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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1931**

**EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for the Core Subjects) (Key Stage 1) (England) (Amendment) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - *30th July 1997*  
*Coming into force* - - *8th August 1997*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 356(2)(c) and (5) and 568(5) and (6) of the Education Act 1996(1), the Secretary of State for Education and Employment hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. —This Order may be cited as the Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for the Core Subjects) (Key Stage 1) (England) (Amendment) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 8th August 1997.

**Amendment of Order**

2.—(1) The Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for the Core Subjects) (Key Stage 1) (England) Order 1995(2) shall be amended as follows.

3. —In Article (6) the following paragraphs shall be substituted for paragraph (2)—

“(2) The verifying authority shall exercise the functions conferred by this article in relation to each of English and mathematics and—

- (a) subject to paragraph (2A), in any school year in relation to at least 25% of all relevant schools;
- (b) in each school year, in relation to those schools in relation to which verification took place in the last preceding school year and in the opinion of the verifying authority, having regard to the results of that verification, a further verification should be made.

(2A) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a),

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(1) 1996 c. 56.

(2) S.I.1995/2071, as amended by S.I. 1996/2114.

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- (a) verifications carried out pursuant to paragraph (2)(b) shall not count towards the 25% minimum;
- (b) the verifying authority shall so exercise its functions as to secure that in any period of four years they have been exercised in relation to all relevant schools.

(2B) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (2A), the 'relevant schools' are, in the case of a verifying authority which is a local education authority, all the schools maintained by that authority and, in the case of the Authority, all grant-maintained and grant-maintained special schools.”

30th July 1997

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Education (National Curriculum) (Assessment Arrangements for the Core Subjects) (Key Stage 1) (England) Order 1995 in relation to the 1997—8 school year and succeeding school years.

It requires the verifying authorities (local education authorities in the case of schools maintained by them and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority in the case of grant-maintained and grant-maintained special schools) to verify the standard task assessments in at least 25% of such schools in any school year. The verifying authority must carry out further verification in any such school the following year where, in their opinion, it is necessary. The results of standard task assessments in every maintained, grant-maintained and grant-maintained special school must be verified once in every four years.