

shall not be required to admit under these circumstances a holder of a free place at a district high school who can attend another district high school or a technical high school.

(ii.) If any free pupil fails on account of illness to fulfil the conditions of his free place, or if any junior free pupil fails on account of illness to pass the examination or otherwise qualify for a senior free place, his free place may, with the approval of the Minister, be continued for another year, provided that the limits of age stated in clauses 5 and 9 hereof are not thereby exceeded. The fact of illness must be proved by evidence satisfactory to the Director of Education.

17. Any pupil who has held a free place at a school that has been disestablished by the Minister, or that for any other reason has ceased to exist, may continue to hold his free place at another school; and such school shall admit him accordingly on the same terms as if he had remained at the first-named school; nevertheless, a school may decline to admit such pupil if he can attend another school nearer his home.

18. The programme of work of each free pupil under these regulations shall be determined by the Principal of the school after consultation, where practicable, with the parent or guardian of the pupil: Provided that no such pupil shall be compelled to take Latin or to take more than one language besides English.

The programme of each free pupil shall consist not of a number of disconnected subjects, but of a group of subjects duly arranged in accordance with the pupil's capacities, surroundings, and probable future calling, as far as such a programme can be provided for with regard to the general circumstances of the school.

19. Free places under these regulations are not tenable with any other scholarship or free place, except as provided in clause 3 (a) or in clause 7 (a) hereof.

20. (a.) The annual returns of free pupils under these regulations shall be made on forms provided or approved by the Education Department, and sent to the Director of Education not later than the 1st April in each year. Supplementary returns showing the new entrants and removals, and the Principal's report on the attendance, conduct, diligence, and progress of pupils, shall be sent at the end of each term or quarter.

(b.) The Principal of every secondary school or district high school and the Director of every technical high school shall keep record-cards, on the forms provided or approved by the Education Department, showing such information with respect to the course pursued and progress made by each free pupil as may be required; and in the case of transfer from one school to another the free pupil who is entitled to a transfer under these regulations shall be given his record-card duly filled up and signed, and no secondary school, district high school, or technical school shall admit such pupil to a free place until he produces his record-card. A record-card duly completed so as to form a certificate should be given to every pupil who has satisfactorily completed his course as the holder of a junior or senior free place. The pupil's record-card must accompany every application for the transfer of a free place under the first proviso to clause 15 (i), or for the extension of a junior free place under clauses 5 (i) or 16 (ii), or for the granting of a senior free place under clause 7 (c), or for the granting of a leaving certificate under the regulations relating to certificates of secondary instruction.

21. Free railway-tickets will be granted, in terms of the Railway Regulations relating to Free School Season Tickets, to holders of junior or senior free places.

FREE PLACES AT TECHNICAL CLASSES OTHER THAN CLASSES AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

22. A free place under the conditions specified in the following clauses is tenable at technical classes other than classes at technical high schools.

Junior Free Places.

23. Subject to these regulations a pupil shall be qualified to hold a junior free place at such classes if—

- (a.) He has qualified for a Junior National Scholarship on such pass-conditions as the Minister may from time to time determine; or if
- (b.) He has obtained a certificate of proficiency or an equivalent or higher qualification; or if
- (c.) Being over fourteen years of age, and having been in regular attendance at a public school up to a date not more than six months prior to the date of admission to a free place, he is recommended therefor by an Inspector of Schools: Provided