(*b*) that the expenditure is necessarily incurred after the date on which these Regulations come into operation for the purpose of enabling the managers of the school to fulfil the duty laid upon them by Section 43 of the Act and by the Regulations made thereunder to provide school meals for day pupils ;

and in the case of expenditure to which sub-paragraph (*b*) of this proviso refers it shall be a condition of grant (in addition to any other grant conditions hereinafter in these Regulations provided) that the applicants shall undertake to use the accommodation to which such expenditure relates for the provision of school meals for day pupils during such period as the Ministry may determine, or in default to refund to the Ministry the full amount of the said grant or such less amount as the Ministry having regard to the circumstances may determine."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 12th day of February, 1953, in the presence of

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

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 13th day of February, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thom McCrea,*
Assistant Secretary.

Voluntary Grammar Schools—Meals Grants

REGULATIONS DATED 12TH FEBRUARY, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1953. No. 19

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 43, 104 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 and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Voluntary Grammar Schools Meals Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st March, 1953.

(3) The Voluntary Grammar Schools Meals Grant Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**a**), the Voluntary Grammar Schools Meals Grant Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), No. 2, 1951 (**b**), and the Voluntary Grammar Schools Meals Grant Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), No. 5, 1952 (**c**), are hereby revoked.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say —

" approved " means approved by the Ministry ;

" dinner " means a substantial mid-day meal ;

" school " means a voluntary grammar school ;

" school year " means a year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July following.

(2) Other expressions which have meanings assigned to them by the Act shall have the same respective meanings for the purpose of these Regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, 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.

(4) References in these Regulations to any enactment or to any provision in any enactment shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as references to that enactment or provision as amended by any subsequent enactment.

3.—(1) In these Regulations " overhead charges " means, save as in paragraph (2) of this Regulation otherwise provided, the total approved expenditure incurred by managers of a school on the supply of dinners after the deduction of :—

(i) the cost of the ingredients in dinners supplied to pupils ; and of

(ii) any receipts whether by way of grant or otherwise which in the opinion of the Ministry should be taken into account.

(2) Where dinners are supplied for both boarding and day pupils the overhead charges shall be apportioned to boarding and day pupils respectively in such a manner as the managers of the school may with the approval of the Ministry determine and reference in this Regulation to overhead charges shall in such case be deemed to be reference to such portion of the overhead charges as is apportioned to day pupils.

(**a**) S. R. & O., 1948, No. 293. (**b**) S. R. & O., 1951, No. 18.
(**c**) S. R. & O., 1952, No. 189.

4. Where in accordance with the provisions of the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**a**), or of any Regulations amending or superseding those Regulations, a school meals service is provided at a school, without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation 7 of these Regulations the Ministry may make to the managers of the school grants as follows :—

(*a*) a grant equal to sixpence for each dinner supplied to day pupils during the school year, or to the overhead charges for such period, whichever is the less : provided that if the overhead charges in any school year exceed the maximum grant payable such excess may be carried over to a subsequent school year subject to such conditions as the Ministry may determine and may in such case be deemed to be part of the overhead charges for such subsequent year ; and

(*b*) a grant equal to the aggregate of any sums remitted by the managers during the school year in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 11 of the Milk and Meals Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, or with the provisions of any Regulations amending or superseding those Regulations ; and

(*c*) a grant equal to the expenditure incurred with the prior approval of the Ministry on the purchase and where necessary the installation of equipment required for the purpose of supplying dinners to day pupils, less any receipts which in the opinion of the Ministry should be taken into account.

5.—(1) Applications for grants under these Regulations shall be made in such form and at such time as the Ministry may require.

(2) Applicants for grants shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Ministry all such receipts or other documents as the Ministry may require for the purpose of vouching expenditure in respect of which the said grants are to be paid.

6. As a condition of the payment of grant under sub-paragraph (*c*) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations the Ministry may require the managers of a school to execute a written document in such form as the Ministry may determine, containing an undertaking to use and maintain the equipment in respect of which such payment of grant is made for the purpose of the provision of dinners for day pupils and to repay to the Ministry the whole amount of such grant or such proportion thereof as the Ministry may determine having regard to the period during which the said equipment has been used if at any time they cease to use and maintain the said equipment for such purpose.

7. Grants payable under these Regulations may be paid by the Ministry by instalments or by way of advances of grant at such times and in such portions as the Ministry may determine.

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

8. Where as a direct result of the purchase of equipment to which sub-paragraph (*c*) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations refers any existing equipment in a school becomes available for disposal the Ministry may take into account the value of the equipment available for disposal in determining the amount of the expenditure on which grant may be paid.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 12th day of February, 1953, in the presence of

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

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 13th day of February, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thom McCrea,*
Assistant Secretary.

Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JANUARY, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1952, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

1953. No. 13

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 29, 30, 104 and 106 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations :

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1953.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

3. For Regulation 12 (*f*) of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation :—

" (*f*) be open during the school year for at least 187 days (exclusive of Sundays) of which not more than five days may be