

**1992 No. 504****EDUCATION****Institutions of Further Education Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1992**

*Made* . . . . . 27th November 1992

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 31st December 1992

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 118(1), (2)(a), (b) and (c) and (4) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a), and by Article 134(1) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Institutions of Further Education Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 31st December 1992.

*Revocations*

2. The following Regulations are hereby revoked:

The Further Education General Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c), regulations 4 to 11.

*Interpretation*

3. In these Regulations—

“higher education” has the meaning assigned to it by Article 101(3) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

“institution of further education” means any place in which a board provides facilities for further education, including a place used only for part-time classes.

*Provisions to be made*

4.—(1) An institution of further education shall be organised with due regard to the circumstances and needs of the area which it is intended to serve and to the facilities available in other institutions of further education, including such facilities outside its own area.

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(a) S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20)

(b) S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3) to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject of these Regulations

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 429

(2) An institution of further education shall make appropriate arrangements for consultation and co-operation with business, industry and the professions in respect of courses related thereto.

*Prohibitions*

5. The Department may prohibit the use in any institution of further education of any book or other teaching material of which it does not approve.

6. An institution of further education shall not be used for political meetings, the transaction of any political business or for any purpose connected directly or indirectly with Parliamentary or Local Government elections except as polling booths on the requisition of the officer responsible in accordance with the statutes governing such elections.

*Course approval*

7.—(1) Courses of higher education to be provided in an institution of further education shall be subject to the approval of the Department.

(2) The provisions of this regulation apply to full-time and part-time courses of higher education.

(3) The Department may consult with interests as it considers appropriate before granting approval under paragraph (1).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 27th November 1992.

(L.S.)

T. Smyth

Assistant Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations prescribe the requirements as to the carrying on of institutions of further education.

They replace, in part, the Further Education (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973, as amended.

The only change of substance compared to the provisions of those Regulations is the provision for courses of higher education in institutions of further education to be subject to the approval of the Department.