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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 348**

**EDUCATION**

**Curriculum (Programmes of Study and  
Attainment Target in Geography at Key  
Stages 3 and 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 and Attainment Target in Geography at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

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

(3) The provisions of this Order relating to the fourth key stage shall come into operation on 1st August 1997 in respect of pupils in the second year of that key stage.

**Revocation**

2. The Curriculum (Programme of Study and Attainment Targets in Geography) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994(2) is hereby revoked.

**Interpretation**

3. In this Order—

“the Document” means the document published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office entitled “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Target, Geography”(3); and

references to “level descriptions” are references to the levels set out in the Document in relation to the attainment target for the third key stage.

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(1) S.I.1989/2406 (N.I. 20)  
(2) S.R. 1994 No. 257  
(3) ISBN 0 337 04298 5

**Specification of the programmes of study and attainment target**

4. It is hereby directed that the provisions relating to the programmes of study and the attainment target set out in the Document shall have effect as provided in Articles 5 to 8 for the purpose of specifying in relation to Geography—

- (a) programmes of study; and
- (b) the attainment target.

5. The programmes of study for the third and fourth key stages are specified in relation to those key stages as set out in the Document.

6. The attainment target described in the Document (to which the level descriptions referred to in Article 7 relate) is specified in relation to the third key stage.

7. The level descriptions described in the Document are specified in relation to the third key stage at levels 1 to 8.

8. The contents printed in italics in the Document or which are not printed on a tinted background serve to illustrate the programmes of study and the attainment target described and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

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 stages 3 and 4 and an attainment target for key stage 3 in relation to Geography. 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 Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Target, Geography” and provides for the programmes of study for key stages 3 and 4 and attainment target for key stage 3 set out in it to have effect for these key stages.

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

This Order revokes the Curriculum (Programme of Study and Attainment Targets in Geography) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994.

This Order comes into operation from 1st September 1996 in relation to key stage 3 and the first year of key stage 4: and from 1st August 1997 in relation to the second year of key stage 4.

Copies of the Document entitled “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Target, Geography” may be obtained from Her Majesty’s Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.