
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 274

The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART I INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

(2) Except as provided by paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on the expiration of two months from the day on which it is made.

(3) The following provisions, namely —

- (a) Part II and Schedules 1 and 2;
- (b) Articles 31 and 34;
- (c) Article 35(1) to (5) and Schedule 3;
- (d) Articles 40 and 41 and Schedule 4;
- (e) Part I of Schedule 5 and so much of, Article 43 as relates thereto;
- (f) Part I of Schedule 6 and so much of Article 44 as relates thereto;

shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint^{F1}.

(4) An order under paragraph (3) may make such transitional provision as appears to the Department to be necessary or expedient in connection with the provisions brought into operation by the order.

F1 partly exercised by SRs. 1996/329;1997/307;1998/205

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1986 Order” means the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

“the 1989 Order” means the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

(3) This Order shall be construed as one with the 1986 Order, the 1989 Order and the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1993; and accordingly Article 2(2) of the 1986 Order, in so far as it relates to the definition of words or expressions used in that Order and in this Order, shall apply for the purposes of this Order as it applies for the purposes of that Order.

Changes to legislation:

The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, PART I is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 3(1)(b)(i)(ii) and preceding word inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 14\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(a)(b) and preceding word inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 14\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(a)(b) and preceding word inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 15\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 9(1)(a)(b) and preceding word substituted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 15\(12\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 13(2)(a)(i)(ii) and preceding word substituted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 15\(20\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 11(1)(a)(aa) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 11(1)(a) by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 15\(14\)](#)
- art. 5A inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 1](#)
- art. 6A inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 2](#)
- art. 8(1)(d)-(f) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 3\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 8(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 3\(3\)](#)
- art. 8(2A) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 3\(4\)](#)
- art. 8ZA inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 3\(5\)](#)
- art. 10(3)(a)(b) substituted for words by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 4](#)
- art. 12A inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 4](#)
- art. 14(4A)(4B) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(3\)](#)
- art. 15(4)(a)(b) and preceding word inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 5\(4\)](#)
- art. 15(6)(a)(b) and preceding word inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 5\(5\)](#)
- art. 17(1)(a)(b) and preceding word substituted for words by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 7\(2\)](#)
- art. 18A(4)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 19(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 19(2)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 8\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- art. 20A(7)(a)(b) and preceding word inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 11\(4\)](#)
- art. 20A(8)(a)(i)(ii) and preceding word substituted for words by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 11\(5\)](#)
- art. 21(5)-(10) added by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 9\(2\)](#)
- art. 21A(4)-(7) inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. para. 12\(4\)](#)
- art. 21B(3A)-(4) substituted for art. 21B(4) by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 10\(2\)](#)
- art. 21C inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 10\(4\)](#)
- art. 21ZA inserted by [2016 c. 8 \(N.I.\) s. 9\(3\)](#)