

Compulsory Education (Exemption) Order 2002

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT (CHAPTER 51)

COMPULSORY EDUCATION (EXEMPTION) ORDER 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(1) of the Compulsory Education Act, the Minister for Education hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Compulsory Education (Exemption) Order 2002 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2003.

Definitions

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

“designated school” means a school designated by the Director-General under paragraph 4;

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

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

- (a) any child who is unable to attend any national primary school due to any physical or intellectual disability;
- (b) any child who receives home-schooling, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - (i) the home-schooling curriculum is approved by the Director-General;
 - (ii) a parent of the child has signed a declaration, in such form as the Director-General may determine, that the child will sit for the Primary School Leaving Examination and the National Education Quiz when the child is above the age of 11 years and before he attains the age of 15 years; and
 - (iii) the Director-General is at all times satisfied that the child will perform at such level as the Director-General may determine for the Primary School Leaving Examination and the National Education Quiz;
- (c) any child who is a pupil of a designated school; and
- (d) any other child whom the Director-General has determined is unsuitable to attend any national primary school, having regard to the interests and welfare of the child.