STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 312

Teachers' (Eligibility) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Prohibition or restriction on a person's employment as a teacher

- **9.**—(1) The Department may prohibit or restrict the employment or further employment of a person eligible to teach—
 - (a) on medical grounds; or
 - (b) on grounds of his misconduct (whether or not evidenced by his conviction of a criminal offence).
- (2) The Department may direct an employing authority to suspend or terminate the teacher's employment.
- (3) The Department shall not exercise its powers under paragraph (2) without first consulting that employing authority.
- (4) Where the Department is considering exercising its powers under paragraph (1) or (2) it shall—
 - (a) afford the teacher concerned an opportunity to make representations to it;
 - (b) consider such representations and all other relevant information available to it.
- (5) Where the Department has prohibited or restricted a person's employment as a teacher on medical grounds or on grounds of his misconduct, it may subsequently remove or modify such prohibition or restriction.