

(9) With regard to pupils and others who are candidates for Certificates of Attainment, the Inspector may determine the qualifications of the candidates by any of the following methods. He may—

- (a) Accept, in whole or in part, the head teacher's report or the results of the head teacher's examination, or the records of the school, as sufficient evidence that candidates have reached the required standard of attainment; or
- (b) Examine such candidates at the time of the visit of which notice has been given in accordance with clause 69 or at the time of any other visit; or
- (c) Arrange to hold a central examination for all such candidates from places within a convenient radius, due notice of such examination being given (this examination is not to be regarded as a special examination within the meaning of subclause (3) hereof); or
- (d) Accept, in whole or in part, the results of any other suitable examination held by some recognized authority, as evidence of the candidate's fitness to receive a Certificate of Attainment.

(10) As far as possible candidates who are not awarded certificates on the recommendation of the head teacher shall be examined by an Inspector in their own schools, but where this is impracticable, they may be gathered for examination at convenient centres. For candidates who cannot conveniently be examined in this way, a synchronous examination may be held for which papers set by the Education Department shall be worked by the children under such supervision as the Inspectors may approve.

(11) The annual examination for Certificates of Attainment in the subjects of Form II shall not be held earlier than the first day of November.

(12) Except in special cases Certificates of Proficiency and Certificates of Competency shall not be issued to successful candidates earlier than the week before the school closes for the midsummer vacation, and the issue of such certificate shall be subject to satisfactory attendance on the part of the candidate.

(13) In all examinations conducted by the Inspector, he shall personally assess the work done by the candidates.

(14) All Certificates of Attainment shall be issued under the authority of the Director of Education.

71. (1) In every Native school the head teacher shall keep on a form provided for the purpose a record to be known as the "Primary-school progress-card," showing with respect to each pupil—

- (a) His attainments at the end of each school year:
- (b) His revealed aptitudes:
- (c) His attendance, industry, and initiative during the year:
- (d) His medical record as furnished by a School Medical Officer:
- (e) Such other particulars as may be required by the Director.

(2) When a pupil transfers to another school and it is definitely known to which school he is transferring his record-card shall be posted to that school by the head teacher of the school he is leaving.

(3) If after the lapse of two weeks subsequent to a pupil entering a school his record-card is not received by the head teacher, the head teacher shall forthwith make application for such card to the head teacher of the school from which the pupil transferred.

(4) If after the lapse of two months the record-card of a transferring pupil is not claimed from the school he has left, the head teacher of that school shall forward the card to the Director of Education with a brief explanation of the circumstances.

(5) The primary-school progress-card shall not be given to a pupil who is transferring to another primary school, but a copy thereof containing such information as relates to his school progress, his attendance, and his aptitudes shall be handed to him when he finally leaves the primary school.

72. The following holidays shall be observed in all Native schools:— Holidays.

- (a) Good Friday and Easter Monday and Tuesday; Anzac Day; King's Birthday; Labour Day; half-day of the general election, unless the distance of the polling-booth from the school is so great as to make a full day necessary.

On the afternoon of the school day preceding the King's Birthday or Anzac Day, and on similar occasions, teachers are expected to address the pupils on some appropriate topic connected with the occasion for which the holiday is given.

- (b) Autumn holidays: Two weeks—the date of commencement of the holidays to be determined by the Director.