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for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales)
(Amendment) Regulations 2014**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 (nawm 1) inserted new provisions into Part 7 of the Education Act 2002. Part 7 concerns the curriculum in maintained schools in Wales. As a result of Part 1 of the Measure the curriculum in maintained secondary schools in Wales is expanded to include the local curriculum entitlements of pupils in key stage 4.

The Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009 (“the 2009 Regulations”) made provision as to the formation of the local curriculum, the elections a pupil may make, the head teacher’s decision as to entitlement, and the head teacher’s decision to remove an entitlement.

These Regulations amend the 2009 Regulations so that the minimum number of courses that a local authority must include in its local curriculum are 25, of which 3 must be vocational (regulation 2(a)). These Regulations also repeal regulations 5 to 7 of the 2009 Regulations so that there is no longer a requirement for courses of study in the local curriculum, nor for a pupil’s choices of local curriculum courses, to have a minimum points value (regulation 2(b)).

These Regulations also remove unnecessary wording in the heading to regulation 11 of the 2009 Regulations (regulation 2(c)).

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Made 13 January 2014

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15 January 2014

Coming into force 5 February 2014

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 116A(5), 116D(2) and 210 of the Education Act 2002(1) make the following Regulations.

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and they come into force on 5 February 2014.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

**Amendment of the Education (Local Curriculum
for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009**

2. The Education (Local Curriculum for Pupils in Key Stage 4) (Wales) Regulations 2009(2) are amended as follows—

(a) for regulation 4 substitute—

**□ Minimum number of courses of study of
local curricula**

4.—(1) The local curriculum for every maintained secondary school in Wales must

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- (1) 2002 c.32. Section 116A was inserted by section 4 of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 (nawm 1). Section 116D was inserted by section 7 of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009.
- (2) S.I. 2009/3256 (W.284), as amended by S.I. 2010/1142 (W.101) and S.I. 2010/2431 (W.209).

include a minimum of 25 courses of study at NQF level 2, of which at least 3 must be vocational.

(2) A local authority may include a course of study at NQF level 1 instead of a course at NQF level 2 in the local curriculum for a maintained secondary school in its area if the same course is not available at NQF level 2 for pupils in the fourth key stage.□;

- (b) omit regulations 5 to 7; and
- (c) in the heading to regulation 11 omit “and notices waiving right to review”.

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