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EDUCATION

Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions)

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH JULY 1966, 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 27, 84, and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") 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. These Regulations may be cited as the Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) No. 3 1966 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1966.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(b).

3. After Regulation 6 of the existing Regulations there shall be inserted the following Regulation:—

"**6A.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, the arrangements for collective worship and religious instruction in a school shall be under the control of the managers of the school.

(2) (*a*) The time at which collective worship is held, and the time or times during which religious instruction is given, in a school, shall be clearly shown on the time-table of the school.

(*b*) The time or times during which religious instruction is given in a school shall be so arranged as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to any pupils attending the school who, in pursuance of sub-section (3) of Section 21 of the Act, have been excused from attendance at such religious instruction.

(3) In all schools there shall be set apart for the purpose of religious instruction at least three periods within each week:

Provided that in the case of a class composed wholly or mainly of pupils following a course leading to an examination for the General Certificate of Education the number of periods within each week may be reduced to two.

(4) A local education authority shall, if so requested by the minister in charge of any church or other place of worship in the vicinity of any school under the control of the authority, communicate to him the names of any pupils attending the school who are, or are stated to be, of the same religious denomination as that minister."

4. Regulation 14 and Regulation 15 of the existing Regulations are hereby revoked.

(a) 1947. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 64; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 49; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 121.

5. For Regulation 16 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted:—

"**16.** Where the Ministry is satisfied that school authorities are unable to secure the services of a teacher who possesses the qualifications required for recognition as a qualified teacher it may, under approved arrangements, sanction the temporary employment of a person who does not possess the required qualifications."

6. For Regulation 26 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted:—

"**26.** The Ministry may, under approved arrangements, sanction the appointment to a school of one or more part-time teachers where it is satisfied that they are required for the needs of the school."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 5th day of July 1966 in the presence of

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

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of July 1966.

(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 purpose of these Regulations is to transfer from the Religious Education Regulations 1948 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 59) to the Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965, the requirements of the former Regulations, suitably amended, in so far as secondary schools are concerned and to make provision for the discontinuance of the arrangement whereby qualified teachers are granted entitlement to teach particular subjects related to their qualifications, so that in future teachers holding approved qualifications should simply be recognised as qualified teachers in secondary schools.