

**2011 No. 406 (C. 29)**

**EDUCATION**

**The Education (2006 Order) (Commencement No.3) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 2011**

*Made* - - - - *15th December 2011*

The Department of Education makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 1 (4) (a) and (b) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(a).

**Citation and Interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Education (2006 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011.

(2) In this order “the Order” means the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the following provision of the Order is 16th December 2011-

(a) Article 34 (Education of suspended pupils).

3. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Order is 1st September 2013-

(a) Article 18 (Access to courses: pupils in key stage 4);

(b) Article 19 (Access to courses: pupils over compulsory school age);

(c) Article 20 (“Applied” and “General” courses);

(d) Article 22 (Exceptions).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 15th December 2011.



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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order appoints 16th December 2011 for the coming into operation of Article 34 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and 1st September 2013 for the coming into operation of Articles 18, 19, 20 and 22 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

Article 18 requires Boards of Governors to provide pupils in key stage 4 with access to a minimum number of qualifying courses leading to qualifications approved by the Department. The Department will, separately, specify the number of courses but at least one third must be applied courses and one third general. At least one course must fall within each area of learning for key stage 4 as set out in Part IV of Schedule 1 of the 2006 Order, and at least one must be a course in an official language of the European Union, other than English and, in Irish-speaking schools, Irish. Schools can meet this requirement if the course is provided by the school itself or on behalf of the school under arrangements made with others under Article 21, which is already commenced.

Article 19 requires Boards of Governors to provide pupils over compulsory school age with access to a minimum number of qualifying courses leading to qualifications approved by the Department. The Department will, separately, specify the number of courses but at least one third must be applied courses and one third general. Schools can meet this requirement if the course is provided by the school itself or on behalf of the school under arrangements made with others under Article 21, which is already commenced.

Article 20 requires the Department to issue lists of applied and general courses and to revise these as necessary.

Article 22 enables the Department, following consultation, to give directions providing for some or all of Articles 18 and/or 19 to be modified or disapplied in certain cases.

Article 34 requires Boards of Governors to arrange for the provision of suitable education for registered pupils of the school when they are suspended.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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

The following provisions of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 have been brought into operation by commencement orders made before the date of this Order –

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Date of Commencement</b>	<b>S.R. No.</b>
Article 21	26.1.07	S.R. 2007 No. 42 (C.2)
Article 35	11.6.07	S.R. 2007 No. 42 (C.2)
Paragraphs 22 to 39, 45 and 46 of Part II of Schedule 2, and Article 44 (1) in so far as it relates to that Part	23.3.07	S.R. 2007 No. 197 (C.12)
In Part III of Schedule 3, the repeals set out in the Schedule, and Article 44 (2) in so far as it relates to that Part	23.3.07	S.R. 2007 No. 197 (C.12)

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