

Serial Number 274/1937.



THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS CLASSIFICATION AND CERTIFICATE REGULATIONS 1937.

Enacting authority : His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.
Act pursuant to which the regulations were made : The Education Act, 1914.

Date on which the regulations were made : 10th day of November, 1937.
Date of notification in *Gazette* : 11th day of November, 1937.

REGULATIONS.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Primary Schools Classification and Certificate Regulations 1937.

2. These regulations shall be read together with and form part of the regulations made on the 14th day of October, 1929* (hereinafter called "the principal regulations").

3. The Order in Council made on the 16th day of September, 1935,† is revoked.

4. These regulations will come into force seven days after the date of the notification in the *Gazette* of the making thereof.

5. The principal regulations are amended by—

- (1) Omitting from subclause (5) of clause 1 thereof the words "Certificate of Proficiency", and substituting the words "Primary School Certificate";
- (2) Omitting from subclause (6) of clause 1 thereof the word "satisfactorily";
- (3) Omitting clause 4 thereof, and substituting the following :—

"CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS.

" 4. (1) The head teacher shall conduct periodical surveys into the work of the classes, the last of which shall be held in November or December, and he shall enter in a register kept for this purpose a record of such surveys. Promotion from class to class shall be made on these records, taken in conjunction with the general character of the pupil's work during the year.

" (2) In regard to any such survey, the record in the register shall be held to be sufficient if it contains the following particulars :—

- " (a) For each pupil on the school roll, with the exception of those receiving promotion only within the preparatory division,—
 - " (i) His name and age as on the 31st December of the current year ;

* *Gazette*, 17th October, 1929, Vol. III, page 2647.

† *Gazette*, 19th September, 1935, Vol. III, page 2662.

“ (ii) The time since his admission to his first school, as on the 31st December of the current year ;

“ (iii) His present classification—*i.e.*, the class in which he has been placed for English during the preceding three months ;

“ (iv) His attainments, expressed in qualitative terms, in the following subjects according to the scale below :—

“ English (including Formal Language in S. IV-F. II).

“ Reading (including Reading and Comprehension).

“ Spelling.

“ Writing.

“ Arithmetic.

“ History, Geography, Science, Drawing, Handwork (S. IV-F. II).

“ *Scale.*—Excellent, 90 to 100 per cent. ; very good, 80 to 89 ; good, 65 to 79 ; very fair, 50 to 64 ; fair, 40 to 49 ; weak, 30 to 39 ; inferior, less than 30 per cent. of the marks assigned by the teacher to each subject.

“ (v) His new classification.

“ (b) *For each class* : The considered opinion of the head or sole teacher of the quality of the work in each subject.

“ (3) (a) The nature of such survey shall, in general, be determined by the head teacher. The assistant teachers may be called upon and should be encouraged to mark and assess their pupils' work at least in part, but the head teacher shall take such steps as will satisfy himself that a reasonable and consistent standard of marking and assessment is maintained :

“ (b) The written work done at the periodical surveys, together with the questions set, shall be kept in the school for twelve months or for a shorter period if the Inspector so directs.

“ (4) If the record in the register is complete and in order, the Inspector shall sign it and insert any comment he may deem necessary.

“ (5) Immediately after the close of the school year the head teacher shall forward to the Secretary of the Education Board on forms supplied by the Education Department a return, to be called the “ Annual Classification Return ”, which shall contain the information required by subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii), and (v) of subclause (2) (a) of this clause, and, in addition, a summary showing for each class the number of pupils on the roll, their aggregate ages as on the 31st December, and the average age of the pupils.”

(4) Omitting from subclause (1) of clause 6 thereof the words “ examination report, signed by the Inspector ”, and substituting the words “ classification return ”.

(5) Inserting the following as clause 9 thereof :—

**“PRIMARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATES AND CERTIFICATES OF SCHOOL
ATTAINMENT.**

“ 9. (1) (a) A Primary School Certificate shall be issued to every pupil who, in any public primary school, registered

private school, correspondence school of the Education Department, intermediate school, or Native school, has completed a course for Form II :

- “(b) The Primary School Certificate shall be on the prescribed form, and shall be signed by the head or sole teacher of the school in which the pupil has completed his course for Form II :
- “(c) Primary School Certificates shall not be issued to pupils on the roll of any school earlier than the Monday of the week preceding that prescribed for the closing of the schools for the mid-summer vacation except to pupils who are about to leave the Dominion, or who have been more than one year in Form II :
- “(d) A Primary School Certificate may be issued by the Director of Education or a Senior Inspector of Schools to a candidate who, not being a pupil of a public primary school, registered private school, correspondence school of the Education Department, intermediate school, or Native school, shows that he possesses a sufficient qualification :
- “(2) (a) A Certificate of School Attainment not lower than Standard III nor higher than Form I may be issued by a Secretary of an Education Board on a form provided by the Education Department to any person who last attended school in the district of that Board, and who is shown by the head teacher's report or the records of the school, or the results of a head teacher's survey, to have completed the work of the standard for which the certificate is required :
- “(b) A Certificate of School Attainment not lower than Standard III and not higher than Form I may be issued by the Director of Education or Senior Inspector of Schools to any person who last attended school outside the Dominion and who shows to the satisfaction of the Director that he possesses a sufficient qualification.
- “(3) No fee shall be charged for the issue of a Primary School Certificate or of a Certificate of School Attainment.”