any school to supervise pupils partaking of dinners upon days on which the school is open for instruction : provided that

(*a*) no teacher of any school shall be required to perform any service of supervision unless pupils of that school are included among the pupils supervised by the teacher ; and

(*b*) no service by way of supervision 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 managers it would adversely affect the quality of the teaching given by that teacher.

16. If the Ministry decides that in the case of any area or school full compliance with the requirements of these Regulations is not practicable, it may approve such modifications in those requirements as will render them suitable for that area or school.

17. The Interpretation Act 1921 (12 Geo. 5, Ch. 4) shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this nineteenth day of October, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell,*
Secretary.

Registration and Attendance of Pupils

REGULATIONS DATED 19TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 60

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 35, 75 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 Registration and Attendance of Pupils Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall apply only in relation to the registration and attendance at school of children and pupils of compulsory school age.

(3) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1948.

2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" approved " means approved by the Ministry ;

" handicapped pupil " means a pupil coming within one or more of the categories of pupils requiring special educational treatment defined in Regulations made by the Ministry under Section 29 of the Act ;

" school day " means any day on which the school should normally be in operation in accordance with an approved time-table ;

" school year " means a period of twelve months ending on the 31st day of July.

3. The proprietor of every school shall cause to be kept a General Register which in addition to containing a list of the names of pupils in alphabetical order, shall also contain the following particulars in respect of each pupil at the school :

(*a*) names in full and sex ;
(*b*) religious denomination ;
(*c*) name and address of parent ;
(*d*) the day, month and year of birth ;
(*e*) the day, month and year of admission or readmission to the school ;
(*f*) the class in which the pupil is enrolled on first admission ;
(*g*) the classes in which the pupil is subsequently enrolled during the course of his career at the school and the day, month and year on which the pupil is enrolled in each class ;
(*h*) the number of attendances made during each school year ;
(*i*) the name and address of the school last attended (if any) ;
(*j*) the day, month and year on which the child ceased to be a pupil at the school ;
(*k*) the destination of the pupil on leaving the school (if known) ;
(*l*) in the case of a school attended by boarding pupils, a statement as to whether the pupil is a boarder or a day pupil ; and
(*m*) such other particulars as the Ministry may require.

4. In the case of a child who has not been registered previously at any school, the parent shall furnish to the principal of the school at which he desires his child to become a registered pupil, a Registrar's Certificate of the birth of the child, or, where such certificate is unobtainable, other satisfactory documentary evidence of the date of birth, and the principal shall not register the child as a pupil at the school until such certificate or other evidence has been furnished.

5.—(1) A parent shall not withdraw his child from a school at which the child is a registered pupil except after acquainting the principal with his intention to do so.

(2) Upon the withdrawal from school of a registered pupil the principal shall furnish to the parent in respect of the pupil a certificate of attendance in the Form S.A.1 in the Schedule hereto, or as near thereto as possible, and shall at the same time delete from the General Register the name of the pupil.

(3) In the case of a child who has been in attendance at a school the parent, if he desires his child to become a registered pupil at another school, shall furnish to the principal of that other school a certificate of attendance in Form S.A. 1 or as near thereto as possible, and the principal shall not register the child as a pupil at the school until the said certificate has been furnished.

6.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation, an attendance for the purpose of these Regulations shall mean an attendance under instruction, other than religious instruction, on the same day for a period of not less than —

in the case of a pupil under eight years of age, three hours ;

in the case of a pupil who has attained the age of eight years but has not attained the age of eleven years and six months, four hours ;

in the case of a pupil of the age of eleven years and six months or over, four and a half hours :

Provided that, in the case of a handicapped pupil or a pupil under medical treatment, the Ministry may accept a lesser number of hours as an attendance.

(2) The attendance of a pupil under such instruction as aforesaid for not less than three hours may, on not more than one day (other than a Saturday) in any one week, be regarded as an attendance if provision has been made on the approved time-table for organised games on that day.

(3) The attendance of a pupil under such instruction as aforesaid shall be made in two sessions separated by a period of not less than half an hour nor more than one and a half hours :

Provided that this provision shall not apply in the case of a pupil under eight years of age.

7. The minimum time constituting an attendance may include :

(*a*) any time occupied by a pupil in accordance with arrangements set out on a time-table approved by the Ministry ;

(*b*) any time occupied by visits paid during school hours under arrangements sanctioned by the Ministry, to places of educational value or interest ;

(*c*) any time occupied by a pupil in undergoing inspection or treatment under a scheme of school medical service ;

(*d*) any approved time occupied by a pupil in attending an examination ; and

(*e*) any time occupied by a pupil in any other manner approved by the Ministry.

8. The proprietor of every school shall also cause to be kept an Attendance Register in which shall be recorded on each school day, in accordance with instructions issued from time to time by the Ministry, the presence or absence of each pupil registered at the school.

9. Inspectors and other officers of the Ministry and officers of the local education authority of the area shall be entitled to inspect the General Register and the Attendance Register kept at any school and to make extracts therefrom.

10. Each General Register and Attendance Register shall be preserved for a period of not less than ten years from the date on which the Register ceases to be used.

11. The proprietor of any school, not being an Independent School, shall not refuse admission to any pupil except on reasonable grounds.

12. The principal of every school shall make to the local education authority of the area, at the beginning of each calendar month, a return giving the full name and address of every registered pupil who fails to attend regularly and, in particular, the name and address of every registered pupil who has been absent from school for a continuous period of not less than four weeks :

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in relation to any absence from school due to sickness in respect of which a medical certificate by a duly qualified medical practitioner has been furnished to the principal.

13. The principal of every school shall before the 15th day of July in each year prepare in duplicate a Table for the next ensuing school year in the Form S.A. 2 in the Schedule hereto, both of which Tables shall be signed by the principal and countersigned by the proprietor of the school (or by some person authorised by the proprietor), and the principal shall transmit one copy thereof before the 22nd day of July next following to the local education authority. The other copy shall be exhibited in a prominent position in the school and shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times by the parent of any pupil of the school and such parent shall be entitled to make extracts therefrom.

14. The Notice required to be served by a local education authority under the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 35 of the Act, shall be in the Form S.A. 3 in the Schedule hereto, or as near thereto as possible.

15. In every case where a parent satisfies a local education authority that his child is receiving efficient full-time education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude otherwise than by attendace at school, the parent shall continue so to satisfy the local education authority, at intervals of not less than twelve calendar months, during the period in which the child is receiving his education otherwise than by attendance at school.

16. The School Attendance Order required to be served by a local education authority under the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 35 of the Act shall be in the Form S.A. 4 in the Schedule hereto or as near thereto as possible.

17. In every case where a child is a registered pupil at a school in the area of one local education authority and resides in the area of another local education authority, then the local education authority of the area in which the child is a registered pupil shall furnish to the local education authority of the area in which the child resides such information regarding the attendance of the child at school as may be necessary for the purpose of securing that the requirements of the Act relating to school attendance are being observed.

18. 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.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 19th day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. S. Brownell,*
Secretary.

FORM S.A. 1.

SCHEDULE

.....Local Education Authority.

EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947

CERTIFICATE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

(To be furnished in the case of a child who is about to be withdrawn from the school).

.....School

.....Department

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

that.....

residing at.....

attended the above-named school from..... to.....

Number of attendances during this period.....

Class in which enrolled at time of withdrawal.....

Date of Birth (as given in General Register).....

Cause of withdrawal.....

* Parent's name .....

Dated this day of 19 .

Signed.....
Principal.

* The expression " parent " in relation to a child includes a guardian and every person who has actual custody of the child.

FORM S.A. 2.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947

School..... Roll No. (if any).....

Year — 1st August, 19 to 31st July, 19 .

	No. of days
1. Total number of days during the year on which the school is required to be in operation in accordance with the prescribed Regulations.	
2. (*a*) VACATIONS, reckoning School Days only : (give dates) Christmas ..... Easter ..... Summer	
(*b*) OTHER HOLIDAYS OR CLOSINGS, reckoning School Days only (give dates)	
Total number of days of closing for any cause	
3. TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS ON WHICH THIS SCHOOL WILL BE IN FULL OPERATION DURING THE YEAR	

Dated day of 19 .

Signed.....
Principal

Countersigned by the Proprietor of the School, or by some person authorised by the Proprietor to do so. .....

FORM S.A. 3.

EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOTICE

.....Local Education Authority

Address : .....
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To : .....
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As it appears to the Authority that you, the * parent of.....who is a child of compulsory school age, have failed or neglected to perform the duty imposed upon you by the Education Act to cause the child to receive efficient full-time education suitable to his age, ability and aptitude, you are hereby required to satisfy the above Authority within ..... days from the service of this Notice that the child is receiving suitable full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. If the child is in attendance at a school, the name and address of the school should be given. If the child is not in attendance at school, you should state what provision you have made for his/her education.

Signed.....Secretary of the School

Attendance † Sub-Committee for the district of .....

Date of Signature .....

Date of Service .....

* In this Notice the expression "parent" in relation to the child includes a guardian and every person who has actual custody of the child.

† Where the Local Education Authority has not delegated powers under Section 35 of the Act to a Sub-Committee, this Notice should be signed by the Secretary of the Local Education Authority.

FORM S.A. 4.

EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ORDER

.....Local Education Authority.

Address : .....

.....

WHEREAS .....(hereinafter called "the child") is a child of compulsory school age in the area of the above-named Authority :

AND WHEREAS you ..... of ..... the parent * of the child, have failed to satisfy the Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Notice served on you by the Authority on..... that the child is receiving efficient full-time education suitable to his/her age, ability and aptitude either by regular attendance at school or otherwise :

AND WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Authority, it is expedient that the child should attend school :

NOW THEREFORE you are hereby required to cause the child forthwith to become a registered pupil at the following school :—

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Signed .....

.....Secretary of the School Attendance † Sub-Committee for the district of.....

Date.....

* In this Order the expression "parent" in relation to the child includes a guardian and every person who has actual custody of the child.

† Where the Local Education Authority has not delegated powers under Section 35 of the Act to a Sub-Committee, this Notice should be signed by the Secretary of the Local Education Authority.

Religious Education

REGULATIONS DATED 20TH MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1948. No. 59

WHEREAS by section 27 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is provided that the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") shall make such regulations as it may consider necessary for securing that the provisions of the Act relating to religious education are complied with in all county schools and voluntary schools, and in particular with respect to —

(*a*) the times during which any religious observance may be practised or any religious instruction may be given;

(*b*) the times during which pupils may be withdrawn from the school so that they may receive religious instruction in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 21 of the Act;

(*c*) the making of arrangements for religious instruction in schools;

(*d*) the amount of time which may be allotted in the time-tables of schools to religious instruction:

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in pursuance of section 27 of 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 Religious Education Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1948.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations, the arrangements for collective worship and religious instruction in any county school or voluntary school shall be under the control of the managers of the school

3.—(1) The time at which collective worship is held, and the time or times during which religious instruction is given, in any county school or voluntary school, shall be clearly shown on the time-table of the school.

(2) The time or times during which religious instruction is given in any county school or voluntary school shall be so arranged as to cause as little inconvenience as possible to any pupils attending the school who, in pursuance of sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Act, have been excused from attendance at such religious instruction.