

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003**

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER

Part II: Funding of Grant-Aided Schools

Article 3 - The common funding scheme for grant-aided schools

Article 3 provides for one common funding scheme for all grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland. The Department will have an overall duty to prepare and publish the common funding scheme after consultation with the Education and Library Boards (ELBs), the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) and such other bodies as it sees fit. The Article also places a duty on all ELBs to implement the common funding scheme.