

School Attendance.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND,
UNDER PART VI, SECTIONS 30 TO 35, OF THE EDUCATION
ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1924. No. 43.

Whereas by Section 30 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, (in these Regulations referred to as "the Act"), it is enacted that the parent of every child between the ages of six and fourteen, or, if a bye-law made by the Education Authority and confirmed in accordance with the Act so prescribes, between the ages of five and fourteen, shall cause the child to attend school during such number of days in the year, and for such time on each day of attendance, as are prescribed by regulations made by the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry") except in so far as the said section otherwise provides ;

And whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 99 of the Act it is enacted that the Ministry may make all such regulations as are required to be made by it under the Act, or as appear to the Ministry to be necessary or proper for giving full effect to the Act ; and any such regulation shall, except as in the said Section provided, have effect as if enacted in the Act, but may be varied or revoked by a subsequent regulation ;

And whereas by sub-section (3) of Section 99 of the Act it is enacted that regulations made by the Ministry, other than regulations to which sub-section (2) of that section applies, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and, if an address is presented to the Governor of Northern Ireland by either of those Houses within ten days on which that House has sat next after any such regulations are laid before it, praying that the regulations may be annulled, the said Governor may thereupon by Order in Council annul the same, and the regulations so annulled shall forthwith become void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything which in the meantime may have been done thereunder ;

Now therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers hereinbefore mentioned and all other powers thereunto enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (School Attendance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924.

2. (a) In these Regulations expressions to which a meaning is assigned by the Act shall have the same meaning.

(b) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (12 Geo. 5, c. 4), applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

3. For the purposes of the provisions of the Act relating to School Attendance the Regulations following shall have effect.

4. It shall be the duty of the parent of every child, so soon as the child attains the age prescribed for school attendance in accordance with the provisions of Sections 30 and 34 of the Act, to cause him or her to attend a public elementary school or other school recognised by the Ministry as efficient, unless he shall furnish evidence reasonably sufficient to satisfy the Education Authority that such child has been exempted from such attendance or that there is reasonable excuse for its non-attendance within the meaning of Section 30 of the Act.

5. (a) The number of days in the year during which the parent of any child of school age shall cause his child to attend school shall be the number of days prescribed by the Ministry for the school of which such child is a pupil as the total number of days during which that school shall be in full operation during the year; Provided that if on any of such days the school shall with the approval of the Ministry be closed on account of an epidemic or for other sufficient cause the pupils shall for the purposes of these Regulations be deemed to have made attendances on the days during which the school was so closed.

(b) The time for which the parent of any child aforesaid shall cause such child to attend school on each of the days aforesaid shall be the number of hours of secular instruction prescribed by the Ministry for the school of which such child is a pupil as the number of hours necessary to constitute a daily attendance for pupils of a like age, being not less than 3 hours for pupils of 9 years of age and under and not less than 4 hours in the case of pupils over 9 years of age; Provided that in any case where it is permissible for a pupil to attend during school hours on any day on which the school is in operation at any place for any purpose approved by the Ministry the time occupied in making such attendance shall count for the purposes of these Regulations.

(c) An Attendance for the purposes of these Regulations may be completed in one or two sessions on the same day according as the arrangements of each particular school may enable or provide.

(d) A Year for the purposes of these regulations shall in the case of public elementary schools commence on the 1st July and end on the 30th June following, and in the case of all other schools commence on the 1st of August and end on the 31st July following.

6. (a) The principal teacher or headmaster of every school at which children of school age are in attendance shall at least one month before the termination of each year aforesaid prepare and transmit in triplicate to the Ministry a Table for the next ensuing

year in accordance with Form S.A.1 in the Schedule hereto, and all such forms shall be signed by the principal teacher or headmaster and countersigned by the manager of the school.

(b) Any such Table prescribing the number of days and the time of daily attendance as in the foregoing regulation provided in respect of any school and purporting to have been made by the Ministry shall in all legal and other proceedings under the Act be received as evidence of the matters therein stated.

(c) The Table aforesaid made by the Ministry prescribing the number of days and time of daily attendance or a true copy thereof shall be exhibited in a prominent position in the school and shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by a parent of any pupil, and such parent shall be entitled to make extracts therefrom.

7. The parent of every child of school age shall when the child is being enrolled in any school furnish to the principal teacher thereof a Registrar's certificate of the date of the child's birth or if such certificate be not procurable such other documentary evidence of the date of birth as in the particular case may be procurable.

The said teacher shall preserve and retain possession of this certificate or other documentary evidence so long as the child is in attendance at the school and shall permit any accredited officer of the Education Authority at all reasonable times to inspect such documents ;

Provided that he shall during such period allow the Education Authority to have possession thereof if required for purposes of proceedings under the Act for such time as may be necessary for such purposes ; and shall also return such certificate or documents to the parent when the child is leaving the school.

8. (a) A bye-law, made by an Education Authority and confirmed in accordance with the provisions of the Act, altering the age limit for school attendance as provided in sub-section 1 of Section 30 of the Act, shall be published by advertisement or otherwise as may be deemed by the Education Authority to be most effective for bringing such bye-law to the knowledge of all whom it may concern.

(b) No such bye-law shall come into operation at a date earlier than six months from the date on which it is made.

(c) A copy of every such bye-law shall be supplied by the Education Authority to the Manager and principal teacher of every school in the education area concerned at which children of school age are in attendance.

9. Every Warning and every Summons to appear before an Education Authority specified in Section 32 of the Act shall be according to Forms S.A.2 and S.A.3 respectively in the Schedule hereto, or such other forms as may be approved by the Ministry.

10. All reasonable information respecting children who are required by the Act to attend school and who may be attending school within an education area shall be supplied by the Education Authority of that area to the Education Authority of any other area, provided that such information is required for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act relating to school attendance.

11. Every school attendance officer shall, for the purpose of the performance of his duties under the Act, be entitled at all reasonable times to inspect and make extracts from the Roll Books and Registers of any school at which children of school age are in attendance within the education area of which he is an officer.

12. The certificate of attendances which the head teacher of any school recognised by the Ministry is required under the provisions of Section 35 of the Act to issue to the parent of a child that is being removed from the school shall be according to Form S.A.4 in the Schedule hereto, or in such other form as may be approved by the Ministry.

13. The principal teacher of every school shall, when required by the Education Authority for the purpose of proceedings under the Act furnish a certificate under his own hand stating as may be required, whether or not any particular child of school age is or is not attending that school, and, if so required, stating the particulars of the attendance of any such child at that school.

14. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning or effect of these Regulations the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

15. These Regulations shall come into force in the education areas of the County Boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry forthwith; and in the case of the education areas of Counties on the day fixed under Section 109 of the Act as the appointed day on which Part VI of the Act shall come into operation in those areas.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for
Northern Ireland this 20th day of May, 1924.

(Signed) *L. M'Quibban,*
Secretary.

(L.S.)

FORM S.A.2.

.....EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

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EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

WARNING TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

.....EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

To M.....

WARNING.

Name of Parent.....

Address

Name of Child.....

School Attended.....

Date of Service.....192.....

On Whom Served.....

Mode of Service.....

TAKE NOTICE that you have failed to cause your child

.....to attend an efficient school in accordance with the provisions of the above-named Act and regulations made thereunder relating to School Attendance.

This Notice is given in the hope that there may be no necessity to take further steps to enforce the law. You are hereby warned that if this Notice is disregarded, you may be summoned to appear before the.....Committee of the above-named Authority to show cause why an Attendance Order should not be made against you. Failure to comply with an Attendance Order will render you liable to be proceeded against in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

Dated this.....day of.....192.....

By Order

..... EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

SUMMONS TO SHOW CAUSE.

Name of Parent.....

Address

Name of Child (attendance required*).....

Date of Meeting.....

Place of Meeting.....

Date of Service.....

Mode of Service.....

On Whom Served.....

*Strike out if not required.

..... EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

SUMMONS TO SHOW CAUSE.

To M.....

WHEREAS, by Notice dated the.....day of.....
192....., you were warned by the above-named Education Authority
that you had failed to cause your child.....
to attend.....School in accordance with the
provisions of the above-named Act and Regulations made thereunder
relating to School Attendance ;

And Whereas, notwithstanding the said Warning, you have further
failed to cause your child.....
to attend as aforesaid.

Take Notice, therefore, that you are hereby required to attend
before the.....Committee of the above-named
Authority at.....on.....day, the
.....day of.....192....., at the hour
of.....o'clock m., to show cause why a School Attendance
Order should not be made against you in respect of the said child.

*You are further required to bring your said child.....
.....with you at the time and place above-mentioned.

Dated this.....day of.....192.....

By Order

*Strike out if not required.

School Attendance

FORM S.A.4.

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..... EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (Section 35).

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

..... School.

School.....

..... Department.

Department.....

Pupil's Name.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that.....

Date of Birth.....

residing at.....

Department.....

attended the above-named School from.....

Class.....

to

Date of Removal.....

The number of attendances during that period was.....

Cause of Removal.....

At time of removal...he was placed in Class (or Standard).....

Attendance from.....

The date of birth, as given in Register is.....

to.....

The reason for leaving was stated to be.....

Number of Attendances.....

Parent's (or Guardian's) Name.....

Date.....

Dated this..... day of..... 192.....

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Head Teacher.

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Head Teacher.