



Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 3

CURRICULUM FOR EXCEPTIONAL PROVISION OF EDUCATION IN PUPIL REFERRAL UNITS OR ELSEWHERE

Pupil referral units

50 Curriculum requirements

- (1) The local authority, the management committee (if there is one) and the teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must exercise their functions with a view to ensuring that there is a curriculum for the unit that complies with the requirements in subsections (2) to (5).
- (2) The first requirement is that the curriculum must—
 - (a) enable pupils to develop in the ways described in the four purposes,
 - (b) provide for appropriate progression for pupils,
 - (c) be suitable for pupils of differing ages, abilities and aptitudes, and
 - (d) be broad and balanced, so far as is appropriate for pupils.
- (3) The second requirement is that the curriculum must make provision for teaching and learning that—
 - (a) encompasses the Health and Well-being area of learning and experience,
 - (b) encompasses the mandatory element of Relationships and Sexuality Education, and
 - (c) develops the mandatory cross-curricular skills.
- (4) The third requirement is that the provision made under subsection (3)(b) must be developmentally appropriate for pupils.

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- (5) The fourth requirement is that the curriculum must make provision, if it is reasonably possible and appropriate to do so, for teaching and learning—
 - (a) in the other areas of learning and experience, and
 - (b) in the other mandatory elements.
- (6) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must publish a summary of the curriculum for the unit, or arrange for it to be published.

Commencement Information

- I1** [S. 50](#) in force at 1.9.2022 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2022/652](#), [art. 5\(1\)\(2\)\(d\)](#), [Sch.](#)
I2 [S. 50](#) in force at 1.9.2023 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2022/652](#), [art. 6\(1\)\(2\)\(d\)](#)

51 Curriculum review and revision

- (1) The local authority, the management committee (if there is one) and the teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must—
 - (a) keep the curriculum for the unit under review, and
 - (b) ensure that it continues to comply with the requirements in section 50.
- (2) In considering whether the curriculum continues to comply with the requirements in section 50, they must have regard to information derived from any assessment arrangements implemented by them under regulations made under section 56.
- (3) They must revise the curriculum if they consider it necessary to do so to ensure that it continues to comply with the requirements in section 50.
- (4) They may also revise the curriculum at any time they consider it appropriate to do so.
- (5) If the curriculum is revised, the teacher in charge of the unit must publish a summary of the revised curriculum, or arrange for it to be published.

Commencement Information

- I3** [S. 51](#) in force at 1.9.2022 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2022/652](#), [art. 5\(1\)\(2\)\(d\)](#), [Sch.](#)
I4 [S. 51](#) in force at 1.9.2023 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2022/652](#), [art. 6\(1\)\(2\)\(d\)](#)

52 Curriculum implementation

- (1) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must ensure that the curriculum for the unit is implemented in a way that—
 - (a) enables each pupil to develop in the ways described in the four purposes,
 - (b) secures teaching and learning that offers appropriate progression for each pupil,
 - (c) is suitable for each pupil's age, ability and aptitude,
 - (d) takes account of each pupil's additional learning needs (if any), and
 - (e) secures broad and balanced teaching and learning for each pupil.
- (2) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must ensure that the curriculum for the unit is implemented in a way that secures teaching and learning for each pupil that—

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- (a) encompasses the Health and Well-being area of learning and experience,
 - (b) encompasses the mandatory element of Relationships and Sexuality Education, and
 - (c) develops the mandatory cross-curricular skills.
- (3) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must ensure that the teaching and learning secured under subsection (2)(b) is suitable for each pupil's stage of development.
- (4) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit must—
 - (a) consider what teaching and learning it would be appropriate to provide for each pupil in the other areas of learning and experience and the other mandatory elements for which the curriculum makes provision, and
 - (b) ensure, as far as reasonably possible, that the teaching and learning is provided for the pupil.
- (5) The local authority and the management committee (if there is one) for a pupil referral unit must exercise their functions with a view to ensuring that the curriculum for the unit is implemented for pupils in accordance with this section.

Commencement Information

I5 [S. 52](#) in force at 1.9.2022 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2022/652](#), art. 5(1)(2)(d), [Sch.](#)

I6 [S. 52](#) in force at 1.9.2023 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2022/652](#), [art. 6\(1\)\(2\)\(d\)](#)

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