
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 4(2) of the Education Reform Act 1988 places a duty on the Secretary of State to establish the National Curriculum by specifying appropriate attainment targets, programmes of study and assessment arrangements for each of the foundation subjects.

Section 4(4) allows for such an Order, instead of containing the provisions to be made, to refer to provisions in documents published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office and to direct that those provisions shall have effect according to the Order.

This Order accordingly refers to the two documents entitled "Geography in the National Curriculum (England)" and "Geography in the National Curriculum (England): Short Courses for Pupils at Key Stage 4" and provides for the attainment targets and programmes of study set out in them to have effect for the four key stages of a pupil's compulsory schooling. The first document sets out 10 levels in respect of attainment targets to cover the full range of abilities and maturities of pupils of compulsory school age; the Order specifies part of each attainment target as the appropriate range of attainment levels for each key stage. The second document sets out alternative attainment targets and an alternative, shorter, programme of study for pupils in key stage 4.

The Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Geography) (England) Order 1991 is revoked but its provisions as respects the first three key stages are repeated in this Order.

The Order further provides that any examples and other material printed in italics in the documents do not form part of the Order.