

## REGULATIONS

Made Under

## THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE

(Chapter 91).

~~UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, WAS AMENDED BY THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 1963, AND BY VIRTUE AND IN EXERCISE OF ALL POWERS ENABLING HIM IN THAT BEHALF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:-~~

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Secondary Schools (Admission) Regulations, 1963.

2. In these Regulations -

"aided secondary school" means a secondary school in respect of which a grant-in-aid is paid under the provisions of the Secondary Schools Regulations, 1957\*;

"examination" means the Secondary Schools Entrance Examination conducted by the Minister for the purpose of allocating places in a secondary school;

"free place" means a place in a secondary school awarded to a person on the basis of his performance at the examination and entitling him to free tuition;

"free place student" means a person who is awarded a free place at a secondary school;

"governing body" means the person responsible for the control and management of a secondary school;

"Minister" means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for education;

"parent" in relation to any candidate includes a guardian and any person who has the actual custody of that candidate;

"secondary school" means either a Government or a Government aided secondary school;

"specified score" means the number or grade indicating the level of performance which the Minister may from time to time require to be attained at the examination in order to render a candidate eligible for admission to a secondary school.

3. (1) No person shall be admitted to a secondary school unless he has attained the specified score and has been allocated a place or a free place in accordance with these Regulations;

Provided that the Minister may in any case where he thinks fit permit a governing body to admit any person to a secondary school notwithstanding that the person did not take the examination or does not qualify to take the examination by reason of his age.

(2) Every person who is not less than ten years of age and not more than twelve years of age on the 31st March in the year of the examination shall be eligible to take the examination.

(3) Proof of the age of a candidate shall be produced to the satisfaction of the Minister.

4. (1) The subjects of the examination shall be English and Arithmetic and such other subjects as the Minister may from time to time specify.

(2) The Minister shall from time to time publish a notice in the Gazette stating the subjects, the date and the place of the examination, and such other details as he may consider necessary.

5. Candidates who attain the specified score at the examination shall be allocated places in secondary schools by the Minister in accordance with their order of merit and, where practicable, the choice of school made by their parents.

6. (1) The Minister shall award each year such number of free places as he thinks fit.

(2) Free places awarded in pursuance of the preceding paragraph shall be tenable only at Government secondary schools:

Provided that in any area where there is no Government secondary school the award of a free place may be tenable at any Government aided secondary school which exists in that area.

7. (1) A candidate shall be eligible for a free place if he attains at the examination such score as the Minister may from time to time deem appropriate for the award of a free place.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this regulation the Minister may award a free place to a candidate with a score lower than that deemed appropriate for the award of a free place.

(3) Before making any award in pursuance of paragraph (2) of this regulation the Minister shall have regard to the existing facilities for education in the area in which the candidate attends school and the performance of the candidate at the examination and shall be satisfied of the likelihood of the candidate deriving substantial benefit from the training to be provided for him by virtue of the award of a free place.

8. Each free place shall be taken up immediately after the award, or after such interval as the Minister may approve and shall entitle the free place student to free tuition for five years.

9. (1) The Minister may if he thinks fit and subject to such conditions as he may consider necessary, grant a free place student on the ground of need an assistance allowance for the purpose of assisting him to purchase books or to maintain himself or for both of these purposes.

(2) The assistance allowance shall be paid in accordance with rates which the Minister may from time to time approve.

10. The cost of tuition and assistance allowances given to free place students shall be paid out of funds provided by the Legislature.

11. No person shall hold concurrently a free place as well as a scholarship or similar award administered by the Government.

12. (1) For the purposes of his education every free place student shall be subject to the general supervision of the Minister.

(2) The Principal or Head of the school which the free place student attends shall, at the end of each term, forward to the Minister a report on the work, conduct and progress of the free place student.

(3) If any free place student is the subject of an unfavourable report by a Principal or Head, the Minister may, at his discretion, suspend for one or more terms any or all of the rights conferred on such free place student under these Regulations.

(4) If any free place student is the subject of two consecutive unfavourable reports from a Principal or Head the Minister may direct that such free place student shall forfeit the free place and thereupon all rights and privileges under the free place including any assistance allowance payable shall

(5) The Minister may, upon such conditions as he thinks fit, restore to any free place student all or any of the rights and privileges determined under the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph, if in the opinion of the Minister the subsequent conduct of the student justifies the restoration.

13. Where any free place was awarded out of funds provided by the Legislature prior to the commencement of these Regulations and that free place continues to be held, these Regulations shall apply in respect of the remainder of the term of that free place as if it were a free place awarded in pursuance of these Regulations

14. These Regulations shall not affect the allocation of places in any secondary school by virtue of any scholarship awarded under any other statute.

15. In respect of that part of the year 1963 remaining after the commencement of these Regulations -

(a) paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 3 and regulation 4 shall have no application;

(b) the examination shall, in respect of the provisions of these Regulations other than those mentioned in paragraph (a) of this regulation, be the Secondary Schools Common Entrance examination conducted by the Minister on the 10th April, 1963, and the specified score shall be such score as the Minister may determine.

16. When a governing body admits any person as a student to a secondary school except as provided by these Regulations, the Minister may, in respect of such school, direct the Accountant General to suspend the issue of any grant-in-aid payable under the provisions of the Secondary Schools Regulations, 1957.

17. The Government County Scholarship Regulations, 1957, are hereby revoked except in so far as they relate to any Government County Scholarship awarded under the said Regulations and subsisting at the commencement of these Regulations.

Made this 22nd day of May, 1963.

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and Social Development.