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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 270**

**EDUCATION**

**Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment  
Target in Technology and Design at Key  
Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999**

*Made - - - - 14th June 1999  
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 Technology and Design at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on 1st August 1999.

(3) The provisions of this Order relating to key stage 4 shall come into operation on 1st August 2000 in respect of pupils in the first year of that key stage and 1st August 2001 in respect of pupils in the second year of that key stage.

**Revocation and saving**

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Target in Technology and Design at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(2), is hereby revoked.

(2) The Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Target in Technology and Design at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 shall continue to have effect—

- (a) in relation to pupils in the first year of key stage 4, until 1st August 2000; and
- (b) in relation to pupils in the second year of key stage 4, until 1st August 2001.

## Interpretation

### 3. In this Order—

- (a) “the Document” means the document published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office entitled “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Target, Technology and Design”(3); and
- (b) references to “levels descriptions” are references to the levels of competence for pupils in key stage 3 set out in the Document in relation to the attainment target for that key stage.

## 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 Technology and Design—

- (a) programmes of study for key stages 3 and 4; and
- (b) the attainment target for key stage 3.

5. The programmes of study for key stages 3 and 4 described in the Document 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 key stage 3.

7. The level descriptions shall have effect in relation to the attainment target at key stage 3.

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

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14th June 1999.

*C. Jendoubi (Mrs)*  
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, specifies programmes of study for key stages 3 and 4 and an attainment target for key stage 3 in relation to Technology and Design by reference to provisions in a Document published by The Stationery Office and entitled “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Target, Technology and Design”.

The Order accordingly directs that the programmes of study for key stages 3 and 4 and attainment target for key stage 3 set out in that Document shall have effect for these key stages.

This Order revokes (with a saving) the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Target in Technology and Design at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

This Order comes into operation from 1st August 1999 in relation to key stage 3 and from 1st August 2000 in relation to the first year of key stage 4 and from 1st August 2001 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, Technology and Design” may be obtained from The Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.