
MINISTERIAL ORDER

2026 No. 2

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Northern College of Art (Designated Institution in Further Education) Order 2026

Made - - - -

2nd July 2026

Coming into force - -

1st August 2026

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(a).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northern College of Art (Designated Institution in Further Education) Order 2026 and comes into force on 1st August 2026.

(2) This Order extends to England.

Designation

2. The Northern College of Art(b), being an educational institution of the kind described in subsections (1)(a) and (b) and (2)(d) of section 28 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992, is designated as an institution for the purposes of that section.

2nd July 2026

Smith of Malvern
Minister of State
Department for Education

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- (a) 1992 c. 13. Section 28(1) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 was amended by section 143(1)(a) of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21) and section 32(2)(a) of the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 (c. 21). Section 89 of the 1992 Act makes provision for the way in which the power to make an order under section 28 must be exercised. Section 89 was amended by section 32(1) and (3) of the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 with the result that the order-making power in section 28 is no longer required to be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (b) The Northern College of Art, whose principal address is Newport Road, Middlesbrough, TS11 1LA is an institution conducted by a private company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 14986687 and with the name Northern College of Art Limited. The registered address of the Northern College of Art Limited is Newport Road, Middlesbrough, TS11 1LA.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates the institution of the Northern College of Art from 1st August 2026 for the purposes of section 28 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13) (“the 1992 Act”). This designation brings the Northern College of Art within the further education sector as defined in section 91(3) of the 1992 Act.

The Northern College of Art is principally concerned with the provision of (a) full-time education suitable to the requirements of persons over compulsory school age who have not attained the age of 19 years; and (b) courses of further or higher education. Accordingly, the Secretary of State has concluded that the Northern College of Art meets the legislative criteria for designation.

The designation results from the restructuring of the Northern School of Art, a further education corporation established by the Education (Further Education Corporations) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/2097) as Cleveland College of Art and Design. Its name was changed to the Northern School of Art on 1st of May 2018. The Northern School of Art proposes to transform into a higher education corporation by means of an order under section 122ZA of the Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40). Prior to its transformation from a further education corporation into a higher education corporation, the Northern School of Art has separated its further education provision into a new college, the Northern College of Art, run by a wholly owned subsidiary (the Northern College of Art Limited). The ownership of that subsidiary company will sit with the new higher education corporation upon its creation.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.