

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 354 of the Education Act 1996 lists the subjects which are foundation subjects for the purposes of the National Curriculum. For pupils at Key Stage 3 (broadly Years 7-9), one of the foundation subjects listed in the section is a modern foreign language specified in an Order of the National Assembly. This Order amends section 354 so that modern foreign languages need no longer be specified in an Order under that section. Instead, the Order may provide that any modern foreign language is to constitute a modern foreign language for the purposes of the National Curriculum.

An Order under the section as amended may also —

- (a) specify circumstances in which a language is not to be treated as a foundation subject; and
- (b) provide a mechanism for deciding any question arising as to whether a particular language is a modern foreign language.

The text of section 354(1) to (5) as amended is set out in Schedule 2 to the Order.