
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

In this Order—

- (a) Part II sets out the general duty of the Department in relation to education;
- (b) Part III makes provision for the curriculum in grant-aided schools and for the establishment and functions of the Northern Ireland Curriculum Council and the Northern Ireland Schools Examinations and Assessment Council;
- (c) Part IV regulates the admission of children to grant-aided schools;
- (d) Part V provides for the financing by boards of controlled and maintained schools and for the delegation to the Boards of Governors of those schools of the management of all or part of the school's budget share and of certain responsibilities in relation to staff and makes new provision for the funding of voluntary grammar schools;
- (e) Part VI provides for the establishment and management of grant-maintained integrated schools and controlled integrated schools;
- (f) Part VII restates the functions of boards in relation to further and higher education, makes new provision for the management of institutions of further education, provides for the financing by boards of institutions of further education and for the delegation to the governing bodies of such institutions of the management of the institution's budget and of certain responsibilities in relation to staff;
- (g) Part VIII makes provision in relation to the management of grant-aided schools and regulates the making of charges in such schools;
- (h) Part IX provides for the constitution and functions of the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- (i) Part X contains miscellaneous provisions relating to education.