

**Subject:****EDUCATION (INDIVIDUAL PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS)  
(INFORMATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS  
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**Audience:**

- Principals and Boards of Governors of all post-primary schools;
- Education and Library Boards;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment; and
- Teachers' Unions

**Summary of Contents:**

This Circular informs schools of the change in the final date by which schools must report Key Stage 3 assessment outcomes to parents.

**Enquiries:**

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**Governor Awareness:**

Essential

**Status of Contents:**

Advice

**Related Documents:**

Circular 1998/3 Recording and Reporting Individual Pupils' Achievements. The Education (Individual Pupils' Achievements) (Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

**Superseded Documents:**

None

**Expiry Date:**

Not applicable.

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1. The Department has made Regulations - the Education (Individual Pupils' Achievements) (Information) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, amending the Education (Individual Pupils' Achievements) (Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998. The Regulations, which come into effect on 25 June 1999, change the final date by which schools must report Key Stage 3 assessment outcomes to parents from 30 June to 30 September and have been made on foot of revised arrangements for assessment at Key Stage 3 following last year's review by CCEA.
2. In line with statutory requirements, the decision to proceed with this amendment was taken after consultation with schools which reflected a general acceptance for the proposal.
3. Schools should note that the amendment to the Regulations provides that 30 September is the **latest** date by which Key Stage 3 assessment results must be reported to parents: it is, however, the intention that test results will be issued to schools by CCEA by early August. It is, therefore, likely to be the case that most results will be available for the purposes of the school and for reporting to parents well before 30 September. Schools should also note that it is not necessary to send a new report to parents on foot of receipt of the Key Stage 3 results: it is simply necessary to send the results themselves.
4. A copy of the Regulations is enclosed for inclusion in your school's compendium. A copy is also available on the Department's website: <http://www.deni.gov.uk>

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