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EDUCATION

The Education (National Priorities) (Scotland) Order 2000

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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(1) of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000(**1**), and after consulting the education authorities and giving such persons as appear to them to have an interest in the matter an opportunity to make their views known, hereby make the following Order a draft of which has, in accordance with section 4(2) of that Act, been laid before, and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Education (National Priorities) (Scotland) Order 2000 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order–

"literacy" means competence in reading and writing (including word processing) and understanding and appreciating different types of texts including literary texts and an ability to precis material in a logical order; and

"numeracy" means competence with numbers and using graphical skills to interpret and communicate quantifiable information (including facility with graphs, symbols, diagrams and calculators), and in applying numerical and other mathematical and statistical skills in everyday and more abstract contexts.

National Priorities

3. The National priorities in education for the purposes of section 4(1) of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000 are–

(1) to raise standards of educational attainment for all in schools, especially in the core skills of literacy and numeracy, and to achieve better levels in national measures of achievement including examination results;

(**1**) Asp 6.