
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order brings provisions of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 into force on the various dates specified in the schedule to the Order. In particular, in England, the dissolution of the Further Education Funding Council for England (FEFC) is brought into effect on 1st April 2001 and the Learning and Skills Council, from that date, takes up its main duties in connection with the education and training of persons aged 16 to 19, the education and training of persons over 19 and the encouragement of all individuals and employers in those fields.

The Order also contains transitional provisions and savings which preserve the validity of actions taken by the FEFC before 1st April 2001; save provisions in the governing instruments of Further Education Colleges and the like; and preserve the supervisory powers of the Secretary of State in respect of actions and omissions of the FEFC before that date.