

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

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**The Basic Curriculum for Wales
(Amendment) Order 2003**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 101(1) of the Education Act 2002 (the Act) requires the curriculum for every maintained school in Wales to include a basic curriculum comprising religious education, the National Curriculum for Wales and sex education. Subsection (3) enables the National Assembly for Wales to make an Order amending subsection (1) by adding further requirements.

This Order, which is made under subsection (3), adds two new requirements to the basic curriculum. The first, which is to apply from 1 September 2003, requires the basic curriculum to include provision for personal and social education for registered pupils of compulsory school age. The second, which it to apply from 1 September 2004, requires that curriculum to include provision for work-related education for pupils who are in the fourth key stage (broadly pupils aged 14 – 16).

In teaching personal and social education and work-related education regard must be had to any guidance issued by the National Assembly - see section 100(8) of the Act. Guidance has been published by the Assembly in National Assembly for Wales CircularCopies are available from the Assembly's Standards and Performance Division, and may be accessed at learning.wales.gov.uk.

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Made

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Coming into force as provided in article 1

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 101(3)(a) of the Education Act 2002(1).

Name and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order is called the Basic Curriculum for Wales (Amendment) Order 2003.
- (2) This Article and Article 2(1) and (2) of this Order come into force on 1 September 2003.
- (3) Article 2(3) comes into force on 1 September 2004.

Amendment of Section 101(1) of the Education Act 2002

- 2.—(1) Section 101(1) of the Education Act 2002 is amended as follows.
 - (2) After paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) provision for personal and social education for all registered pupils at the school who are of compulsory school age, ”.
 - (3) After paragraph (ba) (inserted by paragraph (2)) insert—

“(bb) provision for work-related education for all registered pupils at the school during the fourth key stage, ”.

(1) 2002 c 32.

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales
under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act
1998(2)

Date

The Presiding Officer of the Assembly