



Education Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 32

PART 7

THE CURRICULUM IN WALES

The National Curriculum for Wales

105 Curriculum requirements for first, second and third key stages

- (1) For the first, second and third key stages, the National Curriculum for Wales shall comprise the core and other foundation subjects specified in subsections (2) and (3) and shall specify attainment targets, programmes of study and assessment arrangements in relation to each of those subjects for each stage.
- (2) The following are the core subjects for the first, second and third key stages—
 - (a) mathematics,
 - (b) English,
 - (c) science, and
 - (d) in relation to Welsh-speaking schools, Welsh.
- (3) The following are the other foundation subjects for the first, second and third key stages—
 - (a) [^{F1}design and] technology,
 - (aa) [^{F2}information and communication technology,]
 - (b) physical education,
 - (c) history,
 - (d) geography,
 - (e) art [^{F3}and design],
 - (f) music,
 - (g) Welsh, if the school is not a Welsh-speaking school, and
 - (h) in relation to the third key stage, a modern foreign language.

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- (4) In this section “modern foreign language” means a modern foreign language specified in an order made by the [^{F4}Welsh Ministers] or, if the order so provides, any modern foreign language.
- (5) An order under subsection (4) may—
- (a) specify circumstances in which a language is not to be treated as a foundation subject for the third key stage, and
 - (b) provide for the determination under the order of any question arising as to whether a particular language is a modern foreign language.
- (6) The [^{F5}Welsh Ministers] may by order amend subsections (2) to (5).
- (7) For the purposes of this section a school is Welsh-speaking if more than one half of the following subjects are taught (wholly or partly) in Welsh—
- (a) religious education, and
 - (b) the subjects other than English and Welsh which are foundation subjects in relation to pupils at the school.
- (8) In this section “school” includes part of a school.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 105(3)(a) inserted (1.8.2008) by [The School Curriculum in Wales \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1899\)](#), arts. 1, **3(a)**
- F2** S. 105(3)(aa) inserted (1.8.2008) by [The School Curriculum in Wales \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1899\)](#), arts. 1, **3(b)**
- F3** Words in s. 105(3)(e) inserted (1.8.2008) by [The School Curriculum in Wales \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1899\)](#), arts. 1, **3(c)**
- F4** Words in s. 105(4) substituted (7.12.2009) by [Learning and Skills \(Wales\) Measure 2009 \(nawm 1\)](#), s. 49(2), Sch. paras. 12, **13**; S.I. 2009/3174, art. 2(1)(r)
- F5** Words in s. 105(6) substituted (7.12.2009) by [Learning and Skills \(Wales\) Measure 2009 \(nawm 1\)](#), s. 49(2), Sch. paras. 12, **13**; S.I. 2009/3174, art. 2(1)(r)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 105(1)-(3) disappplied (1.8.2010 for specified purposes, 1.8.2011 for specified purposes) by [The Education \(Disapplication of the National Curriculum for Wales at Key Stage 1\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1736\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3**

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