For the purposes of this Schedule —

(1) the literary subjects shall be Modern History, Ancient History and languages other than English ;

(2) the scientific subjects shall be Additional Mathematics, the Advanced Mathematical Subjects, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Geography, Art Group II (Object, Memory and Mechanical Drawing), and Domestic Economy ;

(3) neither Mathematics nor subsidiary language subjects may be included in either group.

Grammar Schools (Admissions and Scholarships)

REGULATIONS DATED 12TH JANUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

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1948. No. 7

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 48, 76 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") 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 School, (Admissions and Scholarships) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April, 1948.

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

" Eligible " means eligible for financial assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations ;

" 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 under 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 ;

" 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 ;

" School Year " means the year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July ;

" 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 Act shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, have the same respective meanings.

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 scholarships tenable at schools shall be awarded 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 ;

(*b*) has passed the Ministry's Junior Certificate Examination, provided that he has passed in English and in four of the other compulsory subjects ; or has passed the Ministry's Senior Certificate Examination ;

(*c*) was under 16 years of age on 1st June of the year in which he passed the Junior Certificate Examination or 18 years of age on 1st June of the year in which he passed the Senior Certificate Examination, as the case may be ; and

(*d*) after passing either the Junior or Senior Certificate Examination has made satisfactory progress in the school :

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. The school authorities of every school shall reserve for qualified pupils not fewer than 80% of the places available each school year for the admission of day pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of the school.

6. No qualified pupil shall be refused admission to a 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 school is greater than the number of places reserved for such pupils in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing 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.

7. The local education authority shall award a scholarship to each eligible qualified pupil ordinarily resident in their education area who, after 1st August, 1948, is in attendance at a school as a day pupil ; and the value of the scholarship shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations.

8. If the local education authority are satisfied that owing to difficulties arising from the distance between his home and the nearest suitable school, or for any other reason which appears to the authority to be adequate, it would be unreasonable that a qualified pupil should attend a school as a day pupil, the authority may award a boarding scholarship to or in respect of the pupil so as to enable him to attend a suitable school as a boarder, and the value of such a boarding scholarship shall be such as the authority, with the approval of the Ministry, may determine, having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

9. As a condition of awarding a scholarship under these Regulations the local education authority may require the parent of a pupil to undertake that he shall remain in attendance at a school for such period as the authority may consider reasonable :

Provided, however, that the authority may release the parent from the undertaking if the authority, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, consider that the parent should be so released.

10. An application for a scholarship (including a renewal of a scholarship) shall be submitted to the local education authority and shall be in such form, contain such information, be accompanied by such documents and be submitted by such date as the authority may require ; provided, however, that the authority may waive any such requirement in any particular case. The authority may take such steps as they consider necessary to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the information so furnished.

11. Each scholarship awarded under these Regulations shall be in respect of expenditure incurred or to be incurred during a school year and shall, subject to the provisions of Regulations 12 and 13 of these Regulations, be renewed as often as is necessary to enable the holder of the scholarship to complete the course of study provided at the school.

12 If the local education authority, after consultation with the principal of the school concerned, are satisfied that the conduct or progress of the holder of a scholarship cannot be regarded as satisfactory they shall cancel the scholarship :

Provided, however, that in special or exceptional circumstances the authority may, at their discretion, continue the scholarship.

13. It shall be the duty of the parent of the holder of a scholarship to inform the local education authority of any changes in his financial circumstances. If the authority have reason to believe that such a change has occurred or if the parent of the holder represents to the authority that such a change has occurred, the authority shall give the parent an opportunity of submitting a revised application and the authority shall thereafter reconsider and if necessary adjust the value of or cancel the scholarship.

14. It shall be the duty of the parent of the holder of a scholarship to inform the local education authority of any change in his place of residence.

15. The school authorities of every school shall inform the Ministry and the local education authority, not later than 31st March in each year, of the number of places which will be available at the beginning of the next school year for the admission of qualified pupils to the lower division of the secondary department of the school in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 5 of these Regulations, and shall supply such other information with regard to the accommodation in the school as the Ministry or the local education authority may require.

16. The school authorities of a school shall not increase the places available in the school for boarding pupils in such a way as to reduce the places available for day pupils without the prior approval of the Ministry.

17. The school authorities of a school shall furnish to the local education authority concerned such reports on the conduct and progress of each holder of a scholarship as the authority may require.

18. The school authorities of a school shall not expel a qualified day pupil from the school without the prior approval of the local education authority :

Provided, however, that in a case of grave misconduct the school authorities may summarily suspend a qualified pupil from attendance at the school.

19.—(1) Any Scholarship Scheme framed by a local education authority under the Education Acts (Northern Ireland), 1923 to 1930, shall be revoked as from 1st August, 1948, in so far as it relates to the award of scholarships to or in respect of pupils in attendance at secondary schools.

(2) Notwithstanding the revocation of any such scheme any assistance granted to or in respect of a pupil by a local education authority under the scheme may continue to be given for the period and in accordance with the conditions under which it was granted :

Provided, however, that if the pupil is awarded a scholarship

under these Regulations the authority shall cease to give assistance to or in respect of him under the said scheme.

20.—(1) Regulations 198 to 213 inclusive of the Public Elementary Schools Regulations, 1934 as amended by subsequent Regulations, shall be revoked as from 1st August, 1948.

(2) Notwithstanding the revocation of these Regulations a pupil who holds a junior or senior pupil teachership on 1st April, 1948, may continue to hold that pupil teachership as if those Regulations were still in operation, and the Ministry may appoint to a senior pupil teachership a pupil holding a junior pupil teachership on that date :

Provided, however, that a pupil who is awarded a scholarship under these Regulations may no longer hold a pupil teachership.

21. The Interpretation Act, 1921, (Northern Ireland), 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.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this twelfth day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

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

SCHEDULE

(I) The value of a scholarship under Regulation 7 of these Regulations shall be determined in accordance with the following table. In this table " F " means the tuition fees of the school as approved by the Ministry together with the cost of books, stationery and other school requisties and examination fees as certified by the school authorities and approved by the local education authority, and " E " means an allowance not exceeding £5 per annum, as determined by the local education authority, in respect of incidental expenses arising out of attendance at the school.

Balance of Income	Value of Scholarship			
	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child
Under £250 per annum	F + E	F + E	F + E	F + E
£250—£349 ,, ,,	F + ½E	F + E	F + E	F + E
£350—£399 ,, ,,	F	F + ½E	F + E	F + E
£400—£449 ,, ,,	¾F	F + ½E	F + E	F + E
£450—£499 ,, ,,	½F	F	F + ½E	F + E
£500—£549 ,, ,,	¼F	F	F + ½E	F + E
£550—£599 ,, ,,	Nil	F	F	F + ½E
£600—£649 ,, ,,		¾F	F	F + ½E
£650—£699 ,, ,,		½F	F	F
£700—£749 ,, ,,		¼F	F	F
£750—£799 ,, ,,		Nil	F	F
£800—£849 ,, ,,			¾F	F
£850—£899 ,, ,,			½F	F
£900—£949 ,, ,,			¼F	F
£950—£999 ,, ,,			Nil	F
£1000—£1049 ,, ,,				¾F
£1050—£1099 ,, ,,				½F
£1100—£1149 ,, ,,				¼F
Over £1149 ,, ,,				Nil

(II) To determine the balance of income the following deductions may be made from the gross income :—

(i) an allowance of £50 in respect of each wholly dependent son or daughter of the parent excluding one ;

(ii) expenditure which, in the opinion of the local education authority, is reasonably incurred by the parent on the education of members of the family ;

(iii) mortgage interest payable in respect of property held by the applicant or the parent ;

(iv) exceptional items of expenditure at the discretion of the local education authority.

(III) To determine the gross income, receipts under the following heads for the preceding financial year shall be taken into account :—

(i) earned and unearned income of both parents ;

(ii) family allowances payable under the Unemployment and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland Agreement) Act, 1946 ;

(iii) endowment scholarships or other private awards held by members of the family and any sums paid by relatives or other persons towards the cost of educating members of the family ;

(iv) the annual value of any property held by the applicant or the parent.

(IV) The table may be extended in the event of five or more children of a family holding scholarships under these Regulations at the same time.

(V) The value of a scholarship shall, where necessary, be adjusted from that shown on the table so that the balance of income less the parent's contribution to the cost of the education of the pupil at the school is not reduced below what it would have been if the parent's balance of income had fallen at the highest point in the next lower group.

REGULATIONS DATED 31ST DECEMBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 331

The Ministry of Education in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Section 76 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Grammar Schools (Admissions and Scholarships) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall be construed as one with the Grammar Schools (Admissions and Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations ").

2. The principal Regulations shall have effect as if for Regulation 7 thereof there were substituted the following Regulation :—

" **7.** The local education authority shall award a scholarship to each eligible qualified pupil ordinarily resident in their education area who, after 1st August, 1948, is in attendance at a school ; and the value of the scholarship shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations."