

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS, ETC., AS EFFICIENT

Statement of the conditions upon which the Minister of Education will recognise certain schools and other educational establishments as efficient but not for the payment of grants.

These Rules apply to :—

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| (a) Primary Schools, | (b) Secondary Schools, |
| (c) Establishments of further Education, | (d) Training Colleges. |

General Conditions for all schools, etc.

1. In order to be recognised as efficient, a school or other educational establishment must comply with any requirements of the Education Act, 1944, as amended by any subsequent enactments, and with the requirements of paragraph 2 and of such other paragraphs of these conditions as may be applicable. If it does not so comply, recognition may be withheld or withdrawn.

2. (a) A school or educational establishment must be kept on a level of efficiency which is satisfactory, regard being had to the purposes for which it is conducted and to the level of efficiency which would be required in the case of any similar school or establishment aided by grant.

(b) The instruction must be efficient and suitable and must be adequate in scope and character for the whole age-range of pupils.

(c) The number of pupils must be sufficient for economical and effective organisation.

(d) The teaching staff must be suitable and sufficient in number and qualifications for providing adequate instruction at each stage of the course.

(e) The accommodation provided must be adequate and suitable and properly equipped having regard to the number, ages and sex of the pupils.

(f) Such registers and records must be kept and such information and returns must be furnished from time to time as the Minister may require.

Special conditions in respect of particular types of schools, etc.

Primary Schools

3. In order to be eligible for recognition as an Efficient Primary School, a school must provide a progressive general education of a kind and amount suited at all stages to an age-range of not less than three years between the ages of 2 and 12. Schools such as "Preparatory Schools" which contain pupils over the age of 12 will be regarded as primary schools if the majority of the pupils are transferred to secondary schools; but it will be a condition of the recognition of such a school that provision for the older pupils is efficient and suitable in accordance with paragraph 2.

Secondary Schools

4. In order to be eligible for recognition as an Efficient Secondary School, a school must provide a progressive general education of a kind and amount suitable at all stages to an age-range of not less than three years between the ages of 12 and 17. Schools which contain pupils below the age of 12 will be regarded as secondary schools if the majority of the pupils complete a secondary course ; but it will be a condition of the recognition of such a school that the provision for pupils under 12 is efficient and suitable in accordance with paragraph 2.

Establishments of Further Education

5. In order to be eligible for recognition as efficient an Establishment of Further Education must provide a course of education or training suitable at all stages for pupils over the statutory school leaving age.

Training Colleges

6. (a) In order to be eligible for recognition as an Efficient Training College, a college must provide a course of training suitable at all stages for students of 18 years of age or more who are preparing to become teachers, and there must be adequate provision for their practice in teaching under supervision in schools approved for the purpose by the Minister.

(b) Suitable arrangements must be made for the examination or assessment of the students at the end of their course.

N.B.—A student intending to follow a course entitling him to the status of qualified teacher for the purpose of Regulation 15 (2) of the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Regulations, 1945, must comply with the conditions of admission contained in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of Article 15 (a) of the Regulations for the Training of Teachers, 1941, as amended by any subsequent Regulations, or with conditions of admission which are, in the opinion of the Minister, substantially to the like effect being conditions prescribed by Regulations which repeal and replace the first-mentioned Regulations.

Provisional recognition

7. A school or educational establishment which has applied for recognition under these rules may be provisionally recognised if it shows promise of reaching the required standard in the near future. Such provisional recognition may be confirmed or withdrawn at any time.

Notification to Local Education Authority

8. The Minister will notify the Local Education Authority and, where appropriate, the Divisional Executive of the recognition of a school or other educational establishment and also of the withdrawal of any such recognition.

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