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EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions
from Science at Key Stage 4) Regulations 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>30th January 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>31st January 1992</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st August 1992</i>

Whereas the National Curriculum Council, after due consultation, submitted to the Secretary of State and published its report on a proposal to make these Regulations which he had referred to it, in accordance with subsections (2) to (4) of section 20 of the Education Reform Act 1988⁽¹⁾;

And whereas the Secretary of State had given notice of the said proposal to the Curriculum Council for Wales and to all other persons with whom consultation appeared to him desirable, in accordance with subsection (2) of section 21 of that Act;

And whereas the Secretary of State, in accordance with subsection (5) of the said section 20, and subsection (3) of the said section 21, duly published a draft of these Regulations and sent copies of these to the said Councils and to each of the persons consulted by them, and allowed a period of not less than one month for the submission of evidence and representations;

And whereas that period has now expired:

Now therefore the Secretary of State for Education and Science, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 17 of the Education Reform Act 1988 hereby make the following regulations in the terms of the said draft:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions from Science at Key Stage 4) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 1st August 1992.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Education Reform Act 1988;

“GCSE” means General Certificate of Secondary Education; a reference to the provisions of the National Curriculum in science is to such attainment targets, programmes of study and

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assessment arrangements as are specified for the time being for that subject in relation to the fourth key stage by orders made under section 4(2) of the Act; and
reference to the fourth key stage is to the period set out in paragraph(d) of section 3(3) of the Act.

Exception to the National Curriculum in science

2. –

(1) The provisions of the National Curriculum in science shall not apply in the case of a pupil in the first year of the fourth key stage in the school year 1992/93 or in the second year of that key stage in the school year 1993/94 who satisfies the condition specified in paragraph (2) below.

(2) The condition is that the pupil is following courses of study leading to examinations for the GCSE in all three of the following subjects, namely: physics, chemistry and biology.

(3) References in paragraph (2) above to the GCSE in a particular subject are to any GCSE in a subject the syllabus of which conforms to the GCSE National Criteria for that subject for the time being approved pursuant to section 5 of the Act(2).

30th January 1992

Kenneth Clarke
Secretary of State for Education and Science

30th January 1992

David Hunt
Secretary of State for Wales HEAD:

(2) The criteria are contained in the publication “GCSE: the National Criteria”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations disapply the National Curriculum in science in the case of one cohort of pupils only in key stage 4 who are studying for the GCSE in all three of the following science subjects: physics, chemistry and biology. They will only affect such pupils who follow the relevant two-year courses beginning in the 1992/93 school year.