WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2000 No. 2539 (W. 162)

# EDUCATION, WALES EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WALES

The National Council for Education and Training for Wales (Interim Functions) Order 2000

| Made   |            |   |   | 15th September 2000 |
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| Coming | into force | - | - | 19th September 2000 |

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Order in exercise of powers conferred on it by paragraph 13 of Schedule 10 to the Learning and Skills Act 2000(1):

### Commencement, citation and interpretation

**1.** This Order may be cited as the National Council for Education and Training for Wales (Interim Functions) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 19th September 2000.

2. In this Order—

"the Act" ("y Ddeddf") means the Learning and Skills Act 2000; and

"the Council" ("y Cyngor") means the National Council for Education and Training for Wales.

#### Interim functions of the Council

**3.**—(1) Until sections 31, 32, 40(1), 40(6) and 41 of the Act come into force the Council may (in addition to any powers conferred on it under provisions of the Act which are in force)—

- (a) do anything which appears to be necessary or expedient in preparation for the exercise of the functions conferred by any of those sections when they come into force; and
- (b) in connection with the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (a), give financial assistance to persons proposing to provide information, advice or guidance about education or training or connected matters (including employment).

(2) If the Council provides financial assistance under the power conferred by paragraph (1)(b) above it may impose conditions; and the conditions may—

(a) enable the Council to require the repayment (in whole or part) of sums paid by the Council if any of the conditions subject to which the sums were paid is not complied with; and

(b) require the payment of interest in respect of any period in which a sum due to the Council is unpaid.

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

15th September 2000

Sue Essex Assembly Secretary

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

#### (This note is not part of the Order)

Paragraph 13 of Schedule 10 to The Learning and Skills Act 2000 provides that the National Assembly for Wales may by order confer powers on the National Council for Education and Training for Wales if it is established before it acquires its full functions, to help it carry out its full functions when it acquires them.

This Order made under the power referred to above confers power on the National Council for Education and Training for Wales to do anything necessary or expedient in preparation for the exercise of functions under sections 31, 32, 40(1) and (6) and 41 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 when those sections come into force (expected to be on 1st April 2001) together with an associated power to give financial assistance.

The relevant functions are the Council's main duties in respect of education and training both for persons aged 16 to 19 years and for persons aged over 19 years, the Council's power to secure facilities for information, advice or guidance in connection with education or training and its duties with respect to persons with learning difficulties.