

This is the **Law** that governs RI in State Schools-Only an act of Parliament can change this.

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Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

Chapter 5 Religious instruction

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(1) Any minister of a religious denomination or society, or an accredited representative of a religious denomination or society, which representative has been approved by the Minister for the purpose, shall be entitled during school hours to give to the students in attendance at a State school who are members of the denomination or society of which the person is a minister or the accredited representative religious instruction in accordance with regulations prescribed in that behalf during a period not exceeding 1 hour in each week on such day as the principal of that school appoints.

(2) Instruction in accordance with a regulation may be given in State primary and special schools during school hours in selected Bible lessons.

(3) A separate reading book shall be provided for such purpose.

(4) Instruction of a kind mentioned in subsection (2) is not to include any teaching in the distinctive tenets or doctrines of any religious denomination, society or sect.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in this section, any parent of a student in attendance at a State school may withdraw such student from all religious instruction in such school by notification in writing to the principal that the parent desires the student to be so withdrawn.

(6) The provisions pursuant to this section shall not apply or extend to students enrolled in the preparatory year at a State school.