



Primary Curriculum Framework (PCF): The PCF refers to the framework of the redeveloped curriculum published in March 2023. The framework underpins the individual specifications. Understanding the PCF, in the first instance, is critical before detailed exploration of the individual specifications.

Redeveloped curriculum: The redeveloped curriculum refers to all documents (PCF and curriculum area specifications)

Curriculum areas: The redeveloped curriculum is presented in five broad curriculum areas informed by the curriculum framework (PCF). The curriculum areas are outlined on page 14 of the PCF document and include:

1. Language
2. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education
3. Wellbeing
4. Arts Education
5. Social and Environmental Education

Specification: The specification for each curriculum area is the document which refers to the specific detail for each curriculum area of the redeveloped curriculum. The specification document is individually approved by the Minister for Education and Youth and is published by the Department of Education and Youth. The specification is distinct from the toolkit. The specification outlines the link to the vision and principles of learning, teaching and assessment of the framework as well as the rationale, aims, strands, strand units, elements, learning outcomes, and guidance on the curriculum in practice.

Toolkit: The curriculum area toolkit is a set of supports developed and maintained by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). A toolkit is available for all five curriculum areas and will be added to by the NCCA in time. Each toolkit offers practical support for teachers in building rich learning experiences for children. The components of the toolkit are support materials, examples of children's learning and progression supports.