

## LEGAL BASIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF LAW NO. 20 OF 2003 ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN INDONESIA

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### Abstract

This study aims to analyse the legal basis and implications of Law No. 20 of 2003 on the National Education System for the implementation of education in Indonesia. The method used is a literature review with a descriptive analytical approach to various literature, legal documents, and related research results. The results of the study show that Law No. 20 of 2003 has a strong philosophical, juridical, and sociological basis, which serves as a normative foundation for building an inclusive, high-quality, and equitable national education system. The implications of this law are evident in significant changes in curriculum structure, equal access to education, financing, educator competence, and community participation in education. However, the implementation of this law faces challenges in the form of resource inequality and policy adaptation at the regional level. This study recommends synergy among stakeholders as the key to the successful implementation of the law for the development of a sustainable national education system.

**Keywords:** Legal basis, Law No. 20 of 2003, National Education System, Implications, Indonesian Education, Literature review.

### Introduction

Education is one of the main pillars of national development, playing a central role in producing high-quality and superior human resources. In Indonesia, education is not only viewed as a process of transferring knowledge and skills, but also as a vehicle for character building and the formation of social values that are essential for the progress of society (Aslan & Sidabutar, 2025); (Saputra et al., 2024). Therefore, comprehensive and integrated regulation of the national education system is crucial to ensure that educational development goals are achieved effectively and efficiently (Cahyono & Aslan, 2025). Within this framework, various regulations and legislation need to be formulated to provide a strong legal basis and serve as a reference for the implementation of education in Indonesia.

Law No. 20 of 2003 on the National Education System is one of the main legal instruments governing the implementation of education in the country. This law replaces previous regulations and aims to provide legal certainty, better management