
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 1841

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

**The Education (National Curriculum)
(Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study
in English) (England) (Amendment) Order 2007**

Made - - - - *25th June 2007*
Laid before Parliament *4th July 2007*
Coming into force - - *31st August 2007*

The Secretary of State for Education and Skills makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 87(3)(a) and (b) and (5) and 210 of the Education Act 2002(1) (“the Act”).

In accordance with section 87(1)(b) of the Act, the Secretary of State considers that it is expedient to change the National Curriculum for England for the first key stage in relation to attainment targets and the programme of study for English.

The Secretary of State referred, pursuant to section 96(2)(2) of the Act, the proposal (“the proposal”) to amend the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English) (England) Order 2000(3) (“the principal Order”) in accordance with this Order to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority(4) (“the Authority”).

The Authority—

- (a) pursuant to section 96(3) of the Act, on 15th January 2007, gave notice of the proposal—
 - (i) to such associations of local education authorities, bodies representing the interests of school governing bodies and organisations representing school teachers as appeared to the Authority to be concerned, and
 - (ii) to other persons with whom consultation appeared to the Authority to be desirable, and gave them a reasonable opportunity of submitting evidence and representations as to the issues arising; and
- (b) submitted its report on the proposal to the Secretary of State on 30th March 2007 pursuant to section 96(4) of the Act, that report containing—

(1) 2002 c. 32; subsection (1) of section 87 has been prospectively substituted by section 48 of, and paragraph 10(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21) on a date to be appointed pursuant to sections 109(2) and 110(2) of that Act.
(2) Section 96 has been amended in subsection (1) by paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Childcare Act 2006.
(3) S.I. 2000/1604, which specified Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English for the first, second, third and fourth key stages. This Order was made under sections 356(2)(a) and (b) and (4) and 568(5) and (6) of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56). Section 356 was repealed by section 215(2) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 22 to, the Education Act 2002 (c. 32). The Order continues in force under section 87 of the Education Act 2002.
(4) The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority was established under section 21 of the Education Act 1997 (c. 44).

- (i) a summary of the views expressed during the consultations, and
- (ii) the Authority's recommendations as to the proposal;
- (c) after submitting the report to the Secretary of State, arranged for it to be published⁽⁵⁾ pursuant to section 96(5) of the Act.

The Secretary of State—

- (a) pursuant to section 96(6) of the Act, published on 18th May 2007 in the manner which, in his opinion, was likely to bring them to the notice of persons having a special interest in education, a draft of this Order (together with the provisions of the Document⁽⁶⁾ ("the Document") referred to in the principal Order and in the amendments to the principal Order made by this Order relevant to this Order), and sent copies of the draft of this Order (and the those provisions) to the Authority and to each of the persons consulted by the Authority;
- (b) pursuant to section 96(7) of the Act, allowed until 17th June 2007, being a period of not less than one month, for the submission of evidence and representations as to the issues arising;
- (c) considers in accordance with section 87(3) of the Act that the attainment targets and programmes of study for English specified in this Order are as he considers appropriate for that subject; and
- (d) now makes this Order with modifications.

⁽⁵⁾ The QCA published its report to the Secretary of State on 31st May 2007.

⁽⁶⁾ "Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English" (reference ISBN 011 3700687), which was published on 1st September 2000 by the Stationery Office Limited