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The State Scholarships Regulations, 1954

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The Minister of Education in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by Section 100 (1) (*c*) of the Education Act, 1944(**a**), hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Introductory

1. These Regulations may be cited as the State Scholarships Regulations, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 22nd day of July, 1954.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) The Minister shall determine any question as to whether any condition imposed by these Regulations for the payment of grant is fulfilled or as to the amount of any grant payable.

3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

(*a*) " the Act " means the Education Act, 1944 ;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Education ;

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

" Examining Body " means the body conducting an Approved Examination ;

" University " and " University College " mean respectively a University and University College in England, Wales or Scotland in respect of which grants are made by the University Grants Committee or a University and a University College in Northern Ireland ;

" College of a University " includes in the case of a University organised on a collegiate basis, a constituent College or other Society recognised by the University, and, in the case of London University, a College incorporated in the University or a School of the University ;

" Institution " means a place of education at which a State Scholarship is tenable ;

" Honours Degree " means an Honours Degree conferred by a University ;

" University Award " means such an award as is described in regulation 6 (2) (*a*) ;

" State Scholarship " means a State Scholarship awarded by the Minister under regulation 4, being a normal State Scholarship, a technical State Scholarship, or a State Scholarship for mature students ; and the expression " State Scholarship " where used without qualification means a Scholarship of any such type or all such types as the context may require ; and

(*b*) other expressions which have meanings assigned to them by the Act shall have the same respective meanings for the purposes of these Regulations.

(**a**) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

State Scholarships

4.—(1) These Regulations provide for the award by the Minister of State Scholarships of the following three types and prescribe the conditions on which such Scholarships will be awarded—

(*a*) normal State Scholarships;

(*b*) technical State Scholarships; and

(*c*) State Scholarships for mature students.

(2) The Minister will from time to time approve the maximum number of each type of State Scholarship to be awarded in any year.

Eligibility

5.—(1) In order to be eligible for the award of a State Scholarship, a candidate must satisfy the Minister as to his educational qualifications.

(2) Candidates will not be eligible for the award of a State Scholarship if they have been or are assisted by the Minister under any other body of Regulations as holders of awards tenable at Universities, Colleges of Universities or University Colleges or as recognised students in Training Colleges in respect of which the Minister pays grant, or if the Minister determines them to be ineligible on account of assistance of a like character from the Minister or from any Government Department in the British Isles:

Provided that if a candidate who has been assisted by the Minister as a student in a Training College or Department of Education of a University or of a University College subsequently obtains a University Award, the Minister may, if she thinks fit, grant him a State Scholarship in respect of that Award.

Selection of Candidates

6.—(1) In every year the Minister will allocate to each Examining Body such number, as she thinks fit, of the normal State Scholarships to be awarded in that year, and will require each Examining Body to apportion those Scholarships between boys and girls as she may direct; in selecting a candidate for the award of a normal State Scholarship allocated as aforesaid, the Minister will have regard to the recommendation of the Examining Body, and any such recommendation shall be based on the performance of the candidate at the Scholarship level in the examination for the General Certificate of Education and on satisfactory evidence of general education.

(2) In selecting a candidate for an award of a State Scholarship not allocated as aforesaid, the Minister will require to be satisfied that the candidate—

(*a*) holds a University Award of suitable standard and minimum titular value, that is to say an award by a University, a College of a University or a University College in England or Wales, or, if the Minister thinks fit, in Scotland or Northern Ireland, of an Open Scholarship, or Exhibition or such other Scholarship or Exhibition as, in the opinion of the Minister having regard to the extent of the field of competition or the other conditions of award, ensures the maintenance of a suitably high academic standard; or

(*b*) has been recommended for the award of a State Scholarship by a Local Education Authority, a Principal of an Establishment of Further Education or other approved person or body of persons, and possesses such technical or other qualifications as may be approved from time to time.

(3) The Minister and any persons recommending candidates for selection may require—

(*a*) the authorities of any schools or other educational institutions at which candidates have been educated, or persons responsible for providing

educational courses or other facilities of which advantage has been taken by candidates, to submit confidential reports in such form as the Minister or persons recommending candidates think fit; and

(*b*) candidates to attend interviews.

Places and Periods of Tenure and Approved and Additional Courses

7.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided:—

(*a*) a State Scholarship shall be taken up immediately after the award or after an approved interval and shall be tenable for the duration of the approved course of study of the scholar;

(*b*) the approved course of study for a State Scholarship shall be—

(i) in the case of a normal State Scholarship or State Scholarship for mature students, a course in a University, a College of a University or a University College leading up to an Honours Degree;

(ii) in the case of a technical State Scholarship a course which satisfies the requirements of sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph or a course in an Establishment of Further Education leading up to an Honours Degree or some other approved qualification;

(*c*) the Institution at which a State Scholarship shall be held shall be—

(i) in the case of a scholar who holds a University Award, the Institution at which he holds that Award;

(ii) in the case of a technical State Scholarship, an Institution in England or Wales being a University, a College of a University, a University College or an Establishment of Further Education;

(iii) in any other case, an Institution in England or Wales being a University, a College of a University, or a University College.

(2) If the Minister determines that the special circumstances of the case so require, she may—

(*a*) allow an exception to the foregoing requirement as to the approved course of study for a State Scholarship;

(*b*) in the case of any State Scholarship, other than one awarded to the holder of a University Award or a technical State Scholarship, allow the scholar to follow his approved course at an Institution in England or Wales other than a University, a College of a University or a University College;

(*c*) in the case of any State Scholarship, other than one awarded to the holder of a University Award, allow the scholar to follow his approved course at an Institution in Scotland or Northern Ireland being a University, a College of a University, or a University College, or, in the case of a technical State Scholarship, an Establishment of Further Education or, if facilities of a comparable type and quality are not available to the scholar at any such Institution in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, at a comparable Institution elsewhere than in those countries;

(*d*) extend the period of tenure if an additional course, whether for a further Degree or qualification or not, is approved for the scholar on evidence of special attainments supported by a recommendation from the Institution at which the approved course was held, and in that case the Minister may, if she thinks fit, allow the additional course to be held at some place other than that Institution;

(*e*) if satisfied that the holder cannot, for reasons of health, reasonably be expected to complete the approved course or courses in the normal period, extend the period for which the benefit is tenable for such further period, not exceeding one year, as she thinks fit.

Grants

8.—(1) Subject as herein provided, the emoluments of a State Scholarship will comprise such of the following grants as the Minister thinks fit—

(*a*) a grant of not more than £30 a year without enquiry into the means of the parents of the scholar or of other persons who would in ordinary circumstances bear or contribute to the expense of his education:

Provided that if the scholar holds other awards which amount to £30 a year or more he shall not be entitled to any grant under this paragraph or if he holds other awards amounting to less than £30 a year he shall be entitled to only so much grant under this paragraph as with those other awards will amount to £30 a year;

(*b*) if the scholar satisfies the Minister that he needs further assistance to enable him to follow his approved course, such further grant as the Minister thinks fit in or towards the payment of the scholar's fees for the approved course, the expenses involved in his attendance at a distance from the Institution during term for the purposes of an approved course, and the cost of his maintenance during the normal academic year including vacations;

(*c*) if the scholar incurs additional costs of maintenance owing to the extension of the period of his attendance in any academic year or to his taking an approved vacation course connected with his approved course, such further grant as the Minister thinks fit in respect of such additional costs;

(*d*) if the authorities of the Institution concerned accept an organised course of study elsewhere than in England or Wales as connected with that student's approved course and the student satisfies the Minister that he needs assistance to enable him to pay the travelling expenses involved in his attendance at such organised course, a further grant not exceeding £15 in respect of such travelling expenses; and

(*e*) in the case of a technical State Scholarship, the holder of which is over the age of twenty on the 31st July of the year in which his award is made, or of a State Scholarship for a mature student, or of a State Scholarship for the holder of a University Award who is of mature age, a maintenance allowance in respect of the spouse, children or other dependants, if any, of the scholar:

Provided that—

(i) no maintenance allowance under this paragraph will exceed £121 a year in respect of an adult or £44 a year in respect of a child;

(ii) no child over the age of sixteen will be recognised unless he is receiving full-time education; and

(iii) for the purpose of deciding whether any maintenance allowance shall be paid in respect of the spouse, child, or other dependant of the scholar regard will be had to any income or other means of support which the spouse, child, or other dependant has in his own right.

(2) In determining the amount of any grant as aforesaid, the Minister will have regard to the standard figure for a student's maintenance appropriate to the Institution concerned and to any income or other means of support available to the scholar, including any sum accruing to him by virtue of any Scholarship, Exhibition or other benefit awarded by a Local Education Authority or other body and, in the case of a normal or technical State Scholarship, any assistance which may reasonably be expected from persons

who would in ordinary circumstances bear or contribute to the expense of his education:

Provided that any personal gratuity or disability pension arising out of the war service of the scholar will be excluded from consideration except that it may, if the Minister thinks fit, be taken into account in determining the amount of any grant in respect of vacations.

(3) Grants in aid of fees will ordinarily be paid to the Institution, and grants in aid of maintenance will be paid to the scholar through the Head, or a nominee, of the Institution, and any such payments may be made by such instalments as the Minister thinks fit.

General Conditions

9. The Minister may make it a condition of the award of a State Scholarship that the holder shall reside in an approved college or hostel.

10.—(1) The tenure of a State Scholarship is subject to satisfactory attendance, conduct and progress, and the Minister will require to be satisfied on these matters from time to time by reports from the Head of the Institution or otherwise.

(2) Changes in financial circumstances which might affect the amount of any grant under these Regulations must be communicated to the Minister.

(3) A State Scholarship may be revised or cancelled if the Minister thinks proper.

Revocation

11.—(1) The following Regulations are hereby revoked as from the date on which these Regulations come into operation, that is to say:—

The State Scholarships Regulations, 1951(a);

The State Scholarships Amending Regulations No. 1, 1952(b); and

The State Scholarships Amending Regulations No. 2, 1953(c).

(2) Any State Scholarship awarded and current at the date on which these Regulations come into operation or promised under any of the Regulations which are hereby revoked shall be deemed to be a State Scholarship awarded or promised under these Regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Education this 15th day of July, 1954.

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Minister of Education.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations replace and amend the State Scholarships Regulations, 1951, as amended. The principal changes are to permit a State Scholarship to be held at an institution other than a University or University College (e.g. at the Royal College or the Royal Academy of Music), and to enable a supplementary State Scholarship to be granted in suitable cases to the holder of an open award given by a University or University College in Northern Ireland.

(a) S.I. 1951/1214 (1951 I, p. 546). (b) S.I. 1952/1372 (1952 I, p. 823).
(c) S.I. 1953/685 (1953 I, p. 627).