

(3) The rate of salary specified in Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations as applicable to an unqualified woman teacher shall be augmented by the addition of the relevant proportion of the difference between the aforesaid rate and the rate of salary of an unqualified man teacher.

4. The relevant proportion for each period set out in column (i) below shall be the proportion shown opposite in column (ii)

(i) Period		(ii) Proportion
From	To	
1st October, 1955,	to 31st March, 1956	... one-seventh
1st April, 1956,	to 31st March, 1957	... two-sevenths
1st April, 1957,	to 31st March, 1958	... three-sevenths
1st April, 1958,	to 31st March, 1959	... four-sevenths
1st April, 1959,	to 31st March, 1960	... five-sevenths
1st April, 1960,	to 31st March, 1961	... six-sevenths

Provided that where the amount of the addition includes a fraction of a pound the said fraction shall be ignored if under 10s. and reckoned as £1 0s. 0d. if it is 10s. or over.

5. From the 1st April, 1961, the salaries and allowances prescribed for men shall apply equally to women.

6. Paragraph 3 of Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations shall have effect as if for the words "and in the case of a man a further annual increment of £25, to the maximum of Scale V" wheresoever they occur there were substituted "and a final annual increment to the maximum of Scale V".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 21st day of September, 1955, in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. S. Brownell,
Secretary.

Milk and Meals

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST MARCH, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1953.

1955. No. 52

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The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 43, 74 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955,

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April, 1955.

(3) The Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(a), the Milk and Meals Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), No. 2, 1951(b), and the Milk and Meals Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), No. 3, 1952(c), are hereby revoked.

2. In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say—

“ authority ” means local education authority;

“ dinner ” means substantial mid-day meal.

“ equipment ” includes furniture, apparatus and articles of whatever kind (other than food or drink) required in connection with a school meals service;

“ inspector ” means an inspector of the Ministry or any person authorised by the Ministry to carry out inspection for the purpose of these Regulations;

“ responsible authority ” means, in the case of a voluntary grammar school, the managers of the school, and in the case of any other school to which these Regulations apply means the authority;

“ school meals service ” means a service for the provision of milk or meals or other refreshment or of any combination thereof;

“ trustees ” includes any persons in whom the school premises are vested.

3.—(1) Each authority shall provide a school meals service for day pupils in attendance at all primary, intermediate and special schools and at all county grammar schools in its area.

(2) The managers of each voluntary grammar school shall provide a school meals service for day pupils in attendance at the school.

(3) An authority may in accordance with approved arrangements provide a school meals service for pupils (being pupils who have not attained the age of eighteen years) in attendance at full-time day courses in institutions providing further education, and where such approved arrangements are made at or in connection with any such institution these Regulations shall, except to such extent as the Ministry may from time to time in any particular case otherwise direct, apply to the institution as they apply to a school under the management of the authority.

(4) An authority may, with the consent of the proprietor of an independent school, and upon such financial and other terms, if any, as may be determined by agreement between the authority and the proprietor of the school, make arrangements for securing the provision of a school meals service for pupils in attendance at the school;

(a) S.R. & O. 1948 (N.I.), No. 289.

(b) S.R. & O. 1951 (N.I.), No. 20.

(c) S.R. & O. 1952 (N.I.), No. 187.

Provided that any arrangements made under this subparagraph shall be such as to secure, so far as is practicable, that the expense incurred by the authority in connection with such arrangements shall not exceed the expense which would have been incurred by them for such service if the school were a grant-aided school.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, upon days on which any school to which Regulation 3 applies is open for instruction, the responsible authority shall provide dinners for day pupils in attendance at the school, and for day pupils and boarding pupils milk to drink of such amount as will enable any pupil to receive not less than one third and not more than two thirds of a pint on each such day.

(2) The responsible authority may also if it thinks fit provide—

(a) for day pupils

(i) On such days as in paragraph (1) other meals or refreshment; and

(ii) on any other days milk of such amount as aforesaid, dinners, other meals or refreshment; and

(b) for boarding pupils on any such other days milk to drink of such amount as aforesaid:

Provided that the managers of a voluntary grammar school may arrange that the authority will provide milk in accordance with this Regulation for pupils in attendance at the school and in respect of any period during which milk is so supplied the authority shall, for that purpose, be the responsible authority.

5.—(1) Dinners, milk, other meals or refreshment shall not be provided for pupils whose parents object to such provision.

(2) The responsible authority may exclude any pupil from the benefits of the school meals service or part thereof if the pupil avails himself so rarely or irregularly of the said service or the said part thereof that waste or undue expense is involved in catering for him, or for any other reasonable cause.

6. The responsible authority shall ensure that due economy is observed in the operation of the school meals service.

7. The responsible authority shall take such steps and provide or secure the provision of such premises, equipment, materials and facilities (including transport) as are necessary to ensure that its school meals service is conducted in accordance with these Regulations.

8.—(1) This Regulation applies to primary, intermediate and special schools not being schools under the management of an authority.

(2) The managers of every school to which this Regulation applies shall afford the authority all such reasonable facilities at the school, including use of the school buildings and equipment, as are necessary for the efficient operation of the school meals service and a duly authorised officer of the Authority shall be afforded such facilities, including entry at all reasonable times, to any portion of the school premises used for the purposes of the service, as are necessary for the supervision thereof.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation 7 an authority may with the consent of the trustees of any school to which this Regulation applies and with the approval of the Ministry make such alterations to the school buildings, erect such further buildings and do such other work in relation to the school premises as will render them suitable for the purposes of the school meals service:

Provided that before undertaking such alterations, erection of buildings or other work aforesaid the authority shall enter into an approved contract or agreement with the said trustees, whether by way of lease or otherwise.

(4) If the use or alteration as aforesaid of the school premises or of any part thereof deprives the managers of the school of the use of such premises or of any part thereof for essential school purposes the authority shall make such provision as the Ministry may approve for making good such deprivation.

(5) Where such alterations, erection of buildings or doing of other work as in this Regulation are required solely for the provisions of facilities for the school meals service, the expense thereof shall be borne wholly by the authority.

(6) Any doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of this Regulation shall be referred to the Ministry whose decision thereon shall be final.

9. Without prejudice to the generality of its power under these Regulations, an authority may in accordance with approved arrangements specifying the services to be rendered and the financial conditions applicable thereto—

- (a) assist the managers of a voluntary grammar school to carry out their duties under these Regulations; and
- (b) arrange for the managers of a school (not being a school under the management of an authority or a voluntary grammar school) to provide meals on behalf of the authority to day pupils in attendance at such school.

10.—(1) All premises used for the school meals service shall be adequate and suitable for the purpose, safe in case of fire, kept in a proper state of repair and cleanliness, adequately lighted, heated and ventilated and suitably arranged and equipped.

(2) The equipment used for the school meals service shall be kept in a proper state of repair and cleanliness,

(3) The premises, equipment and material used for the school meals service shall be open to inspection by an inspector who shall be afforded all the facilities he requires for informing himself as to the said service.

11. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Regulation 13 of these Regulations the responsible authority shall keep (and on request shall produce for inspection by an inspector or furnish to the Ministry) such books, accounts, records and other information relating to its school meals service as it considers necessary or as the Ministry may from time to time direct.

12. The responsible authority shall provide for insurance against loss or damage by fire to any premises or equipment provided for the purposes of the school meals service and against such other risk or liability arising from its school meals service as it considers necessary.

13.—(1) Every dinner shall be adequate in quantity and quality so as to be suitable as the main meal of the day for the pupil, shall be well prepared and cooked, and shall be properly served and in good condition.

(2) The dietary for dinners shall be suitably varied and planned in order to secure nutritionally balanced meals appropriate to the ages of the pupils and suitable records shall be kept of the amounts of the ingredients used.

14.—(1) The milk supplied for pupils shall be such as conforms with the standards laid down under the provisions of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland), 1950.

(2) If, in the case of the pupils of any school, liquid milk which satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1) is not available, the Ministry may, for such period as it considers necessary in the circumstances, approve the provision of a suitable substitute therefor.

15.—(1) Each authority shall employ an officer as School Meals Organiser and if the Ministry so approves one or more Assistant School Meals Organisers together with such other officers as are necessary for the efficient operation of the school meals service and such School Meals Organisers and Assistant Organisers shall possess approved qualifications in dietetics and cookery and adequate experience in the planning and preparation of meals on a large scale.

(2) The responsible authority shall employ a suitable and adequate staff other than teachers—

(a) for the preparation, cooking and service of meals, for transport of meals where necessary, and for washing up or any other necessary purpose; and

(b) to such extent as may be necessary for supervising pupils at meals, having regard to the power given to the authority and to managers in Regulation 16 to require teachers to supervise pupils.

16.—The authority, or in the case of a school not under the management of an authority the managers of the school, shall ensure that suitable arrangements are made for the supervision and social training of pupils whilst they are participating in the school meals service and for that purpose may require teachers to supervise pupils whilst they are so participating, on days on which the school in which the teacher is employed is open for instruction:

Provided that

- (a) no teacher of any school shall be required to perform any service of supervision as aforesaid unless pupils of that school are included amongst the pupils supervised by the teacher; and that
- (b) no service of supervision as aforesaid shall be required of any teacher and no voluntary assistance to the school meals service shall be given by any teacher if in the opinion of the authority or, in the case of a teacher in a school not under the management of an authority, the managers of the school, such service would adversely affect the quality of the teaching given by that teacher.

17.—(1) The parents of a pupil shall be charged—

- (a) for a dinner supplied to the pupil an approved amount; and
- (b) for any other meal or refreshment so supplied (not being milk supplied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4 of these Regulations) an amount not less than the cost of the ingredients of the said other meal or refreshment:

Provided that the responsible authority may in accordance with approved arrangements remit the whole or part of the charge in any case where the payment thereof would involve financial hardship to the parent.

(2) Milk supplied to pupils in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 4 shall be supplied free of charge to them.

(3) Save as the Ministry may in any particular case direct, any reference in this Regulation to the cost of the ingredients shall refer to the cost as estimated by the responsible authority.

18. If the Ministry is of the opinion that in the case of any area or school full compliance with the requirements of these Regulations is not practicable, it may from time to time approve of such modification in the requirements in their application to such area or school as will render them suitable therefor.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education
this 31st day of March, 1955, in the presence of

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J. M. Benn,
Assistant Secretary.