



# Education Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 32

### PART 6

#### THE CURRICULUM IN ENGLAND

##### *The National Curriculum for England*

#### **84 Curriculum requirements for first, second and third key stages**

- (1) For the first, second and third key stages, the National Curriculum for England shall comprise the core and other foundation subjects specified in subsections (2) and (3), and shall specify attainment targets, programmes of study and assessment arrangements in relation to each of those subjects for each of those stages.
- (2) The following are the core subjects for the first, second and third key stages—
  - (a) mathematics,
  - (b) English, and
  - (c) science.
- (3) The following are the other foundation subjects for the first, second and third key stages—
  - (a) design and technology,
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(b) computing,]
  - (c) physical education,
  - (d) history,
  - (e) geography,
  - (f) art and design,
  - (g) music,
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(ga) in relation to the second key stage, a foreign language,] and
  - (h) in relation to the third key stage—
    - (i) citizenship, and
    - (ii) a modern foreign language.

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- [<sup>F3</sup>(A4) In paragraph (ga) of subsection (3) “foreign language” means –
- (a) a foreign language specified in an order made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection, or
  - (b) if the order provides that any foreign language is a foreign language for the purposes of this subsection, any foreign language;
- (4) In sub-paragraph (ii) of subsection (3)(h) “modern foreign language” means –
- (a) a modern foreign language specified in an order made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection, or
  - (b) if the order provides that any modern foreign language is a modern foreign language for the purposes of this subsection, any modern foreign language.]

(5) An order under subsection [<sup>F4</sup>(A4) or] (4) may—

    - (a) specify circumstances in which a language is not to be treated as a foundation subject, and
    - (b) provide for the determination under the order of any question arising as to whether a particular language is a [<sup>F5</sup>foreign language or modern foreign language, as the case may be].

(6) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsections (2) to (5).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 84(3)(b) substituted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2092\)](#), arts. 1, **2**
- F2** S. 84(3)(ga) inserted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(a)**
- F3** S. 84(A4)(4) substituted for s. 84(4) (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 84(5) inserted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(c)**
- F5** Words in s. 84(5)(b) substituted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(d)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1667 Sch. para. 1 by [S.I. 2004/571 Sch.](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1667 Sch. para. 1A and 2 by [S.I. 2005/2570 art. 2](#)

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

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

- s. 27(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 26 s. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 29(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 260\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)
- s. 29B inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 157](#)
- s. 8585A substituted for s. 85 by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(1\)](#)
- s. 85A amendment to earlier affecting provision 2006 c. 40 s. 74(1) by [2011 c. 21 s. 31\(2\)](#)
- s. 85A(5) words substituted by [2009 c. 22 Sch. 12 para. 34](#)
- s. 86(1) s. 86 renumbered as s. 86(1) by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 86(2) inserted by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 88(2)-(7) inserted by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(3\)](#)
- s. 88(7) repealed by [S.I. 2010/1080 Sch. 1 para. 45Sch. 2 Pt. 1](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 88(2)-(7) by 2006 c. 40, s 74(3) was repealed without ever being brought into force.)
- s. 142(9)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 2 para. 11\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 210A inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 79](#)