EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The purpose of these Regulations is to amalgamate the Grant Conditions Regulations for secondary (grammar and intermediate) schools. In addition, the Regulations introduce several amendments including an improved staffing scale, revision of the minimum number of days for which schools shall be in operation and adjustment of the daily hours of attendance of certain preparatory department pupils.

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EDUCATION

Primary Schools (General)

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH APRIL, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1963, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry", 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 Primary Schools (General) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) No. 2, 1965.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August, 1965.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Primary Schools (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(b).

3. For Regulations 15 and 16 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

15.—(1) A school shall be in operation for three terms in any school year; the first term shall end in December, the second in March or April and the third in June or July.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) and paragraph (5) a school shall be in operation during the school year for at least 200 days (exclusive of Sundays) of which not more than five days may be counted in any one week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive.

(a) 1947, c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 104; 1962, No. 12; 1962, No. 230; 1963, No. 48; 1964, No. 123; 1965, No. 39.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 16 the dates of school holidays shall be determined by the school authorities.

(4) A school may at the discretion of the school authorities be closed for a number of optional holidays, not exceeding ten days in any school year, and such optional holidays may be counted as days when the school is in operation for the purposes of paragraph (2).

(5) In exceptional circumstances the Ministry may sanction a reduction in the number of days prescribed in paragraph (2).

16.—(1) The dates of school holidays, other than optional holidays, shall in the case of voluntary schools be subject to the approval of the local education authority for the area in which the school is situated.

(2) Not later than 31st March in any year the principal of every voluntary school shall furnish to the local education authority, in such form as the authority may prescribe, a statement of the dates on which it is proposed that the school will be closed in the ensuing school year including (as far as is known at that time) the dates of optional holidays.

(3) (*a*) The local education authority's approval to proposals for holiday closings as submitted in accordance with paragraph (2) shall not be unreasonably withheld and the authority shall take into account any representations made by or on behalf of the managers of a voluntary school.

(*b*) In the event of the authority being unwilling to approve the proposals for closings submitted in accordance with paragraph (2) (or any amending proposals submitted after consultation between the authority and the managers) the authority shall determine the date of such closings and shall notify the managers of its decision.

(c) If the managers of a voluntary school are unwilling to accept the decision of the local education authority about the dates of closing they may, within fourteen days of receipt of the notification referred to in the preceding sub-paragraph, refer the matter to the Ministry for final determination.

4. For paragraph (1) of Regulation 22 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"**22.**—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation an attendance shall mean an attendance on any day under instruction, other than in religious education, for a period of not less than—

(*a*) three hours in the case of a pupil enrolled in a class composed mainly of pupils who, at the beginning of the school year, had not attained the age of 8 years;

(*b*) 4½ hours in the case of a pupil over the age of 8 years."

5. For paragraph (3) of Regulation 40 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"**40.**—(3) In any case in which the school authorities are unable to appoint to a post of principal or vice-principal or a post in respect of which a graded allowance is payable a teacher possessing the qualifications required by this Regulation, the Ministry may, subject to the provisions of Regulation 39, approve the appointment of a teacher who is not so

qualified; provided that if the average daily enrolment of the school is not less than 25 or if the teacher has not successfully completed his period of probation, the appointment shall be for a limited period only."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 6th day of April, 1965.

(L.S.) *J. M. Benn,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 6th day of April, 1965.

(L.S.) *R. H. Kidd,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Regulations continue the provision in the principal Regulations that primary schools must be in operation for at least 200 days in each school year but permit schools to take a maximum of ten optional holidays within those 200 days. They also provide that the statutory minimum for the length of the school day for classes of pupils between 8 and 11 years of age will be increased by 30 minutes and permit the appointment as principal teacher of a small school of a qualified teacher who does not satisfy the normal requirement as to length of service.

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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Pensions

ORDER, DATED 25TH MARCH, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE UNDER THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922, AND THE CONSTABULARY (PENSIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

I, the Right Honourable Robert William Brian McConnell, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 2 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(a), section 4 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(b), as applied by the said Act of 1922, and by the Constabulary (Pensions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(c) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows:—

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 8 (N.I.). (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.
(c) 1949. c. 9.