
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (“the 2021 Act”) establishes a new framework for a curriculum and makes provision about assessment for children and pupils in Wales (“the new CfW”).

The new CfW will be rolled out for children and pupils in a phased manner. The new CfW will become mandatory for the year groups in schools and other settings as follows—

- (a) on 1 September 2022 for—
 - (i) children receiving nursery education,
 - (ii) pupils in their reception year,
 - (iii) pupils in years 1 to 6,
- (b) on 1 September 2022 for children and pupils in year 7 in those schools and other settings where there is a curriculum provided in accordance with the 2021 Act,
- (c) on 1 September 2023 for children and pupils who, on 1 September 2022, are in year 7 and who are not within paragraph (b),
- (d) on 1 September 2023 for children and pupils in year 8,
- (e) on 1 September 2024 for children and pupils in year 9,
- (f) on 1 September 2025 for children and pupils in year 10, and
- (g) on 1 September 2026 for children and pupils in year 11.

These Regulations apply in relation to children and pupils to whom education is provided—

- (a) in maintained schools,
- (b) in maintained nursery schools,
- (c) by funded non-maintained nursery education providers,
- (d) in pupil referral units, and
- (e) by persons who provide teaching and learning for a child otherwise than at a maintained school, maintained nursery school or pupil referral unit by virtue of arrangements made under section 19A of the Education Act 1996.

Section 84(1) of the 2021 Act commenced Part 7 of the 2021 Act including section 73 and Schedule 2 (minor and consequential amendments and repeals) on 30 April 2021, the day after Royal Assent. In order to provide for the phased roll out of the new CfW regulation 3 of these Regulations makes saving and transitional provision in relation to those children and pupils who are not yet being provided with education under the new CfW.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (Transitional and Saving Provision) Regulations 2022.