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**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

*Made - - - - - 27th February 2003  
Coming into operation in accordance with Article  
1(2) and (3)*

**THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003**

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — FUNDING OF GRANT-AIDED SCHOOLS: CONSEQUENTIAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENTS

*The 1989 Order*

1. Omit Articles 46 to 59.
2. (1) Article 60 (grants to voluntary grammar schools) shall be...
3. (1) Article 61 (financial statements for voluntary grammar schools) shall...
4. Omit Articles 62 and 63.
5. (1) Article 77 (maintenance grants to grant-maintained integrated schools) shall...
6. (1) Article 78 (financial statements for grant-maintained integrated schools) shall...

*The 1998 Order*

7. Omit Articles 44 to 54.
8. (1) Article 55 (suspension of financial delegation) shall be amended...
9. (1) Article 59 (application to special schools) shall be amended...
10. (1) Article 61 (maintenance grants to voluntary grammar schools) shall...
11. (1) Article 63 (maintenance grants to grant maintained integrated schools)...
12. Omit Articles 65 and 66.
13. (1) Article 67 (financial statements in respect of special schools)...
14. After Article 67 there shall be inserted— Interpretation of this...
15. In Article 72(7) for “Article 52(4)(b)” there shall be substituted...

SCHEDULE 2 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

*The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 3)*

1. In Article 2(2) at the appropriate place in alphabetical order...
2. In Article 112(1) for the words from “expenses” to the...
3. In Schedule 15 in paragraph 3(1)(e) after “other functions” insert...
4. In Schedule 15 for paragraphs 4 to 7 substitute— (1) In respect of each financial year, the Staff Commission...

*The Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 20)*

5. In Article 29(2)(a) for “approved” substitute “prepared”.
6. In Article 148(1) for “approved” substitute “prepared”.

*The Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 15)*

7. In Article 14(1) for paragraph (aa) substitute—

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*The Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 13)*

8. In Article 4(2) for “Article 49A of the 1986 Order”...
9. In Article 5(5) for “18” substitute “24”.

SCHEDULE 3 — REPEALS

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PART II — REPEALS COMING INTO OPERATION ON DAYS TO BE  
APPOINTED UNDER ARTICLE 1(3)

Explanatory Note