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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1998 No. 119 (C. 5)**

**EDUCATION**

**The Education Reform (1989 Order) (Commencement  
No. 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998**

*Made - - - - 19th March 1998*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 1(3) and (4) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989<sup>(1)</sup> and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Education Reform (1989 Order) (Commencement No. 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998.

**Commencement**

2. Article 6(1) and (2) of and Schedule 2 to the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989<sup>(2)</sup> in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subject, Irish (in Irish speaking schools only), shall come into operation in Irish speaking schools—

- (a) on 31st July 1998 in relation to pupils in the third key stage and the first year of the fourth key stage; and
- (b) on 31st July 1999 in relation to pupils in the second year of the fourth key stage.

3. Articles 6(3) and 136 shall come into operation on 19th March 1998.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [S.I. 1989/2406 \(N.I. 20\)](#)

<sup>(2)</sup> Schedule 2 was substituted by Article 35(1) of and Schedule 3 to [S.I. 1996/274 \(N.I. 1\)](#) and amended by [S.R. 1996 No. 328](#) and [S.R. 1998 No. 117](#)

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on

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19th March 1998.

*C. Jendoubi (Mrs.)*  
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes the subject Irish (in Irish speaking schools) compulsory in Irish speaking schools only on a phased basis from 31st July 1998. It becomes compulsory for pupils in key stage 3 and the first year of key stage 4 from that date, and from 31st July 1999 for pupils in the second year of key stage 4.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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

The following provisions of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 have been brought into force or will be brought into force by commencement orders made before the date of this Order.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. Number</i>
Articles 18 to 28, Part IV in so far as it relates to secondary schools, Article 59(3) and Article 59(4) in so far as it relates to Article 59(3), Articles 102 to 104, Article 119, Part IX and Schedules 3 and 8 (partially), Article 166 and Schedule 9 in so far as relating to: the Commissioner for Complaints Act (Northern Ireland) 1969; the Industrial Relations (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976; Articles 4 (partially), 10(5) (partially), 11(1), 65, 79(2) and 103(1) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (“the 1986 Order”); Article 167 and Schedule 10 in so far as relating to Articles 4 (partially), 25, 28, 68 (partially), 103(1), Part IX of, and Schedule 2 (partially), paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 (partially), Schedule 14 (partially) and Schedule 17 to the 1986 Order.	1st April 1990	1990/125
Article 156 (partially), Article 166 and Schedule 9 in so far as relating to Article 33 of	1st July 1990	1990/125

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the 1986 Order, Article 167 and Schedule 10 in so far as relating to the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (partially).		
Articles 5(1)(b) and (4) and 11(1)(b).	1st August 1990	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects English, Mathematics and Science in relation to pupils in the—	1st August 1990	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
first year of the first, second and third key stages;		
second year of the first, second and third key stages;	1st August 1991	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
third year of the first, second and third key stages;	1st August 1992	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
fourth year of the first key stage and first year of the fourth key stage; and	1st August 1993	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
second year of the fourth key stage.	1st August 1994	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subject, Irish (in Irish speaking schools only) in relation to pupils in the—	1st August 1990	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
first year of the first and second key stages;		
second year of the first and second key stages;	1st August 1991	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
third year of the first and second key stages; and	1st August 1992	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
fourth year of the first key stage.	1st August 1993	<a href="#">1990/249</a>
Articles 6(6), 54, 59(1) and (2), Article 59(4) in so far as it relates to Article 59(2) and Articles 60 to 62, 113 and 159;	1st April 1991	<a href="#">1991/109</a>

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Article 166 and Schedule 9 in so far as relating to Articles 8(2), 69, 72, 88(6) and 116(1) of the 1986 Order; and Article 167 and Schedule 10 in so far as relating to Articles 8(1)(b) and (c), 24, 57(1) and 117 of the 1986 Order.		
Part IV in so far as it is not already in operation but not in relation to the admission of pupils to primary schools, and in so far as they provide primary education, independent schools, in the year ending 31st July 1992.	21st August 1991	<a href="#">1991/391</a>
Articles 77(2) to (6) and 78; Articles 127 to 135, Articles 137 and 138; Article 166 and Schedule 9 in so far as relating to the definition of “grammar school” in Article 2(2) of the 1986 Order; Article 167 and Schedule 10 in so far as relating to the definition of “intermediate school” in Article 2(2) of the 1986 Order and Articles 26, and 56(1) and (4) to (6) of the 1986 Order.	1st April 1992	<a href="#">1992/169</a>
Articles 5(2) and 8(1) in relation to pupils in the— first, second and third key stages and in the first year of the fourth key stage; and	1st August 1992	<a href="#">1992/169</a>
the second year of the fourth key stage.	1st August 1993	<a href="#">1992/169</a>
Article 9, but shall not apply to a course of study being followed in the school year ending on 31st July 1993; Article 11(1)(d); Article 167 and Schedule 10 in so far as they relate to Article 13 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.	30th November 1992	<a href="#">1992/507</a>
Article 56.	1st April 1993	<a href="#">1992/507</a>

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Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, History and Geography, in relation to pupils in the first, second and third key stages.	1st August 1994	<a href="#">1994/295</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subject, Physical Education, in relation to pupils in the first, second, third and fourth key stages.	1st August 1994	<a href="#">1994/295</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, Art and Design and Music, in relation to pupils in the first and second key stages.	1st August 1994	<a href="#">1994/296</a>
Article 11(2) in relation to the compulsory contributory subjects, History, Geography, Art and Design and Music, in relation to pupils in the first and second key stages.	1st August 1994	<a href="#">1994/296</a>
Article 11(2) in relation to the compulsory contributory subject, Physical Education, in relation to pupils in the first, second and fourth key stages.	1st August 1994	<a href="#">1994/296</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, Technology and Design, Art and Design and Music, in relation to pupils in the third key stage.	1st August 1995	<a href="#">1995/204</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, French or German or Italian or Spanish or Irish, and Articles 5(5) and 11(1)(e), in relation to pupils in the third key stage.	1st August 1995	<a href="#">1995/204</a>

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. Number</i>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, History or Geography or Business Studies or Economics or Political Studies or Home Economics or Social and Environmental Studies, in relation to pupils in the first year of the fourth key stage.	28th March 1997	<a href="#">1997/188</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, French or German or Italian or Spanish or Irish, and Articles 5(5) and 11(1)(e), in relation to pupils in the first year of the fourth key stage.	28th March 1997	<a href="#">1997/188</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, History or Geography or Business Studies or Economics or Political Studies or Home Economics or Social and Environmental Studies, in relation to pupils in the second year of the fourth key stage.	1st August 1997	<a href="#">1997/188</a>
Article 6(1) and (2) and Schedule 2 in so far as they relate to the compulsory contributory subjects, French or German or Italian or Spanish or Irish, and Articles 5(5) and 11(1)(e), in relation to pupils in the second year of the fourth key stage.	1st August 1997	<a href="#">1997/188</a>