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EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training)
Regulations 1988

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 50 and 63 of the Education (No. 2) Act 1986(a), the Secretary of State for Education and Science as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, hereby make the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) Regulations 1988 and shall come into force on 1st September 1988.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“course of initial teacher training” means a course for the initial training of teachers in schools which has been approved by the Secretary of State under paragraph 2(a) or 2(b)(i) of Schedule 5 to the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1982(b);

“grant-maintained” means maintained by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 52 of the Education Reform Act 1988(c);

“holder” means a person in receipt of a training bursary;

“middle school” means a school in respect of which proposals have been implemented, being proposals such as are mentioned in section 1(1) of the Education Act 1964(d);

“qualified teacher” means a person who, in pursuance of the Regulations(e) relating to the employment of teachers made under section 27 of the Education Act 1980(f), is qualified to be employed as a teacher at a school to which that section applies;

“training bursary” means a grant made in pursuance of these Regulations.

Grants by the Secretary of State

3. The Secretary of State is hereby authorised, subject to and in accordance with these Regulations, to pay grants (hereinafter referred to as “training bursaries”) to persons undergoing training as teachers.

(a) 1986 c.61.

(b) S.I. 1982/106, amended by S.I. 1982/542.

(c) 1988 c.40.

(d) 1964 c.82, amended by section 2 of the Education Act 1968 (c.17) and paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Education Act 1980 (c.20).

(e) The Regulations currently in force are the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1982 (S.I. 1982/106) amended by S.I. 1988/542.

(f) 1980 c.20.

Eligibility for Training Bursaries

4.—(1) A training bursary shall not be paid to a person who has previously completed a course of initial teacher training, or to a person who is under a contract of employment with a local education authority.

(2) A training bursary shall not be paid to a person unless—

- (a) he has been accepted for admission to a course which satisfies the criteria set out in (b), (c) and (d) of regulation 5; and
- (b) he satisfies the Secretary of State that he intends, on becoming a qualified teacher, to seek appointment in a secondary or middle school in England or Wales which is either maintained by a local education authority or grant-maintained.

Courses for which Training Bursaries are tenable

5. A training bursary shall neither be paid to a person nor be tenable by him except in respect of a course of initial teacher training which—

- (a) is provided by an establishment in England or Wales named by the Secretary of State when granting the training bursary;
- (b) begins on or after the 1st September 1986;
- (c) is designed to prepare persons to teach pupils either aged 11 to 16 of all ages in secondary schools and of which the principal subject matter is—
 - (i) mathematics, or
 - (ii) physics, or
 - (iii) technology, or
 - (iv) physics and technology, or
 - (v) craft, design and technology; and
- (d) is such that the period which the person in question would require for its completion (excluding any period for which he is excused attendance) would ordinarily not exceed two academic years.

Duration of training bursaries

6.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, a training bursary shall be payable for the period ordinarily required for the completion of the course in respect of which it is granted, less such part, if any, as the holder is excused from attending.

(2) If the authorities of the establishment at which a training bursary is tenable refuse to allow a holder to complete his course, his training bursary shall terminate forthwith.

(3) If, by reason of ill health or otherwise, the holder does not, or does not reasonably expect to, complete his course within the period ordinarily required, the Secretary of State may extend the period for which the training bursary is payable.

(4) If, after consultation with the authorities of the establishment at which the training bursary is tenable, the Secretary of State is satisfied that a holder has—

- (a) abandoned the course in respect of which it is held; or
- (b) by his conduct shown himself to be unfitted either to hold a training bursary or for employment as a teacher,

he shall terminate the training bursary.

(5) If the holder fails to furnish any information reasonably requested by the Secretary of State or, in response to such a request—

- (a) has furnished information which he knows to be false in a material particular; or
- (b) has recklessly furnished information which is false in a material particular,

the Secretary of State may terminate the training bursary or suspend it in whole or in part; and, where he has so suspended the training bursary, he may subsequently either restore it from such date as he thinks fit or terminate it.

Amount and payment of training bursaries

7.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a training bursary shall be £1,300 per annum in respect of a full-time course and in the case of a part-time course it shall be such proportion of that amount in each year as the number of hours of instruction in that year bears to 700.

(2) A student attending a course of the kind mentioned in regulation 5(c)(v) shall, in addition to the sums payable under sub-paragraph (1), be paid once only an equipment allowance of £200.

(3) A training bursary (including any equipment allowance) may be paid in a lump sum or by instalments in either case at such times as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

(4) For the purpose of this regulation a full-time course means a course involving 700 hours or more of instruction per year (including any teaching practice which forms part of the course) and a part-time course means a course involving less than 700 hours of such instruction.

Repayment

8. Where the Secretary of State is satisfied that the holder has been under a contract of employment with a local education authority for the whole or a substantial part of the period of training the holder shall on the request of the Secretary of State repay such sum not exceeding the amounts paid by way of bursary (including any equipment allowance) as the Secretary of State may request.

9. The Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) Regulations 1986(a), the Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) (Amendment) Regulations 1987(b) and the Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1987(c) are hereby revoked.

1st August 1988

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Secretary of State for Education and Science

4th August 1988

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations supersede the Education (Bursaries for Teacher Training) Regulations 1986 (S.I. 1986/1324, amended by S.I. 1987/499 and 1393). They empower the Secretary of State to pay training bursaries to persons undergoing initial training as teachers (regulation 3). To be eligible for a bursary, a person must not previously have completed a course of initial teacher training or be under a contract of employment with a local education authority and further the person must have been accepted for the

(a) S.I. 1986/1324.
(b) S.I. 1987/499.
(c) S.I. 1987/1393.

course and must satisfy the Secretary of State of his commitment to teaching in a secondary or middle school in England or Wales which is either maintained by a local education authority or grant-maintained (regulation 4). Bursaries are tenable on courses of initial teacher training provided by an establishment in England and Wales named by the Secretary of State when granting the training bursary, which begins on or after the 1st September 1986 and is designed to prepare persons to teach pupils either aged 11 to 16 or of all ages in secondary schools and of which the principal subject matter is mathematics, physics, technology, physics and technology or craft, design and technology and is of up to two year's duration. A bursary is for the normal duration of the course in respect of which it is granted but, in certain circumstances, the period may be extended or the payment of the bursary may be suspended or terminated (regulation 6). The value of the bursary is £1,300 per annum for a full-time course or a proportion of that amount ascertained in accordance with the regulations in respect of a part-time course. In addition in the case of those attending a course the subject matter of which is craft, design and technology an equipment allowance of £200 is payable (regulation 7). Training bursaries are repayable on request to the Secretary of State where he is satisfied that the holder has been under a contract of employment with a local education authority for the whole or a substantial part of the period of training (regulation 8).

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