

poned from one financial year to another, the Ministry shall make such adjustments as may seem to it proper.

4. For the purpose of these regulations the expression "education authority" includes the Council of an urban county district which is making separate provision by virtue of the provisions of Part IV. of the Act for technical instruction in that district in accordance with a financial scheme approved by the Ministry.

5. The grants payable under Regulation (3) shall be paid by the Ministry in such portions and at such times as the Ministry may think proper.

6. These Regulations shall only apply to grants payable in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1934.

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

8. These Regulations may be cited as the Parliamentary Grant (Education Authorities) Regulations, 1933-34.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this third day of September, 1932.

(L.S.)

*W. A. Houston,*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations, in witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed hereto, this fifth day of September, 1932, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*W. B. Spender,*  
Secretary.

### **Public Elementary Schools : Extra and Special Subjects.**

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH OCTOBER, 1932, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NORTHERN IRELAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 TO 1931, AND PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 99 (2) OF THE SAID EDUCATION ACT OF 1923.

1932. No. 113.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"),

the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") after consultation with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations in regard to the payment by the Ministry of grants for instruction of public elementary school pupils in extra and special subjects.

#### I. EXTRA SUBJECTS IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, grants may be paid by the Ministry to teachers of public elementary schools for instruction in extra subjects given outside the hours prescribed for compulsory attendance of pupils.

2. A course of instruction in an extra subject must for the purposes of these regulations continue throughout the school year ; each lesson must be of at least half-an-hour's duration.

3. Grants shall be paid only in respect of pupils enrolled in fifth and higher standards ; no grant shall be paid for any pupil in respect of whom a grant has been previously paid for the same or an equivalent course, nor shall grants be paid in respect of any pupil for more than three courses in all.

4. An extra subject shall not be taught by a teacher whose work in the ordinary school subjects does not in the opinion of the Ministry show merit.

5. If, in any school, fees are charged to any pupils for instruction in an extra subject, no grant shall be paid by the Ministry for instruction in that subject unless the inspector certifies that no child has been excluded from receiving the instruction on account of the inability of his parents to pay the fee demanded.

6. Grants may be paid by the Ministry in respect of each pupil who receives instruction in the Extra Subjects and for the minimum number of hours in this Article specified at the following rates subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof :—

	Rate of Payment per pupil.	Minimum number of hours' instruction in school year.
1. Mathematics : Algebra ..	9s.	45
2. „ Geometry ..	9s.	45
3. Irish .. ..	9s.	45

7. Not more than 45 pupils may be enrolled in any one class for instruction in an extra subject without the special sanction of the Ministry.

## II. SPECIAL SUBJECTS.

(a) *Horticulture.*

8. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, grants may be paid by the Ministry to teachers of public elementary schools for instruction in Horticulture given either during or outside the hours prescribed for compulsory attendance of pupils.

9. Instruction must be given for at least eight months in the school year. Classes shall, as a rule, begin not later than 1st October in each year. At least forty lessons of one hour each shall be given in practical work, and twenty lessons of one hour each in theoretical work during the year. The times at which the practical lessons are given may vary with the season of the year and, while definite days and hours should be specified on the time-table, the teacher will be at liberty to postpone the practical lesson to another day if the weather turns out unsuitable.

10. A grant of twelve shillings may, subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof, be paid in respect of each pupil who has attended at least ten theoretical and twenty practical lessons and during such attendance was enrolled in fourth or higher standard. Grants shall not be paid in respect of any pupil more than once for the same or an equivalent course or for more than three courses in all.

11. Prizes of £5 each may be awarded annually by the Ministry to the Teachers of the three schools in Northern Ireland with the best school gardens attached. No teacher may receive more than three prizes in six years.

A £5 prize may be divided in any manner that may be considered desirable.

12. Application for recognition of a class in Horticulture should be made not later than 1st October in any school year.

(b) *Domestic Economy taught in Public Elementary Schools.*

13.—(a) Where instruction in Domestic Economy (Cookery and Laundry Work) is given in a public elementary school by a teacher, or by teachers, who had taught the subject in the school year ended 30th June, 1926, in that school, and had received grants for such instruction from the Ministry, a grant (styled the "tuition grant") at the rate hereinafter specified may be paid by the Ministry.

(b) Where instruction in Domestic Economy is given in a voluntary public elementary school (as defined in section 15 of the Act) a further grant (styled the "maintenance grant") in reimbursement, in whole or in part, of necessary expenditure on the equipment, fuel, material, etc., required in connection with the instruction, may be paid by the Ministry to the manager.

14.—(a) The instruction may be given either during or outside the hours prescribed for compulsory attendance of pupils. Except as provided for in (b) of this section the instruction must extend over a period of at least five months in the school year, and each course shall consist of at least twenty-five lessons. Each lesson shall be of not less than one and a half hours' duration. Classes must, as a rule, begin not later than 1st November in each year.

(b) In schools in which there are special rooms suitably and properly equipped an intensive course of not less than 75 hours' instruction covering the whole syllabus in Cookery or in Cookery and Laundry Work as laid down in the programme of instruction in public elementary schools may be taken in one school year preferably in the last year of the pupil's attendance, provided always that the approval of the Ministry is obtained before instruction is commenced.

15. The maximum number of pupils which may be enrolled in a class under one teacher shall not exceed twenty-five, without the express permission of the Ministry.

16.—(a) The tuition grant payable under 13 (a) for courses conducted under 14 (a) shall be at the rate of 5/-, subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof, for each girl pupil who is taught Cookery or Laundry Work, provided that she has attended at least thirteen lessons, and during such attendance was enrolled in fifth or higher standard or had reached the age of twelve years. Grants shall not be paid in respect of any pupil more than once for the same or an equivalent course. This grant shall be paid to the teaching staff in such manner as the Ministry may determine.

(b) In the case of courses conducted under 14 (b) the tuition grant where payable under 13 (a) shall be at the rate of 10/-, subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof, for each eligible girl pupil, provided that she has attended at least 26 lessons of not less than 1½ hours each or any equivalent amount of instruction.

17. The Maintenance Grant shall be either—

(a) a sum equivalent to the expenditure on equipment fuel, material, etc., necessarily incurred during the school year in connection with the instruction ;

or

(b) in the case of classes conducted under Article 14 (a), a sum calculated at the rate of 2/6d., subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof, for each pupil on whom the tuition grant is payable ;

or

(c) in the case of classes conducted under Article 14 (b),

a sum calculated at the rate of 5/-, subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof, for each pupil on whom the tuition grant is payable ;

whichever is the lesser sum.

(c) *Domestic Economy and Manual Instruction taught in Centres of Technical Instruction.*

18. The time during which public elementary school pupils are under instruction in classes in Manual Instruction or Domestic Economy conducted in accordance with these regulations will be accepted as part of the minimum time constituting an attendance at a Public Elementary School.

19.—(a) A boy enrolled in a Public Elementary School who either is above Fifth Standard or has reached the age of twelve years at the beginning of the course is eligible to attend a course of Manual Instruction.

(b) A girl enrolled in a Public Elementary School who either is above Fourth Standard or has reached the age of twelve years at the beginning of the course is eligible to attend a course of Domestic Economy.

Provided, however, that the consent of the manager must be obtained for the attendance of the pupils at the course of instruction.

20.—(a) A class in Manual Instruction must not consist of more than sixteen pupils without the express permission of the Ministry of Education.

(b) A class in Domestic Economy must not consist of more than twenty-five pupils without the express permission of the Ministry.

21.—(a) A course must consist of not less than twenty-five lessons, each of not less than ninety minutes' duration, and must extend over a period of not less than five months ; provided, however, that an equivalent amount of instruction distributed over a shorter period may be sanctioned by the Ministry.

(b) The lessons must be distributed as evenly as possible over the whole period of a course.

22. In respect of each course recognised under these regulations the Ministry may make a grant to the conductors of the technical scheme providing the said course at the rate of 4d., subject to the provisions of Article 28 hereof, for each attendance of an eligible pupil at a lesson of not less than 90 minutes' duration.

23. The general arrangements for the conduct of the classes will be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

III. GENERAL.

24. The classes must be at all times open to the Inspectors of the Ministry who will report to the Ministry upon the character and efficiency of the instruction.

25. The Ministry must be satisfied that the teachers are qualified to give the instruction.

26. The courses of instruction shall be in accordance with the Programme of Instruction for Public Elementary Schools.

27. The attendances of the pupils at the classes must be entered in the appropriate roll or register before the beginning of each lesson.

28. Until further notice all grants (other than prizes for the teaching of Horticulture) payable under these regulations to—

(a) Managers and Teachers of public elementary schools (including public elementary schools conducted by religious communities) in respect of instruction given to pupils in extra and special subjects, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations ;

(b) Local Education Authorities and others in respect of instruction given to public elementary school pupils at classes for Manual Instruction and Domestic Economy specially organised for such pupils in centres of Technical Instruction, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations ;

shall be and are hereby reduced by seven and one-half per cent.

29. The grants payable under these regulations may be reduced or withheld if any of the conditions prescribed in the regulations are not observed or if the equipment, the accommodation, or the instruction is unsatisfactory.

30. In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these regulations, or as to any claim, right, or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

31. These regulations shall take and have effect as from 1st July, 1932, and shall from that date supersede and be substituted for all previous statutory regulations relating to the provision of instruction of public elementary school pupils in the aforesaid extra subjects and special subjects.

32. These regulations may be cited as the Regulations for Instruction of Public Elementary School Pupils in Extra and Special Subjects, 1932.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this eleventh day of October, 1932.

(L.S.)

A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,  
Secretary.