

LEARNING AND SKILLS (WALES) MEASURE 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

PART 1 Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4

Sections 1-3 amend the Education Act 2002

Section 1 Interpretation

4. This section provides additional definitions to those already set out in section 97 EA 2002, and which apply generally for the purposes of that Part. The additional definitions provide the meaning of some of the most important terms used in the provisions inserted by this Measure concerning the local curriculum, namely:
5. “course of study”, which is defined by reference to courses approved under section 99 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000. The effect is that, in order for a course of study to be included in any local curriculum formed by a LEA, it must lead to an external qualification approved by the Welsh Ministers under the 2000 Act;
6. “local curriculum” and “local curricula” which are to be construed in accordance with section 116A. When the term “local curriculum” is used in relation to a pupil’s school, it means the local curriculum which applies in relation to that school. This caters for the possibility that under section 116A a LEA may form more than one local curriculum, e.g. have different local curricula for schools in different parts of its area;
7. “maintained secondary school”, which is defined as a maintained school which is a secondary school but is not a community or foundation special school;
8. “regulations” which are defined as regulations made by the Welsh Ministers;
9. “school”. The definition provides that “school” means, in relation to a pupil, the maintained secondary school at which he or she is a registered pupil.