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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Education under the section 37 of the Education Ordinance (Chapter 185).

BANDULA GUNAWARDHANA,  
Minister of Education.

At the Ministry of Education,  
Isurupaya, Pelawatta, Battaramulla,  
20th May 2014.

#### Regulations

1. These regulations shall be stated as “the Regulation to make teaching of the Mother Tongue, Religion and Sri Lankan History compulsory from Grade 1 to Grade 8 to all Sri Lankan students in international schools and private schools”.
2. All international school and private schools must adhere to the following regulations in implementing their curricula from 2015 onwards :
  - (i) **Mother Tongue**  
The Mother Tongue (Sinhala or Tamil) should be taught as a compulsory subject to all Sri Lankan students from Grade 1 to Grade 8.
  - (ii) **Religion**  
Religion should be taught as a compulsory to all students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 while in Grade 7 and Grade 8, the moral development of the children should be ensured either by teaching religion as a subject or through planned religion programmes.
  - (iii) **Sri Lankan History**  
Sri Lankan History should be taught as a compulsory subject from Grade 1 to Grade 8. If the subject “History” is already being taught, Sri Lankan History should be adequately included in it.
3. All international schools and private schools should strictly follow the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education in this regard.

