
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Pre-School Education in Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Matters to be included in the criteria

4. The criteria to be applied in selecting children for admission to pre-school education at a school shall include the following matters—

- (a) the order of priority in which children shall be admitted to full-time pre-school education at the beginning of the school year where the number of applications for such admission exceeds the full-time enrolment number determined by the Department under Article 25 of the 1998 Order for the school for that school year;
- (b) the order of priority in which children shall be admitted to part-time pre-school education at the beginning of the school year where the number of applications for such admission exceeds the part-time enrolment number determined by the Department under Article 29 of the 1998 Order for the school for that school year;
- (c) the order of priority in which children shall be admitted to full-time pre-school education at any time after the beginning of the school year where the number of applications for such admission exceeds the number of vacant full-time places for pre-school education for that school year;
- (d) the order of priority in which children shall be admitted to part-time pre-school education at any time after the beginning of the school year where the number of applications for such admission exceeds the number of vacant part-time places for pre-school education for that school year;
- (e) provision to give priority, in the following order of priority, to—
 - (i) children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who will be aged 4 before 1st September in their final pre-school year;
 - (ii) children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who will be aged 3 before 1st September in their final pre-school year;
 - (iii) children not falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) who will be aged 4 before 1st September in their final pre-school year;
 - (iv) children not falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) who will be aged 3 before 1st September in their final pre-school year;
 - (v) children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who will be aged 3 before 1st September in their penultimate pre-school year;
 - (vi) children from socially disadvantaged circumstances who will be aged 2 before 1st September in their penultimate pre-school year;
 - (vii) children not falling within sub-paragraph (v) or (vi) who will be aged 3 before 1st September in their penultimate pre-school year;
 - (viii) children not falling within sub-paragraph (v) or (vi) who will be aged 2 before 1st September in their penultimate pre-school year; and who at the time of their proposed

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admission will not have a pre-school education place whether full-time or part-time at another school or any other premises.