Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 14th day of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *A. C. Williams,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

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(L.S.) *K. R. Shimeld,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The existing Regulations provide for a normal period of probation of two years for teachers entering service in Northern Ireland, at the end of which recognition is confirmed or withdrawn or the period of probation is extended.

The purpose of these amending Regulations is to provide for a normal period of probation of six terms, to allow for a decision on a teacher's recognition to be deferred in certain circumstances, and to permit the provisional recognition on probation of a teacher whose recognition had previously been withdrawn.

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EDUCATION

Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH DECEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1962, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 84 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January, 1963.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(**b**).

3. Regulation 3 of the existing Regulations, relating to categories of handi-

(a) 1947. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 153; 1959, No. 83; 1961, No. 154.

capped pupils, shall have effect with the substitution of the following paragraphs for paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*):—

"(*c*) deaf pupils, that is to say, pupils with impaired hearing who require education by methods suitable for pupils with little or no naturally acquired speech or language;

(*d*) partially hearing pupils, that is to say, pupils with impaired hearing whose development of speech and language, even if retarded, is following a normal pattern, and who require for their education special arrangements or facilities though not necessarily all the educational methods used for deaf pupils."

4. For Regulations 23, 26 and 27 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

"**23.**—(1) To be eligible for recognition by the Ministry a teacher must be qualified.

(2) Temporary and part-time teachers shall possess such qualifications as the Ministry may approve.

26. If a teacher's recognition is withdrawn the Ministry may in special circumstances provisionally restore his recognition for such period and subject to such conditions as it may determine. During such period the teacher shall be on probation and at the end of such period the Ministry shall either confirm the teacher's recognition or withdraw it.

27.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), a teacher who is recognised under Regulation 23 shall be on probation for an initial period of six terms or such period or periods as the Ministry considers equivalent to six terms. While a teacher is on probation his recognition shall be provisional.

(2) If a teacher has previous teaching experience or in special circumstances the Ministry may waive probation in whole or in part.

(3) Unless the Ministry in special circumstances considers that it is necessary to defer a decision, it shall at the end of the period or periods of probation referred to in paragraph (1) and of any period by which such period or periods are extended under the provisions of this paragraph confirm the teacher's recognition or extend his probation for a further period, or withdraw his recognition.

(4) If a decision is deferred under paragraph (3) but at the end of the period of deferment the Ministry confirms the teacher's recognition, the Ministry shall determine from what date recognition would have been confirmed if the decision had not been deferred, and the teacher's recognition shall be deemed to have been confirmed from that date."

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