

81. The technical high school shall admit as a junior free pupil any pupil qualified under any of the paragraphs of clause 80 hereof, and no such school shall admit to a junior free place any pupil not so qualified.

82. A junior free place at a technical high school is tenable for two continuous years from the 1st January preceding the actual date of admission as a free pupil, but in the case of a holder who was under thirteen years of age on the 1st December preceding the date of admission the tenure of the free place may, on the recommendation of the Director of the technical high school, be extended for another year. In no case, however, shall a junior free place be tenable after the end of the school term or quarter in which the holder reaches the age of seventeen years.

83. The technical high school shall give to each holder of a junior free place instruction in—

- (a.) English as for the Intermediate Examination, or commercial English, including in either case the general study of selected standard works in both prose and verse, reading and recitation, handwriting, composition (both oral and written), and history and civics. The cultivation of correct habits of speech and of facility of expression, both oral and written, must receive special attention. The history and civics herein included should have special reference to the British Empire and to the rights and duties of citizens, so treated as to develop a sense of responsibility with regard to social service, and should embrace generally instruction based on the course in civics recommended in the Syllabus of Instruction for Public Schools.
- (b.) Arithmetic (including household accounts in the case of girls), or elementary mathematics as prescribed for the Intermediate Examination, or practical mathematics, or commercial or actuarial arithmetic.
- (c.) Any appropriate branch of free or instrumental drawing.
- (d.) Physical training, including where possible instruction in swimming and life-saving.

The instruction referred to in (a), (b), and (c) must be given regularly throughout the year by the technical high school, for not less than four hours a week in the case of (a), for three hours a week in the case of (b), for two hours a week in the case of (c), and in the case of (d) for not less than forty hours in the course of the year. In addition the pupil must also take at the technical high school a vocational course approved by the Minister having a direct bearing on industrial, agricultural, domestic, or commercial pursuits, or, with the approval of the Minister previously obtained, a vocational course of a general character in preparation for one or other of the public examinations. The total time given to the instruction must not, with the time given to the subjects enumerated in (a), (b), (c), and (d) hereof, be less than twenty hours a week regularly throughout the year: Provided that during the tenure of her junior free place every girl shall take for not less than three hours a week regularly throughout the school year an approved course in home science—namely, an elementary course in general science bearing on the home, and in household economics and hygiene, together with one or more of the following subjects: Plain cookery, laundry-work, needlecraft and garment-making, home nursing.

## II. Senior Free Places.

84. Subject to these regulations a pupil shall be qualified to hold a senior free place at a technical high school if—

- (i.) He is the holder of a Senior National Scholarship or any other scholarship that the Minister may approve for this purpose—provided that the value of any such scholarship is not greater than £45 per annum in the case of any pupil who is obliged to live away from home in order to attend the technical high school, or more than £20 per annum in any other case; or if
- (ii.) He has passed the Matriculation Examination, or the Public Service Entrance Examination, or the Intermediate Examination, or an equivalent or higher examination, or has qualified for a pass in the examination for Senior National Scholarships or any other scholarship that the Minister shall approve for this purpose.

A senior free place may also be awarded by the Director of Education, on the recommendation of the Director of the technical high school attended, based on the records of that school 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 1,400 hours' instruction.