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EDUCATION

Teachers' Courses

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST SEPTEMBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1970.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 59, 77 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 Training of Teachers (Courses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st September 1972.

(3) The Training of Teachers (Courses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(b) are hereby revoked with effect from 1st September 1972.

2. The Ministry may—

(*a*) conduct courses of instruction for teachers or arrange for such courses to be conducted on its behalf and may pay expenses incidental to the holding of such courses; and

(*b*) make grants to educational bodies towards expenses incurred by them in conducting courses of instruction for teachers.

3.—(1) The Ministry may make grants to teachers in respect of attendance at approved courses, subject to the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) Where for the purpose of attendance at such a course a teacher is released from his teaching duties without salary, the amount of such grant shall be determined by the Ministry having regard to the rate of salary and allowances which would have been payable to him had he continued in his school.

(3) In the case of a teacher released from teaching duties without salary to attend a full-time course which is regarded by the Ministry as extending over one academic session the period of absence shall, unless the Ministry otherwise approves, be for twelve months beginning on 1st September next preceding the beginning of the course.

(4) Grants to teachers other than as provided for under sub-paragraph (2) shall be in accordance with arrangements made by the Ministry of Education as approved by the Ministry of Finance.

(5) As a condition of grant a teacher may be required not to engage in gainful employment during the period of tenure.

(a) 1947. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 103; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 306.

(6) The Ministry may reduce or terminate grant at its discretion in the event of any infringement of the conditions under which the grant is made or of prolonged absence from the course whether because of illness or otherwise, or if the conduct or progress of the holder is unsatisfactory.

4.—(1) Unless the Ministry otherwise determines a teacher shall not be eligible to receive grant under Regulation 3 until he has completed five years' approved teaching service.

(2) Service in Her Majesty's Forces shall be deemed to be approved teaching service for the purpose of this Regulation.

5. With the approval of the Ministry, a local education authority may—

(1) conduct courses of instruction for teachers or arrange for such courses to be conducted on their behalf, and may pay expenses incidental to the holding of such courses; and

(2) make grants to educational bodies towards expenses incurred by them in conducting courses of instruction for teachers.

6. A local education authority may make grants at rates approved by the Ministry to teachers in grant-aided schools or institutions in their education area in respect of attendance at courses approved under Regulation 5.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 1st day of September 1971 in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. I. Dent,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 1st day of September 1971 in the presence of

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations make provision for the conduct of teachers' courses and prescribe the conditions under which grants may be paid to teachers attending such courses.