

Provided that in respect to any application for leave on account of illness or accident not exceeding two weeks the controlling authority may dispense with the production of a medical certificate if such certificate cannot be obtained without undue hardship or unreasonable expense, but it shall require such other evidence to be produced in lieu thereof as it may deem necessary in the circumstances.

25. All medical certificates, or such other evidence in lieu thereof as may be obtained by the controlling authority, shall at all reasonable times be available for inspection by a classifying officer.

26. Any teacher who is a member of the University Senate or the Council of Education, or of the Teachers' Superannuation Board, or of the Teachers' Grading Appeal Board, or who is invited by the Education Department to attend any conference on educational matters, or who is a candidate at any examination conducted by the Education Department for teachers' certificates, or by the University of New Zealand or a university college in subjects of arts, science, or agriculture, shall be granted such leave as may be necessary to attend a meeting of any of the aforesaid bodies, or any such conference or examination, as the case may be.

27. A teacher desiring to obtain leave of absence for reasons other than those above stated may be granted such leave as in the opinion of the controlling authority is warranted by the circumstances.

28. (1.) Teachers granted leave of absence on account of illness or accident may be paid salary in accordance with the following schedule :—

Length of Service of Teacher.	Amount of Salary and Maximum Period for which Salary may be paid.
Not exceeding five years	Full salary for one month.
Over five years but not exceeding ten years	Full salary for one month and half salary for one month.
Over ten years but not exceeding fifteen years	Full salary for two months.
Over fifteen years	Full salary for two months and half salary for one month.

Provided that in any special case of hardship the Minister may approve of payment of salary in whole or in part for longer periods than are herein specified.

(2.) Leave of absence, with payment of salary under this clause, may be granted to any teacher in one or more periods, but the aggregate period of such leave shall not during a period of two years, dating from the first absence on leave, exceed the period of such leave provided for the teacher in the schedule.

(3.) The second or any subsequent period of two years shall commence on the date of the first absence on leave with payment of salary following the date on which the previous period of two years expired.

(4.) No leave on account of illness or accident, with payment of salary, shall be granted if the necessity for leave has arisen through the misconduct of the teacher.

29. Any teacher granted leave of absence in accordance with clause 26 hereof shall be paid full salary for the whole period of absence.

30. A teacher granted leave of absence under clause 27 hereof may, if the circumstances are exceptional, be paid full salary for a period not exceeding seven days, provided that no such payments shall be made unless the Minister concurs therein.

31. Any teacher who is compelled to absent himself from duty owing to his having been in contact with a person suffering from an infectious disease shall be paid salary in full during the period of such absence.

32. The controlling authority may, with the approval of the Minister, grant leave of absence to any teacher for the purpose of visiting schools or other educational institutions in New Zealand or elsewhere. The teacher shall be entitled during the period of absence to receive such salary (if any) as may be approved by the Minister.

33. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the controlling authority may make by-laws prescribing the procedure to be followed by applicants for leave of absence, and for such other purpose as it may deem necessary for the effectual administration of this Part of these regulations.

34. This Part of these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1921.

PART IV.—STAFFING AND DUTIES.

35. (1.) In every technical high school there shall not be more than one full-time assistant for each complete twenty-eight pupils on the roll of the school at the 31st day of March :