EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide for the composition of the membership of the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland. The Council will consist of 14 elected teacher members, 5 teachers appointed by the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council, 10 members appointed by other bodies representing different interests in the education field, and 4 members appointed by the Department of Education of whom one member will be representative of industry and commerce.

Elections of elected members will take place every four years. The initial elections are to be organised in accordance with an electoral scheme of the Department of Education. Subsequent elections will be organised by the Council. Appointments will be for a term of four years.

The Regulations also make provision for the election of a chairman, the vacation of office by members and by the chairman in certain circumstances, and the filling of vacancies among members.