

(b.) A senior free place may also be awarded by the Director of Education, on the recommendation of the Director of the technical school or class attended, based on the school records and on the results of the examination held by the school at the end of the school year in the subjects included in the pupil's course, to any pupil who has satisfactorily completed during the two years immediately preceding not less than 120 hours' instruction.

95. A senior free place is tenable, if the conditions relating thereto are complied with, for three continuous years from the 1st January preceding the actual date of admission as a free pupil, but if special merit is shown the tenure of the free place may be extended for a fourth year on the recommendation of the Director of the technical school or classes. Every pupil admitted to a senior free place must attend in each year approved classes in two or more of the subjects prescribed for group courses of technical instruction for not less than sixty hours a year: Provided that not less than twenty hours a year must be given to any subject taken up. The instruction must be of a more advanced character than that given to junior free pupils.

96. Subject to these regulations a payment of 3d. in addition to the capitation under the Act shall be made for each hour-attendance at an approved class of each junior or senior free pupil; but no such payment shall be made on account of a pupil's attendances at a class if he fails to make at such class twenty hour-attendances during the year, unless such failure was due to illness or other cause deemed sufficient by the Director of Education: Provided that an addition to the rate of payment of one-half thereof may be made in respect of the attendances of junior and senior free pupils at approved classes held more than two miles from a town of not less than two thousand inhabitants: Provided further that under this clause payment shall not be made in respect of any free pupil on account of attendances at classes in excess of four hundred in any year.

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97. Free places under these regulations are not tenable with any other scholarships or free places except as provided in clause 80 and in clause 84.

98. The course of work for each free pupil shall be determined by the Director of the technical school or class after consultation, where practicable, with the parent or guardian of the pupil. The course for each free pupil should, so far as the available facilities for instruction permit, consist of a group of subjects duly arranged in accordance with the pupil's capacities and prospective occupation.

99. Except as hereinafter provided or as the Director of Education may decide, any intermission of attendance exceeding a period of three months shall be deemed to determine the free place. Further, the free place held by a pupil at a technical high school whose attendance during any term or quarter falls below 50 per cent. of the possible total of attendances shall, with a similar exception, be deemed to have lapsed as at the close of the period specified; and, further, the free place held by a pupil at classes other than those at a technical high school who fails to make in any year of his tenure twenty hour-attendances at each class included in his course shall, with a similar exception, be deemed to have lapsed at the close of the period specified.

100. If on the report of the controlling authority it appears to the Director of Education that the attendance, conduct, diligence, or progress of any free pupil is not satisfactory, he may forthwith or after due warning determine the free place. In any case under review a special report may be required.

101. A junior or senior free pupil who has forfeited his free place shall not be eligible for a similar free place, junior or senior, as the case may be, at any other technical school or class, or at a secondary school, or district high school.

102. Except as provided in clause 103 hereof the holder of a free place under these regulations shall not be allowed to transfer his free place to another technical school, or to a secondary school, or a district high school: Provided that in special cases where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that the free pupil is unable to obtain at the school attended instruction in the subjects required for the course of study he desires to follow, such free pupil may, with the consent of the Minister previously obtained, continue his free place for the unexpired period thereof at another school—namely, a technical school, a secondary school, or a district high school: Provided further that a free pupil who leaves a technical high school to take up employment during the tenure of his free place shall be eligible to continue his free place at approved classes other than classes at a technical high school for the unexpired period thereof.