

Memorandum by the Hon. Minister of Education  
for consideration in the Cabinet

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Subject: Increase in allowance to ex-Emergency Teachers college training who are married or who are the sole breadwinners of the family.

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On the 16th September, 1965, Hon. Ministers agreed in Cabinet to a recommendation made by Establishments, Education and Finance Departments to raise the allowance paid to trainees at the Teachers' Colleges from £18 to £36 per annum. It was however felt that other recommendations, especially those affecting married trainees and trainees eligible for a dependants allowance, merited further study.

Establishments, Finance and Education have considered the matter further and now recommend that an allowance equivalent to the salary of an emergency teacher be paid (a) to ex-emergency teachers with not less than one year continuous service to their credit and provided they have been married for not less than one year before taking up college, and (b) to ex-emergency teachers with not less than one year continuous service to their credit and who are the sole breadwinners of the family provided that their families are already in receipt of social assistance under the National Assistance Act or who would, as a result of the suspension of the breadwinner's earnings, become entitled to such assistance.

In both cases, before such an allowance can be paid the trainee must have been reported upon favourably by his/her Headteacher, and he/she will be required to sign an undertaking to serve Government as teacher for a period of five years after the successful completion of the course.

The Secretary, M.E.P.F. has agreed with these recommendations as the extra expenditure involved, i.e., the difference between the proposed allowance and the allowance being paid at present, is only £1,200 and could be met out of savings under the general Education votes.

For decision:

Hon. Ministers are requested to decide whether they agree that the allowance payable to ex-emergency teachers at the Teachers Training Colleges and who are married or are the sole breadwinners of their family be adjusted as proposed above.

21st January, 1966.