teachers of persons eligible under Regulation 4 of these Regulations, the Ministry may establish and maintain an Emergency Training College and make such other arrangements as may be found necessary.

4. In order that he may be recognised as a student an applicant must—

(*a*) satisfy the Ministry that—

(i) during the war of 1939-1945 he has served full-time in the Armed Forces of the Crown, including the auxiliary

and nursing services of such Forces, or in the Merchant Navy, and that he entered upon such service not later than 15th August, 1945 ;

(ii) he is suitable to undertake the course of emergency training to be provided and is likely subsequently to prove an efficient teacher ;

(iii) he is medically fit for training ;

(iv) he is a British subject, ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom ; and

(v) he is at least 21 and not more than 35 years of age at the time of his admission to training : provided that an applicant over 35 years of age who is otherwise eligible may be admitted to training if the Ministry is satisfied that he is exceptionally suitable ;

(*b*) sign an undertaking that he intends to complete the course of emergency training and thereafter to seek employment as a teacher in a public elementary or other recognised school in Northern Ireland.

5. The Ministry may make grants to enable recognised students to follow an approved full-time course of emergency training.

6. The grants payable in respect of a recognised student may, at the Ministry's discretion, cover—

(*a*) a maintenance allowance in respect of board and lodging (except where free board and lodging are provided) and in respect of other necessary expenses ;

(*b*) an additional maintenance allowance for a student who is obliged to support himself unaided during vacations or who has to bear exceptional expenses ;

(*c*) subject as in this Regulation provided, a maintenance allowance in respect of the spouse, children or other dependents, if any, of the student : provided that such allowance in respect of a child shall not be payable for any period after the attainment by the child of the age of sixteen years unless he is receiving full-time education, and in that event the allowance shall be discontinued as from the thirty-first day of July next following the day on which he attains the age of sixteen years.

7. In assessing the amount of any grant payable to a recognised student the Ministry will observe the following conditions—

(*a*) regard will be had to any income or other means of support available to the candidate, but so that any personal gratuity or disability pension arising out of his qualifying service will be excluded from consideration except that it may, if the

Ministry thinks fit, be taken into account in determining the amount of any additional maintenance allowance under sub-paragraph (*b*) of the last foregoing Regulation ;

(*b*) for the purpose of deciding whether any maintenance allowance shall be paid in respect of the spouse, child, or other dependent of the candidate regard will be had to any income or other means of support (including any amount payable to the student or his spouse under the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945) which the spouse, child, or other dependent has in his own right ;

(*c*) the candidate must notify the Ministry of the occupation of his father if alive and state what contribution, if any, towards the cost of his emergency training his parents or other persons are prepared to make.

8. The grant will be payable monthly in arrear and will accrue from the date on which the recognised student enters into the approved full-time course of training.

9.—(1) Grants awarded to any recognised student may be revised or cancelled if the Ministry thinks fit in the circumstances of the case, and for that purpose the Ministry will require any recognised student in receipt of grants to notify the Ministry of any change in his financial circumstances after the date on which he applies for an award.

(2) If a recognised student fails to make satisfactory progress his grant will be discontinued and he will be required to withdraw from the course of training.

10.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(2) If any question arises as to the interpretation of these Regulations, or as to whether any of the requirements thereof are fulfilled, or as to the suitability of a student for recognition or continued recognition, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this third day of June, 1947, in the presence of

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