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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1998 No. 457**

**EDUCATION**

**Education (Assessment Arrangements for Key Stage  
3) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998**

*Made - - - - 30th December 1998*

*Coming into operation 28th January 1999*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(1)(b), 2(a) (ii) and (6) 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. This Order may be cited as the Education (Assessment Arrangements for Key Stage 3) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 28th January 1999.

**Amendment of the Education (Assessment Arrangements for Key Stage 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997**

2. The Education (Assessment Arrangements for Key Stage 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(2) shall be amended as provided in articles 3 to 6.

3. In Article 4 (Interpretation) for the definition of “relevant subject” there shall be substituted the following definition—

““relevant subject” means—

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) English, Mathematics or Science;
- (b) in relation to a pupil who is in an Irish speaking school, Irish, English, Mathematics or Science;”.

4. In Article 5—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for the words “paragraph (2)” there shall be substituted the words “paragraphs (2) and (3)”;
- (b) in paragraph (2) there shall be inserted at the beginning the words “Subject to paragraph (3),”;
- (c) after paragraph (2) there shall be added the following paragraph—

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(1) S.I. 1989/2406 (N.I. 20); Article 7(2) was amended by S.I. 1996/274 (N.I. 1) Article 35(2) and 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  
(2) S.R. 1997 No. 422

“(3) Where a pupil is in an Irish speaking school he shall be assessed in Irish, English, Mathematics and Science at or near the end of the third key stage for the purpose of ascertaining what he has achieved in relation to the attainment targets for that key stage.”.

5. In Article 8(2) after the words “English and Mathematics” there shall be added “(and, in the case of a pupil who is in an Irish speaking school, in Irish)”.

6. For the Schedule there shall be inserted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE

Article 4

Part 1

English

Key Stages 3 and 4

Programme of Study and Attainment Targets(3)

Irish (in Irish Speaking Schools)

Key Stages 3 and 4

Programme of Study and Attainment Targets(4)

Mathematics

Key Stages 3 and 4

Programme of Study and Attainment Targets(5)

Science

Key Stages 3 and 4

Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets(6)

Part 2

The Curriculum (Programme of Study and Attainment Targets in English at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(7)

The Curriculum (Programme of Study and Attainment Targets in Irish in Irish Speaking Schools at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998(8)

The Curriculum (Programme of Study and Attainment Targets in Mathematics at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(9)

The Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(10)

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(8) S.R. 1998 No. 118  
(9) S.R. 1996 No. 341  
(10) S.R. 1996 No. 335

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on

30th December 1998.

*D. Woods*  
Assistant Secretary

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order amends the Education (Assessment Arrangements for Key Stage 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997.

It provides for the assessment of pupils in Key Stage 3 in Irish speaking schools in Irish as well as in English, Mathematics and Science.