

Compulsory Education (Exemption) Order

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Citation

- 1.** This Order may be cited as the Compulsory Education (Exemption) Order.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“designated school” means a school specified in the Schedule;

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“home-schooling” means the provision of primary education by a parent to his child in a place other than a school;

“home visit” means a visit conducted by the Director-General, to any place where the child receives or will receive home-schooling (as the case may be), for the purposes of inspecting and assessing the home-schooling arrangements;

[S 497/2010 wef 01/10/2010]

“National Education Quiz” means the National Education Quiz conducted by or under the auspices of the Government for children of compulsory school age at the end of primary education for the purpose of assessing their knowledge in national education;

“Primary School Leaving Examination” means the Primary School Leaving Examination conducted by or under the auspices of the Government for children of compulsory school age at the end of primary education for the purpose of assessing their suitability for secondary education;

“school” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Education Act (Cap. 87).

Exemption

3.—(1) The following classes of children of compulsory school age shall be exempt from section 3(1) of the Act:

(a) any child born on or before 1 January 2012 who is unable to attend any national primary school due to any physical, intellectual or developmental disability;

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(b) any child who receives home-schooling (called in this paragraph a home-schooled child), subject to —

(i) the terms and conditions in sub-paragraph (2); and

(ii) such other terms and conditions as the Minister thinks fit;

[S 191/2018 wef 02/01/2019]

(c) any child who is a pupil of a designated school that meets the conditions specified in paragraph 4;

[S 191/2018 wef 02/01/2019]

(ca) any child who is a pupil of NorthLight School or Assumption Pathway School; and

[S 628/2008 wef 01/01/2009]

(d) any other child whom the Director-General determines is unsuitable to attend any national primary school, having regard to —

(i) the interests and welfare of the child; and

(ii) the ability of the child to attend a national primary school in an orderly and safe manner.

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(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b)(i) —

(a) a home-schooled child is subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) a parent of the child must notify the Director-General, in such form and manner as the Director-General may require, of the arrangements for and the curriculum to be used for home-schooling the child;

(ii) the Director-General must —

(A) be satisfied that the home-schooling arrangements for the child are appropriate and adequate; and

(B) approve the home-schooling curriculum mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) submitted by the parent;

(iii) each parent who provides any home-schooling to the child possesses such qualifications as the Director-General may require;

(iv) the parents of the child do not refuse or obstruct any home visit as the Director-General may require; and

(b) a home-schooled child who is not a child with special educational needs is also subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) a parent of the child has signed an undertaking, in such form as the Director-General may require, that the child will sit for —

(A) an assessment (however styled) of the effectiveness of the home-schooling at such time, before the child attains the age of 11 years, as the Director-General may determine; and