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AGRICULTURE

Training of Agricultural Workers Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 10*th May* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . . 20*th June* 1977

The Department(a) of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(b) as amended by section 1 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department(a) of Finance hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Title and commencement

1. The Scheme may be cited as the Training of Agricultural Workers Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 20th June 1977.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"approved" means approved by the Department;

"approved farm" means a farm approved for the provision thereon of courses of instruction and training;

"a week" means a period of 7 days ending with Saturday;

"course" means any course provided under section 5(2A) of the Act;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"employee" means a person employed in activities in agriculture under a contract of service or apprenticeship and "employer" shall be construed accordingly;

"sandwich course student" means a person following a course leading to a Higher National Diploma or Ordinary National Diploma award where the course includes a period of supervised practice in Agriculture;

"trainee" means a person participating in a course;

"training centre" means an approved establishment for the instruction and training of trainees.

Grants for Training in Agriculture

3. Subject to the provision of this Scheme, the Department may pay a grant to

(*a*) an employer in respect of the period during which an employee is released to attend an approved course of training;

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)
(c) 1970 c. 20 (N.I.)

(*b*) a person who supervises a student undertaking an approved course in agriculture during that part of the course consisting of practical work on an approved farm;

(*c*) a person who provides training facilities for practical work on a farm in connection with an approved course.

Rates of Grant

4. The rates of grant shall be determined from time to time by the Department. The maximum rates of grant shall be those set out in the Schedule.

Inspection

5. The Department may inspect the farm records of any person who receives grant under Article 3 as it considers necessary to satisfy itself that a trainee is following the approved course of training, and the person who receives grant shall afford to any authorised officers of the Department such facilities at all reasonable hours as may be required to enable such inspections to be carried out.

Non-compliance

6. The Department may withhold payment of grant or recover grant paid in whole or in part from any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Scheme.

Revocation

7. The Training of Agricultural Workers and Grants (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1971(**d**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 10th May 1977.

(L.S.) *T. A. Larmour*
Senior Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 10th May 1977.

(L.S.) *J. Murray*
Assistant Secretary

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 54 (p. 428)

SCHEDULE

PART I

Maximum rates of grant payable to employers of those attending New Entrant Training Courses.

1. A sum not exceeding £10 per week or £200 in the aggregate in respect of any period when the employee is attending a training centre in connection with an approved course.

2. A sum not exceeding £2.50 per week in respect of any period not exceeding 104 weeks in the aggregate when the employee is undergoing a course of training on an approved farm.

PART II

Maximum rates of grant payable to employers of those attending Short Training Courses.

A sum not exceeding £1 per day or £10 in the aggregate in any calendar year in respect of any period of more than 3 days duration when the employee is attending a training centre.

PART III

Maximum rates of grant payable to persons who supervise sandwich course students during practical work on farms.

A sum not exceeding £5 per week or £250 in the aggregate in respect of any period when the student is undergoing practical training on a farm.

PART IV

Maximum rates of grant payable to persons who provide training facilities for practical work on farms in connection with an approved course.

A sum not exceeding £5 per day in respect of training facilities provided in connection with an approved course.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme provides for grants to be paid by the Department of Agriculture to—

(*a*) employers in agriculture when their employees are undergoing training in agriculture;

(*b*) employers who employ students undertaking sandwich courses during that part of a course involving practical work on a farm;

(*c*) employers who provide facilities for training workers in agriculture;

The Scheme replaces the Training of Agricultural Workers and Grants (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1971.