

units for this purpose, credit cannot be given for any subject in which less than 2 units have been completed during the two years, nor for any subject in which the conditions of the schedule to clause 6 have not been satisfied.

NOTE.—Applications to be admitted to the Intermediate Examination under paragraph (b), and applications for admission to senior free places under paragraph (c), must be sent on forms provided by the Education Department to the Director of Education before the 8th September.

8. (i.) The secondary school shall admit to a senior free place any pupil qualified under clause 7 hereof, unless such pupil can attend a secondary school nearer his home.

(ii.) Every district high school shall admit to a senior free place any pupil qualified under the before-mentioned clause, and no such school shall admit to a senior free place any pupil not so qualified.

9. A senior free place at a secondary school or district high school is tenable until the holder has reached his nineteenth birthday: Provided that if the nineteenth birthday occurs during a school term or quarter the free place shall be tenable until the end of that term or quarter.

10. The secondary school or district high school shall give to each holder of a senior free place more advanced instruction in the secondary subjects named in clause 6 hereof, and under the conditions set out in that clause, except that the proviso contained in the first paragraph of the clause shall not be held to apply, and that when the pupil reaches the standard required for a lower leaving certificate the requirements of the course prescribed may be deemed to be satisfied if the pupil receives at least 4 units of instruction of a higher standard in English, at least 4 units of like standard in each of two other subjects named in clause 3 of the regulations for secondary-school certificates, together with instruction in other subjects so selected in accordance with the provisions of clause 6 hereof that the total number of units completed each year is not in general less than 20.

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11. As a condition of admission to a free place, any candidate may be required to furnish to the principal of the school to which admission is sought reasonable evidence of good character.

12. Notwithstanding the foregoing regulations, the secondary school shall not be required to admit pupils to free places at any other time than the beginning of the school year, unless it shall seem expedient to the governing body of the secondary school to admit such pupils at any other time.

13. In case there shall not be sufficient accommodation at the secondary school for all pupils seeking admission to the school, those qualified as holders of scholarships under paragraph (a) of clause 3, and under paragraph (a) of clause 7 hereof, shall first be admitted, next applicants qualified by attainment for senior free places, and then the remaining applicants in such order as the Minister, after consultation with the Board, shall determine.

14. (i.) A free place, whether held at a secondary school or a district high school, or held partly at the one and partly at the other, shall be reckoned continuously from the date of the original admission of the pupil to a free place in the school first attended.

(ii.) Except as hereinafter provided or as the Director of Education may decide, any intermission of attendance exceeding a period of three months in duration shall be deemed to determine the free place; further, the free place held by a pupil whose attendance during any term or quarter falls below 50 per cent. of the possible total of attendance at the school shall, with a like exception, be deemed to have lapsed as at the close of the period specified.

(iii.) If, on a report from the governing body of the secondary school or from an Inspector of Schools, it shall appear to the Director that the attendance, conduct, diligence, or progress of any free pupil is not satisfactory, the Director may forthwith, or after due warning, determine the free place. In any case under review a special report may be required.

(iv.) Any junior or senior free pupil who has forfeited his free place shall not be eligible for a free place of the same kind, junior or senior respectively, at any other secondary school or district high school or at a technical school, nor shall any pupil who for any reason has forfeited his free place at a technical school be eligible for a similar free place in a secondary school or a district high school.

15. (i.) Except as provided for in clause 16 hereof, a holder of a free place at a district high school or a secondary school shall not be allowed to transfer his free place to another school of secondary instruction, whether a district high school, secondary school, or technical school.

Provided that, in special cases where it is shown to the Minister's satisfaction that the free pupil is unable to obtain at the secondary school or district high school he is attending instruction in the subjects required for the course of study he desires to follow, such free pupil may, with