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STATUTORY RULE No 99: SCHOOLS (SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF PUPILS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1985

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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all Grant-aided schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Association of Governing Bodies of Voluntary Grammar Schools; and
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education.

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The Department made the above-named Regulations on 16 March 1995.

These Regulations specify the matters to be included in the schemes for the suspension and expulsion of pupils from grant-aided schools. The Regulations come into operation on 1 September 1995 when they will revoke and replace the Schools (Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985.

The education and library boards, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools and the Boards of Governors of grant-maintained integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and non-denominational voluntary maintained schools should ensure that the procedures specified in the schemes which they are required to prepare for the suspension and expulsion of pupils from school are revised in time to enable school principals to meet the requirements of the new Regulations by their operative date.

The principal changes brought about by the new Regulations are as follows:

- i. the application of the Regulations to the schemes for the suspension and expulsion of pupils from grant-maintained integrated, as well as other grant-aided, schools;
- ii. a requirement to include in the schemes a maximum period of suspension from school of 15 school days in each school term;
- iii. a requirement to include in the schemes provision for the school principal to advise the parent – or the pupil himself where he has attained the age of eighteen – in writing of his right of appeal against a decision to expel the pupil from school, of the time limit set by the board for lodging such an appeal and where the appeal may be lodged;
- iv. a requirement to include in the schemes for the suspension and expulsion of pupils from Catholic maintained schools, provision for the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools to be notified when a pupil is suspended from such a school or when the period of suspension is extended, and to be involved in the consultations which must take place before a pupil is expelled, from the school.

A copy of the Regulations may be purchased from HMSO.