

Pupil Teachers and Monitors.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND,
AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 65 OF THE EDUCATION
ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1926. No. 102.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") hereby makes the following regulations.

I. Pupil Teachers.

(To replace Rules 151 to 157 of the former Code).

1. Pupil teachers in connection with public elementary schools shall be of two kinds :—(a) Junior, and (b) Senior. The appointments shall date in each case from 1st September, and shall be conditional on good conduct and satisfactory progress in study.

2. Junior pupil teachers shall be appointed by the Ministry from among the more promising pupils of elementary schools who are over thirteen and a half but not over fifteen years of age on the 1st June in the year of appointment. They shall be selected on the results of the Elementary School Certificate Examination, but candidates shall take Algebra, Geometry and one other optional subject as part of the examination. In addition, candidates shall be examined by an inspector in reading and singing as prescribed for seventh standard. The inspector shall be precluded from recommending a candidate if he has ground for believing that the latter does not possess aptitude and temperament suitable for the teaching profession.

3. The period of service for a junior pupil teacher shall be two years. At the end of the period of service as junior pupil teacher, on answering satisfactorily at the examination specified in Rule 4, the junior pupil teacher shall become a senior pupil teacher.

4. Junior pupil teachers on appointment shall attend a recognised intermediate or secondary school, and shall present themselves at the junior certificate examination at the end of their period of service in a course of study officially approved.

5. The rates of allowance for junior pupil teachers shall be :—

First Year	..	..	..	..	£10
Second „	..	..	..	..	£12

6. Senior pupil teachers must be over fifteen and a half but not

over eighteen years of age on the 1st June in the year of appointment. They shall be of two kinds:—

- (I.) Junior pupil teachers who have successfully completed their course, and
- (II.) Students who have passed in the senior certificate examination or who have passed with credit in three subjects in the junior certificate examination not more than two years prior to date of appointment as pupil teachers, selected as far as possible in order of proficiency.

7. In each case the candidate shall be recommended by the inspector after a personal interview, and the inspector shall be precluded from recommending a candidate if he has ground for believing that the latter does not possess aptitude and temperament suitable for the teaching profession.

8. The period of service for a senior pupil teacher shall be two years ; but for pupil teachers who have passed the senior certificate examination prior to their appointment, the period shall be one year, commencing from the 1st September in the year of appointment, and all appointments shall be conditional on good conduct and satisfactory progress in study.

9. Senior pupil teachers shall attend a recognised secondary school, and shall in their final year of service pass satisfactorily the King's Scholarship examination. They shall be eligible for service marks at this examination in their final year of service or in the following year. Those successful at the final examination shall be eligible for admission to recognised training colleges.

10. During their period of service, senior pupil teachers shall attend an approved public elementary school for one school-day or two half-days in each week, in order to receive instruction and practice in the art of elementary school keeping.

11. The rates of allowance for senior pupil teachers shall be :—

First Year	..	..	..	..	£15
Second ,,	..	..	..	..	£20
Candidates appointed for one year	..	..	..	..	£20

A bonus of £18 shall be paid to each senior pupil teacher on securing admission to a recognised training college.

12. All candidates for senior pupil teacherships (except persons already recognised as junior pupil teachers) shall forward their applications to the Ministry not later than the 1st July in the year of appointment. Applicants for junior pupil teacherships shall send their names to the local inspector before 1st April.

13. Managers who desire to have senior pupil teachers appointed to their schools shall make application to the Ministry not later

than 1st July in any year, and may submit names of eligible candidates. Candidates shall, as far as possible, be appointed to schools in the district in which they are attending a secondary school.

14. All candidates for pupil teacherships shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of age, a certificate of character from a clergyman or magistrate, a medical certificate that they are of sound and healthy constitution and free from any physical or mental defect likely to impair their usefulness as teachers, and a written undertaking to become public elementary school teachers in Northern Ireland.

15. Girl pupil teachers shall be eligible for appointment as assistant teachers in public elementary schools under the conditions set forth in the Regulations of the Ministry. (See King's Scholarship Programme).

16. Pupil teachers shall be recognised in connection only with schools in which the organisation, methods of instruction, premises, furniture, apparatus and accommodation are of a very satisfactory character.

17. As the number of pupil teachers will be limited, managers should understand that no claim to an appointment can be entertained merely on the grounds that the conditions specified in these rules have all been fulfilled.

18. A daily record shall be kept of the attendances of pupil teachers both in the schools where they receive their general education and in the elementary schools where they receive instruction in the art of teaching.

19. The recognition of a pupil teacher may be withdrawn at any time should want of diligence, of efficiency, or of good conduct, or any other circumstance, in the opinion of the Ministry, render such a course desirable.

20. A fee of £4 10s 0d. per annum in respect of each senior pupil teacher shall be payable to the principal teachers of public elementary schools attended by senior pupil teachers. This fee shall not be paid unless the inspector is able to certify that due attention has been given by the teacher to the instruction of the senior pupil teacher in the art and practice of teaching. Weekly criticism lessons shall be given.

II. Monitors.

(To replace Rules 130 to 150 of the former Code.)

1. Pupils of Public Elementary schools who have passed the prescribed test may be appointed as monitors by the Ministry upon the recommendation of an inspector after a personal interview.

2. In consequence of the appointment of junior pupil teachers the number of monitors that may be recognised in this and future years will be less than was allowable under former regulations.

3. Candidate monitors shall be selected on the results of the Elementary School Certificate Examination, but candidates shall take Algebra, Geometry and one other optional subject as part of the examination. In addition, candidates shall be examined by an inspector in reading and singing as prescribed for seventh standard. The inspector shall be precluded from recommending a candidate if he has ground for believing that the latter does not possess aptitude and temperament suitable for the teaching profession.

4. Applications for appointment as monitors shall be sent to the local inspector before 1st April.

5. Inspectors shall recommend candidates for monitorships only in schools in which the organisation and methods of instruction are very satisfactory and the premises, fittings and equipment at least satisfactory.

6. No candidate to whom the Manager or Principal Teacher entertains any reasonable objection shall be appointed.

7. Monitors shall not be employed in teaching for more than seven hours per week nor for more than two hours on any day.

8. The Principal Teacher shall be held responsible for the regular instruction of monitors in the subjects of their courses.

9. Provision shall be made for the instruction of monitors, out of school hours, for at least three quarters of an hour in each school day of the week or its equivalent.

10. Criticism lessons, under the supervision of the Principal Teacher, shall be given by monitors at least once in each week.

11. Monitors may, with the sanction of the Ministry, receive instruction in the subjects of their courses at a common centre, and Rules 9 and 10 may be modified accordingly.

12. The school for which a monitor is recommended shall have had an average daily attendance of not less than forty pupils for the preceding year.

13. The maximum number of monitors that may, as a rule, be recognised in any school is set forth in the following table; but the Ministry reserves the right to determine whether this maximum shall be permitted.

<i>Average Attendance.</i>		<i>Number of Monitors.</i>
40 but under 85	.. ..	1
85 „ „ 130	... ..	2
and so forth.		

14. A Monitress shall not be appointed to a school in which there is not a woman teacher on the staff capable of giving instruction in Needlework. Unless the Monitress is a near relative of the Principal Teacher a woman teacher shall be present during the instruction given to the Monitress out of school hours.

15. As the number of monitors will be limited, Managers should understand that no claim to an appointment can be entertained merely on the grounds that the conditions specified in these rules have all been fulfilled.

16. Monitors shall be appointed from the 1st July in each year. Candidates must not be more than seventeen nor less than fourteen years of age on the above date.

17. The full period of service and training of Monitors under fifteen years of age shall be four years, for those over this age three years. Recognition may be withdrawn at any time should want of diligence, of efficiency, or of good conduct, or any other circumstances, in the opinion of the Ministry render such a course desirable.

18. All candidates for monitorships shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of age a certificate of character from a clergyman or magistrate, a medical certificate that they are of sound and healthy constitution and free from any physical or mental defect likely to impair their usefulness as teachers and a written undertaking to become public elementary school teachers in Northern Ireland.

19. Monitors shall be tested annually in the prescribed courses.

20. Except in the final year, the annual examination of monitors shall be held by the inspectors. All exercise books and other testimonies of study for the year shall be available for inspection.

21. Monitors shall in their final year pass satisfactorily the King's Scholarship examination. Those successful in this examination shall be eligible for admission to recognised training colleges.

22. Monitors shall be annually awarded service marks. In the King's Scholarship examination these marks shall be added to the total marks obtained in the examination by monitors in their final year of service or in the following year.

23. The attendance of monitors shall be recorded daily on the school roll. Where instruction is given at a common centre a record of the attendances at the course shall also be kept.

24. The rates of allowances granted to monitors shall be as follows :—

<i>Three Year Course.</i>			<i>Four Year Course.</i>		
	<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>		<i>Boys.</i>	<i>Girls.</i>
1st Year	£10	£8	1st Year	£8	£6
2nd „	15	12	2nd „	10	8
3rd „	20	16	3rd „	12	10
			4th „	15	12

25. A fee of £11 in the case of a monitor or of £8 10s. 0d. in the case of a monitress shall be payable to the teachers for each candidate who passes the King's Scholarship examination in the first or second division.

26. The "Elementary Education: Pupil Teachers and Monitors" Regulations (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1925, No. 3.) and the "Education, Pupil Teachers and Monitors" Regulations (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1925, No. 115) are hereby repealed.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 15th day of September, 1926.

L. M. Quibban,

Secretary.

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Returns of Births.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) (c) AND (d) OF SECTION 89 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

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In pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 89 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Finance, after consultation with the Ministry of Education, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Returns of Births) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1926.

2. An education authority may apply to any superintendent registrar of births and deaths whose district is wholly or partly within the education area of such authority for a return of the births registered in his district or in any portion of his district composed of one or more complete registrars' districts, during any period not less than three months, ending on the last day of March, June, September or December, in any year,