

Nursery Schools.

REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST NOVEMBER, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1935, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

1938. No. 133.

1.—These Regulations may be cited as the Nursery Schools Regulations, 1937, Amending Regulations No. 1, 1938.

2.—The Nursery Schools Regulations, 1937 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1937, No. 30), herein referred to as “the principal regulations,” are hereby amended as follows :—

3.—Article 11 of the principal regulations is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor :—

“ 11.—A nursery school must be in operation for not less than 200 days in each school year ending 30th June; if not in operation for this period, the salary or salaries payable by the Ministry under Article 15 may be disallowed for the days of excess closing. The school must be open at all reasonable times to inspection by officers of the Ministry.”

4.—The following paragraph is hereby added to Article 12 of the principal regulations :—

“ Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, the conditions in regard to maintenance of average daily attendance for the appointment and retention of Assistant Superintendents shall be the same as those in force at the time being for the appointment and retention of assistant teachers in public elementary schools other than ‘large schools.’ Service given by an Assistant Superintendent in a nursery school in Northern Ireland during a period when these conditions are not fulfilled shall not be recognised by the Ministry for any purpose.”

5.—Article 14 of the principal regulations is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor :—

“ 14.—The Committee shall enter into an agreement with the Superintendent and each Assistant Superintendent on a form approved by the Ministry.”

6.—Article 15 of the principal regulations is hereby repealed and the following Article substituted therefor :—

15.—Where the above conditions are fulfilled, the Ministry may pay the Superintendent, and as many Assistant Superintendents as are employed in accordance with the requirements of Article 12, on the scale or scales of salary (including, in the case of the Superintendent, Principal's Grant) which would be applicable if the school were a public elementary school, under the regulations in force at the time for public elementary schools, and if the Superintendent were the principal teacher and the Assistant Superintendents were assistant teachers :

Provided :—

- (a) that the payment of these salaries by the Ministry shall be further conditional on the annual local contribution to the funds of the school (including any grant from the education authority, but excluding payments made by parents in respect of their children in the school) amounting to not less than a sum—at least equivalent to the initial rate of the Superintendent's salary scale including Principal's Grant, where only a Superintendent is employed, plus a further amount in respect of each Assistant Superintendent—which shall be prescribed by the Ministry from time to time, after consultation with the Ministry of Finance, in the case of each school ;
- (b) that, if in any year ended 30th June the local contributions fall short of the sum prescribed by the Ministry, the Ministry may suspend further grants of salary to the school until the deficiency is made good ;
- (c) that grants of salary shall not be made to a school unless the Ministry is satisfied that an average daily attendance of at least fifteen children will be maintained ; such grants shall be withdrawn from a school if the average daily attendance falls below ten for each of two consecutive years ending on 30th June."

7.—These Regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the principal regulations, and they shall take and have effect from 1st July, 1938.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 21st day of November, 1938, in the presence of

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(Signed) A. N. BONAPARTE WYSE,

Secretary.