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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 32A was inserted into the Education Act 2002 by section 42 of the Education (Wales) Act 2014. Section 32A(3) to (4) of the 2002 Act requires local authorities and governing bodies of foundation and voluntary aided schools to co-operate and co-ordinate with each other to ensure that school term dates are the same (or as similar as can be).

Section 32A(5) further provides that local authorities must notify the Welsh Ministers of the school term dates determined. These Regulations provide that the notice must be sent at least two school years in advance. Therefore, the first term dates which local authorities have determined and which must be notified to the Welsh Ministers are for the school year 2016/2017. Section 32A(6) provides that the Welsh Ministers may prescribe the form and content of the notifications, the period in which notification must be given and the procedure for notification. Accordingly, these Regulations make provision in relation to those matters.

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Made 12 May 2014

Laid before the National Assembly for Wales
15 May 2014

Coming into force 15 July 2014

The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 32A 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 (Notification of School Term Dates) (Wales) Regulations 2014 and they come into force on 15 July 2014.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the 2002 Act” (“*Deddf 2002*”) means the Education Act 2002;

“complete notice” (“*hysbysiad cyflawn*”) means a notice setting out all the term dates determined for all schools in its area and sent to the Welsh Ministers by a local authority pursuant to its duty in section 32A(5) of the 2002 Act;

(1) 2002 c. 32. Section 32A was inserted by section 42 of the Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5). Section 210(7) was amended by section 21(3)(c)(i) and (ii) of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 (nawm 2). The function of the National Assembly for Wales under section 210 was transferred to the Welsh Ministers by paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).

“partial notice” (“*hysbysiad rhannol*”) means a notice setting out the term dates determined for some but not all of the schools in its area and sent to the Welsh Ministers by a local authority pursuant to its duty in section 32A(5) of the 2002 Act;

“working day” (“*diwrnod gwaith*”) means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday for purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽¹⁾.

Form and content of notifications

3.—(1) Every complete notice and every partial notice must contain the information and be in the form set out in the Schedule.

(2) A complete notice or a partial notice may be completed and sent electronically.

Period in which notification must be given

4. A local authority must notify the Welsh Ministers of all term dates which have been determined for the maintained schools in its area no later than the final working day in August in the year two years immediately preceding the beginning of the first school year for which the term dates have been determined.

Huw Lewis
Minister for Education and Skills, one of the Welsh Ministers

12 May 2014

(1) 1971 c. 80.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

Form of notice

Caiff yr hysbysiad hwn gael ei gwblhau yn Gymraeg neu yn Saesneg, neu yn rhannol yn Gymraeg ac yn rhannol yn Saesneg

This notice may be completed in the Welsh or the English language, or partly in Welsh and partly in English

This notice is number *[insert the sequence number of the notice]* of *[insert how many partial notices will be sent(1)]*

Notice of school term dates determined in accordance with section 32A of the Education Act 2002

[Insert the name of the local authority sending the notice] gives notice that the schools set out in paragraph 1 below will have the term dates set out in paragraph 2 below for the school year *[insert the school year]* to *[insert the school year(2)]*.

1. *[Insert below the name of the schools to which this notice applies]*

2. *[Insert below the school term dates which have been determined for the above schools]*

Start of autumn term:

Start of autumn half term:

End of autumn half term:

End of autumn term:

Start of spring term:

Start of spring half term:

End of spring half term:

End of spring term:

Start of summer term:

Start of summer half term:

(1) For example, "This is notice 1 of 6".

(2) For example, "2016 to 2017".

End of summer half term:

End of summer term:

Signed: *[the chief education officer for the local authority sending the notice must sign this notice(1)]*

Print or type name: *[print name here]*

Date: *[insert date here]*

Signed: *[the chair or vice-chair of the governing body of any voluntary aided or foundation school for which notice of school term dates is given must sign this notice(2)(3)]*

Print or type name: *[print name here]*

Name of school: *[insert name of school here]*

Date: *[insert date here]*

(1) An electronic signature is acceptable.
(2) An electronic signature is acceptable.
(3) This signature and information block must be completed by a signatory for every voluntary aided and foundation school to which this notice applies.