

Explanatory Memorandum to the School Curriculum, Assessment and Qualification Arrangements: The Education (National Curriculum) (Modern Foreign Languages) (Wales) Order 2008

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Curriculum and Assessment Division of the Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, and is laid before the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with Standing Order 24.1.

Description

The National Curriculum for Wales will be revised from 1 August 2008. This Order gives legal effect to the list of 'Languages that may be taught at Key Stage 3', as set out in 'Modern foreign languages in the National Curriculum for Wales, 2008'.

Matters of special interest to the Subordinate Legislation Committee

None

Legislative Background

The Welsh Ministers have the power under sections 105(4) and (5) and 210 of the Education Act 2002 to specify in an Order those modern languages that are to count as modern foreign languages for the purposes of the National curriculum.

The functions of the National Assembly for Wales were transferred to the Welsh Ministers by paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006.

These regulations are subject to the negative resolution procedure.

Purpose and intended effect of the legislation.

The legislation specifies the list of languages that may be taught at Key Stage 3.

Implementation

The Order will ensure the smooth implementation of the revised school curriculum from September 2008 as announced in Plenary on 9 October 2007.

Consultation

No specific consultation was undertaken on the legislation but a large-scale consultation was undertaken on the revised school curriculum order for modern foreign languages from 8 January 2007 to 31 March 2007; the results of this formed the basis for the statement of 9 October 2007 to Plenary.

Regulatory Impact Assessment

The proposed Order imposes no additional costs or additional duties on schools or LEAs and no formal RIA has been undertaken.