



# Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 2021 asc 4

## CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT (WALES) ACT 2021

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- 65 Duty to co-operate  
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SCHEDULE 1 — RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS  
PART 1 — CURRICULUM DESIGN

*Application*

1 This Part applies for the purposes of section 24(3) (provision...

*Community schools and foundation and voluntary schools without a religious character*

2 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) a community school;

*Foundation and voluntary controlled schools that have a religious character*

3 (1) This paragraph applies to a foundation or voluntary controlled...

*Voluntary aided schools that have a religious character*

4 (1) This paragraph applies to a voluntary aided school that...

PART 2 — CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION

*Application*

5 This Part applies to the teaching and learning that must...

*Community schools and foundation and voluntary schools without a religious character*

6 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) a community school;

*Foundation and voluntary controlled schools that have a religious character*

7 (1) This paragraph applies to a foundation or voluntary controlled...

*Voluntary aided schools that have a religious character*

8 (1) This paragraph applies to a voluntary aided school that...

PART 3 — INTERPRETATION

9 (1) For the meaning of “agreed syllabus”, see section 375A(7)...

SCHEDULE 2 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND  
REPEALS

*Education Act 1996 (c. 56)*

1 The Education Act 1996 is amended as follows.

2 In section 4 (schools: general), in subsection (2), after “section...

3 (1) Section 19 (exceptional provision of education in pupil referral...

4 After section 19 insert— Exceptional provision of education in pupil...

5 In Part 5, in the heading of Chapter 3, after...

6 (1) Section 375 (agreed syllabuses of religious education) is amended...

7 After section 375 insert— Agreed syllabus of Religion, Values and...

8 In the italic heading before section 390 (constitution of standing...

9 (1) Section 390 (constitution of advisory councils) is amended as...

10 (1) Section 391 (functions of advisory councils) is amended as...

11 (1) Section 392 (advisory councils: supplementary provisions) is  
amended as...

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- 12 In section 394 (determination of cases in which requirement for...
- 13 In section 396 (power of Secretary of State to direct...
- 14 After section 396 insert— Power of Welsh Ministers to direct...
- 15 (1) Section 397 (religious education: access to meetings and documents)...
- 16 (1) Section 399 (determination of question whether religious education in...
- 17 In the italic heading before section 403, after “Sex education”...
- 18 (1) Section 403 (sex education: manner of provision) is amended...
- 19 In section 404 (sex education: statements of policy)—
- 20 In section 405 (exemption from sex education)—
- 21 In section 444ZA (application of section 444 to alternative educational...
- 22 In section 569 (regulations), in subsection (2B)—
- 23 In section 579 (general interpretation), in subsection (1), in the...
- 24 In section 580 (index), for the entry for “agreed syllabus”...
- 25 (1) Schedule 1 (pupil referral units) is amended as follows...
- 26 (1) Schedule 31 (agreed syllabuses of religious education) is amended...

*Education Act 1997 (c. 44)*

- 27 The Education Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- 28 In section 56 (construction), in subsection (1), in the definition...

*School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31)*

- 29 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 is amended as...
- 30 In section 58 (appointment and dismissal of certain teachers at...
- 31 In section 60 (staff at foundation or voluntary school with...
- 32 In Part 2, in the heading of Chapter 6 (religious...
- 33 Before section 69 (and the italic heading before it) insert—...
- 34 In the italic heading before section 69, at the end...
- 35 (1) Section 69 (duty to secure due provision of religious...
- 36 (1) Section 71 (exceptions and special arrangements: provision for special...
- 37 (1) Section 124B (designation of independent schools as having a...
- 38 In section 138A (procedure for regulations)— (a) in the heading,...
- 39 (1) Section 142 (general interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 40 (1) Section 143 (index) is amended as follows.
- 41 In Schedule 3, in Part 2 (funding of voluntary aided...
- 42 (1) Schedule 19 (required provision for religious education) is amended...
- 43 In Schedule 20 (collective worship), in paragraph 5, in the...

*Education Act 2002 (c. 32)*

- 44 The Education Act 2002 is amended as follows.
- 45 Omit Part 7 (the curriculum in Wales).
- 46 (1) Section 210 (orders and regulations) is amended as follows....

*Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17)*

- 47 The Licensing Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- 48 In Schedule 1 (provision of regulated entertainment), in Part 3,...

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*Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 (c. 38)*

- 49 The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 is amended as follows.  
50 In section 24 (interpretation), in the definition of “relevant school”,...

*Education Act 2005 (c. 18)*

- 51 (1) Section 50 of the Education Act 2005 (inspection of...

*National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41)*

- 52 The National Health Service Act 2006 is amended as follows....  
53 In Schedule 1 (further provision about the Secretary of State...

*National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42)*

- 54 The National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 is amended as...  
55 In Schedule 1 (further provision about the Welsh Ministers and...

*Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 (nawm 1)*

- 56 The Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 is amended as...  
57 Omit Part 1 (local curriculum for pupils in Key Stage...  
58 In section 46 (regulations in connection with the operation of...  
59 In the Schedule (minor and consequential amendments)—

*Education (Wales) Measure 2009 (nawm 5)*

- 60 The Education (Wales) Measure 2009 is amended as follows.  
61 Omit section 21 (foundation phase).

*Equality Act 2010 (c. 15)*

- 62 The Equality Act 2010 is amended as follows.  
63 In Schedule 11 (schools: exceptions), in Part 2 (religious or...  
64 In Schedule 17 (disabled pupils: enforcement), in paragraph 6A (as...  
65 In Schedule 19 (public authorities), in Part 1, in the...

*Education (Wales) Measure 2011 (nawm 7)*

- 66 The Education (Wales) Measure 2011 is amended as follows.  
67 In section 9 (minor and consequential amendments), in subsection (3),...

*School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1)*

- 68 The School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 is amended...  
69 In section 98 (general interpretation and index of defined expressions)  
—...  
70 In Schedule 5 (minor and consequential amendments), in paragraph  
21,...

*Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information) (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 1)*

- 71 The Further and Higher Education (Governance and Information)  
(Wales) 2014...  
72 In section 6 (abolition of duties of further education institutions...

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*Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (anaw 2)*

- 73 The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018...
- 74 In section 14 (duties to prepare and maintain plans: local...
- 75 In Schedule 1 (minor and consequential amendments and repeals), in...



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