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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 335**

**EDUCATION**

**Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996**

*Made - - - - 29th July 1996  
Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(2)  
and (3)*

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(1)(a) and (5) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(1) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science at Key Stages 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on 1st September 1996.

(3) The provisions of this Order relating to the fourth key stage shall come into operation on 1st August 1997 in respect of pupils in the second year of that key stage.

**Revocation and saving**

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993(2), in so far as it relates to the third and fourth key stages, is hereby revoked.

(2) The Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 shall continue to have effect until 1st August 1997 in respect of pupils in the second year of the fourth key stage as if this Order had not been made.

**Interpretation**

3. In this Order—

“the Document” means the document published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office entitled “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets, Science”(3); and

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(1) [S.I. 1989/2406 \(N.I. 20\)](#)

(2) [S.R. 1993 No. 273](#) as amended by [S.R. 1994 No. 258](#) Article 5

(3) ISBN 0 337 04295 0

references to “levels descriptions” are references to the levels set out in the Document in relation to each attainment target at the third key stage.

### **Specification of the Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets**

4. It is hereby directed that the provisions relating to the programmes of study and attainment targets set out in the Document shall have effect as provided in Articles 5 to 9 for the purpose of specifying in relation to Science—

- (a) programmes of study; and
- (b) attainment targets.

5. The programme of study for the third key stage described in the Document is specified in relation to that key stage as set out in the Document.

6. The attainment targets described in the Document (to which the level descriptions referred to in Article 7 relate) are specified in relation to the third key stage.

7. The level descriptions related to the attainment targets described in the Document are specified in relation to the third key stage at levels 1 to 8.

8. Either the programme of study for the fourth key stage described in the Document as “Programme of Study for Key Stage 4 Science (Double)” or the programme of study described in the Document as “Programme of Study for Key Stage 4 Science (Single)” is specified in relation to the fourth key stage as set out in the Document.

9. The contents which are printed in italics in the Document or which are not printed on a tinted background serve to illustrate the programmes of study and attainment targets described and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on 29th July 1996.

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*C. Jendoubi (Mrs.)*  
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, made under Article 7(1) of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (“the 1989 Order”) specifies programmes of study for key stages 3 and 4 and attainment targets for key stage 3 in relation to Science. Concurrent Orders have been made specifying programmes of study for the other subjects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Article 7(5) of the 1989 Order allows for an Order under Article 7(1), instead of containing the provisions to be made, to refer to provisions in a Document published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office and to direct that these provisions shall have effect according to the Order.

This Order accordingly refers to “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets, Science” and provides for a programme of study and attainment targets for key stage 3 and a programme of study at key stage 4 which contains the option to teach a single award course or a double award course.

It further provides that any contents printed in italics in the Document, or which are not printed on a tinted background, are for illustrative purposes only and do not form part of the provisions which have effect by virtue of this Order.

This Order revokes (with a saving) the Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets in Science) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 in so far as that Order relates to the third and fourth key stages.

This Order comes into operation from 1st September 1996 in relation to key stage 3 and the first year of key stage 4: and from 1st August 1997 in relation to the second year of key stage 4.

Copies of the Document entitled “Key Stages 3 and 4, Programmes of Study and Attainment Targets, Science” may be obtained from Her Majesty’s Stationery Office, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.