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TRAINING OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND GRANTS SCHEME

SCHEME, DATED 16TH FEBRUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 1 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Agriculture (in this Scheme referred to as "the Ministry") with the approval of the Ministry of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by Section 5 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(a) (in this Scheme referred to as "the Act") as amended by Section 1 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(b) and of every other power enabling it on that behalf hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. The Scheme may be cited as the Training of Agricultural Workers and Grants (Northern Ireland) Scheme 1971 and shall come into operation on 16th February 1971.

Definitions

2. In this Scheme:—

"course" means any course provided under Section 5(2A) of the Act;

"trainee" means a person participating in a course;

"sandwich course student" means a person following a course leading to a Higher National Diploma or Ordinary National Diploma award where the course includes a period or periods of supervised practice in Agriculture;

"training centre" means an establishment approved by the Ministry for the training of agricultural workers;

"employee" means a person other than a sandwich course student who engages in agricultural work under a contract of employment for monetary remuneration with a person engaged in agriculture and "employer" shall be construed accordingly;

"a week" means a period of 7 days ending with Saturday;

"approved farm" means a farm approved by the Ministry for the provision of training thereon in connection with a course.

Grants for the training of agricultural workers

3. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may pay a grant:—

- (i) In accordance with Part I of the Schedule to an employer in respect of each of his employees who participates in a course.
- (ii) In accordance with Part II of the Schedule to a person supervising a sandwich course student during that part of the course consisting of supervised practical work in respect of each student so supervised.

Grants for the provision of facilities

4. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme the Ministry may pay grant in accordance with Part III of the Schedule to persons engaged in agriculture who provide facilities for practical training in agriculture required by the Ministry in connection with a course.

Inspection

5. The Ministry may make such inspection of farm records of an employer or any person supervising a Sandwich Course Student as it considers necessary to satisfy itself that a trainee is following the approved course of training and the employer shall afford to the Ministry or to any of its authorised officers such facilities at all reasonable hours as may be required to enable such inspections to be carried out.

6. The Ministry may withhold payment of grant or recover grant paid in whole or in part from any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 16th day of February 1971.

(L.S.)

A. E. W. Steen,
Senior Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of February 1971.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Rates of grant payable to employers

1. Such sum not exceeding £5 per week and £100 in the aggregate in respect of the period when the employee is attending a training centre as the Ministry shall determine.
2. Such sum not exceeding £2 per week in respect of a period or periods not exceeding in all 104 weeks when an employee who has attended a training centre is undergoing a course of supervised training on an approved farm as the Ministry shall determine.
3. Such sum not exceeding £1 per day in respect of any period not exceeding 4 days when the employee is attending a training centre as the Ministry shall determine, such sum shall not exceed in the aggregate £10 in each calendar year.

PART II

Rates of grant payable in respect of the supervision of Sandwich Course Students

Such sum not exceeding £3.50 per week and £175 in the aggregate in respect of the period when the Sandwich Course Student is undergoing supervised practical training as the Ministry shall determine.

PART III

Rates of grant payable for facilities

1. A sum of £2 per day in respect of facilities made available to a group of trainees up to 5 in number.
2. A sum of £4 per day in respect of facilities made available to a group of trainees between 6 and 10 in number.
3. A sum of £6 per day in respect of facilities made available to a group of trainees of 11 or more in number.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Scheme but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Scheme enables the Ministry of Agriculture to pay grants to—

- (a) employers engaged in agricultural activities during the period when their employees are undergoing training in agricultural skills;
- (b) those who employ sandwich course students studying agriculture and who provide supervised practice; and
- (c) farmers who make available facilities for training purposes.