

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

**S.I. 2003 No. 424 (N.I. 12)**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER**

**Part Iii: Boards: Finance and the Duty of Best Value**

*Article 10 – Resource allocation plans*

*Article 11 – Funding of boards*

*Article 12 – Accounts of boards*

These amendments are made in recognition of the move to resource accounting and budgeting and the fact that the ELBs are now funded by three Departments.

*Article 13 – The duty of best value*

*Article 13* places a duty on ELBs to deliver Best Value in the execution of their services and to consult interested parties on how this should be done.

*Article 14 – Contracts: exclusion of non-commercial considerations*

*Article 14* allows the Department to amend Article 20 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 which requires that an ELB does not take into account non-commercial matters when conducting a tender process for the supply of goods, materials or services to the ELB.

*Article 16 – Repeal of competition provisions*

*Article 16* repeals Part II of, and Schedule 1 to, the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 which had placed certain compulsory competitive tendering requirements on ELBs in executing some of their activities.