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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 333**

**EDUCATION**

**Curriculum (Programmes of Study in Economics,  
Political Studies and Social and Environmental  
Studies at Key Stage 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996**

*Made - - - - 29th July 1996  
Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(2)  
and (3)*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(1)(a) and (5) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(1) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Curriculum (Programmes of Study in Economics, Political Studies and Social and Environmental Studies at Key Stage 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on 1st September 1996.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 1st August 1997 in respect of pupils in the second year of the fourth key stage.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order “the Document” means the document published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office entitled “Key Stage 4, Programmes of Study, Economics, Political Studies and Social and Environmental Studies”(2).

**Specification of the programmes of study**

3. The programmes of study described in the Document for Economics, Political Studies and Social and Environmental Studies are specified in relation to the fourth key stage as set out in the Document.

4. The contents printed in italics in the Document serve to illustrate the programme of study described and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

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(1) S.I.1989/2406 (N.I. 20)  
(2) ISBN 0 337 04306 X

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 29th July 1996.

*C. Jendoubi (Mrs.)*  
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, made under Article 7(1) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (“the 1989 Order”) specifies programmes of study for key stage 4 in relation to Economics, Political Studies and Social and Environmental Studies. Concurrent Orders have been made specifying programmes of study for the other subjects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Article 7(5) of the 1989 Order allows for an Order under Article 7(1), instead of containing the provisions to be made, to refer to provisions in a Document published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office and to direct that these provisions shall have effect according to the Order.

This Order accordingly refers to “Key Stage 4, Programmes of Study, Economics, Political Studies and Social and Environmental Studies” and provides for the programmes of study to have effect for the fourth key stage of a pupil’s compulsory schooling.

It further provides that any contents printed in italics in the Document are for illustrative purposes only, and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

This Order comes into operation on 1st September 1996 in relation to pupils in the first year of the fourth key stage and on 1st August 1997 in relation to pupils in the second year of that key stage.

Copies of the Document entitled “Key Stage 4, Programmes of Study, Economics, Political Studies and Social and Environmental Studies” may be obtained from Her Majesty’s Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.