



Education Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

PROVISION FOR NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

CHAPTER 1

POWERS TO FACILITATE INNOVATION

1 Purpose and interpretation of Chapter 1

- (1) The purpose of this Chapter is to facilitate the implementation by qualifying bodies of innovative projects that may—
- (a) in the opinion of the Secretary of State, contribute to the raising of [^{F1}educational standards] in England, or
 - (b) in the opinion of the National Assembly for Wales, contribute to the raising of [^{F2}educational standards] in Wales.
- (2) In forming an opinion as to whether a project may contribute to the raising of [^{F3}educational standards] in England or Wales, the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales shall—
- (a) have regard to the need for the curriculum for any school [^{F4}in England] affected by the project to be a balanced and broadly based curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of children and of society, [^{F5}and]
 - [^{F6}(aa) have regard to the need for the curriculum for pupils of compulsory school age, or below that age, at any maintained school affected by the project that is maintained by a local authority in Wales—
 - (i) to enable pupils to develop in the ways described in the four purposes set out in section 2(1) of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021,
 - (ii) to provide for appropriate progression,

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- (iii) to be suitable for pupils of differing ages, abilities and aptitudes, and
 - (iv) to be broad and balanced,
 - (ab) have regard to the need for—
 - (i) the curriculum for pupils above compulsory school age at any maintained school affected by the project that is maintained by a local authority in Wales, and
 - (ii) the curriculum for pupils of any age at any other school in Wales affected by the project, to be a balanced and broadly based curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of those pupils and of society, and]
 - (b) consider the likely effect of the project on all the [^{F7}pupils or students] who may be affected by it.
- (3) In this Chapter—
- “the Chief Inspector” means—
 - (a) in relation to England, [^{F8}Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills] , and
 - (b) in relation to Wales, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales;
 - “children” means persons under the age of nineteen;
 - “education legislation” means—
 - (a) the Education Acts (as defined by section 578 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56)),
 - (b) the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21), and
 - (c) any subordinate legislation made under any of those Acts;
 - [^{F9}“maintained school” means—
 - (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school,
 - (b) a community or foundation special school, or
 - (c) a maintained nursery school;]
 - [^{F10}“qualifying body” means—
 - (a) a [^{F11}local authority],
 - (b) an Education Action Forum,
 - (c) a qualifying foundation,
 - (d) the governing body of a maintained school,
 - (e) the head teacher of a maintained school,
 - (f) the proprietor of an Academy, a city technology college or a city college for the technology of the arts,
 - (g) the proprietor of any special school that is not maintained by a [^{F11}local authority] but is for the time being approved by the Secretary of State ^{F12}... under section 342 of the Education Act 1996, or
 - (h) the governing body of an institution within the further education sector;]
 - [^{F13}“qualifying foundation” means the foundation, as defined by subsection (3)(a) of section 21 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, of any foundation or foundation special school that for the purposes of that section has a foundation established otherwise than under that Act;]
 - ^{F14} ...
 - “subordinate legislation” has the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30).

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1)(a) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 1(1)(b) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 1(2)(a) inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F5** Word in s. 1(2) omitted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by virtue of [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F6** S. 1(2)(aa)(ab) inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- F7** Words in s. 1(2)(b) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- F8** Words in s. 1(3) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), [Sch. 14 para. 71](#); [S.I. 2007/935](#), art. 5(gg)
- F9** Words in s. 1(3) inserted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F10** Words in s. 1(3) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F12** Words in s. 1(3) omitted (1.9.2021) by virtue of [The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/861\)](#), regs. 1, [5\(2\)](#)
- F13** Words in s. 1(3) inserted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- F14** Words in s. 1(3) repealed (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), [Sch. 16 para. 1\(4\)\(d\)](#), [Sch. 18 Pt. 1](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 partly in force; s. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 1 in force (except for the words "(b) a maintained nursery school" in the list of qualifying schools in s. 1(3)) for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [Sch.](#))
- I2** S. 1 in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)
- I3** S. 1 in force at 27.2.2015 for W. by [S.I. 2015/381](#), [art. 2](#)

2 Power to suspend statutory requirements etc.

- (1) On the application of one or more qualifying bodies (“the applicant”), the Secretary of State (in relation to England) or the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales) may for the purpose of this Chapter by order make provision—
- conferring on the applicant exemption from any requirement imposed by education legislation;
 - relaxing any such requirement in its application to the applicant;

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- (c) enabling the applicant to exercise any function conferred by education legislation on any other qualifying body (either concurrently with or in place of that other body);
- (d) making such modifications of any provision of education legislation, in its application to the applicant or any other qualifying body, as are in the opinion of the Secretary of State or the Assembly consequential on any provision made by virtue of any of paragraphs (a) to (c).

[^{F15}(1A) Where the applicant is or includes a qualifying foundation, references in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (1) to the applicant (so far as they would otherwise be read as references to the qualifying foundation) are to be read as references to the governing bodies of all or any of the foundation or foundation special schools in respect of which the applicant is the foundation.]

- (2) An order under this section shall have effect during a period specified in the order which, subject to section 3(2), must not exceed three years.
- (3) Before making an order under this section, the Secretary of State or the National Assembly shall, if he or it considers it appropriate to do so, consult the Chief Inspector.
- (4) No order under this section which relates to sections 119 to 129 may be made by the National Assembly for Wales without the consent of the Secretary of State.
- (5) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales shall refuse an application for an order under this section if it appears to the Secretary of State or the Assembly that the proposed order would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the education of [^{F16}—
 - (a) in relation to England, children with special educational needs, or
 - (b) in relation to Wales, persons under 25 with special educational needs.]
- (6) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may from time to time give guidance as to the matters which the Secretary of State or the Assembly will take into account in determining whether to grant applications for orders under this section.

^{F17}(7)

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Textual Amendments

- F15** S. 2(1A) inserted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 2(2)**
- F16** S. 2(5)(a)(b) substituted for words (1.9.2021) by [The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/861\)](#), regs. 1, **5(3)**
- F17** S. 2(7)(8) repealed (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 2(3)**, **Sch. 18 Pt. 1**
- F18** S. 2(9) repealed (8.1.2007) by [Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 \(c. 51\)](#), s. 33, **Sch.** (with s. 30(2)-(5))

Commencement Information

- I4** S. 2 partly in force; s. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 2 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), **Sch.**)

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I5 S. 2 in force at 27.2.2015 for W. by S.I. 2015/381, **art. 2**

3 Variation or revocation of orders under section 2

- (1) The power conferred on the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales by section 2 includes—
- (a) power by a further order made under that section on an application made for the purposes of that section by one or more qualifying bodies, to amend any order previously made under that section so as to extend—
 - (i) the requirements or functions in relation to which the order applies,
 - (ii) the qualifying bodies to which it applies, or
 - (iii) subject to subsection (2), the period during which it has effect, and
 - (b) power by a further order under that section, which may be made without any application from a qualifying body, to revoke any order previously made under that section.
- (2) An order made under section 2 by virtue of subsection (1)(a)(iii) of this section may, on one occasion only, extend the period for which a previous order under that section has effect by a period of not more than three years from the end of the period originally specified in the previous order.

Commencement Information

- I6** S. 3 partly in force; s. 3 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 3 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by S.I. 2002/2439, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in **art. 4**, **Sch.**)
- I7** S. 3 in force at 27.2.2015 for W. by S.I. 2015/381, **art. 2**

4 Applications for orders under section 2

- (1) An application for the purposes of section 2 [^{F19}(“an application for an order”)] must be in such form, and contain such information, as may be required by the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales.
- [^{F20}(1A) No application for an order may be made by the head teacher of a maintained school without the consent of the governing body of the school.]
- (2) Before making [^{F21}an application for an order] , the qualifying body shall—
- (a) in the case of an Education Action Forum, consult each [^{F11}local authority] by whom any participating school, as defined by section 10(6)(b) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31), is maintained,
 - [^{F22}(aa) in the case of a qualifying foundation, consult the governing body of each foundation or foundation special school to which the application relates and the [^{F11}local authority] who maintain the school,]
 - [^{F23}(b) in the case of the governing body of a maintained school, consult—
 - (i) the [^{F11}local authority] who maintain the school, and
 - (ii) where the school is a foundation school with a qualifying foundation, that foundation, and]
 - (c) in any case, consult such persons (or other persons) as appear to the qualifying body to be appropriate, having regard to any guidance given from time to time

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by the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales.

- (3) The Secretary or State or the National Assembly for Wales may with the consent of the applicant include in an order under section 2 provisions different from those requested in the application.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F19** Words in s. 4(1) inserted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 3(2)**
- F20** S. 4(1A) inserted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 3(3)**
- F21** Words in s. 4(2) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 3(4)(a)**
- F22** S. 4(2)(aa) inserted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 3(4)(b)**
- F23** S. 4(2)(b) substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(1), **Sch. 16 para. 3(4)(c)**

Commencement Information

- I8** S. 4 partly in force; s. 4 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 4 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#))
- I9** S. 4 in force at 27.2.2015 for W. by [S.I. 2015/381](#), **art. 2**

5 Annual report

- (1) Where the Secretary of State has made any order under section 2 in any academic year, he shall—
- (a) prepare a report on all the orders made by him under that section in that academic year, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the report before each House of Parliament.
- (2) Where the National Assembly for Wales has made any order under section 2 in any academic year, the Assembly shall prepare and publish a report on all the orders made by the Assembly under that section in that academic year.
- (3) In this section “academic year” means a period beginning with 1st August and ending with the next 31st July.

Commencement Information

- I10** S. 5 partly in force; s. 5 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 5 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#))
- I11** S. 5 in force at 27.2.2015 for W. by [S.I. 2015/381](#), **art. 2**

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PROSPECTIVE

CHAPTER 2

EXEMPTIONS RELATED TO SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

6 Interpretation of Chapter 2

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter a maintained school is a “qualifying school” at any time if it is a school of a prescribed description which satisfies prescribed criteria relating to one or more of the following—
 - (a) the performance of the school,
 - (b) the quality of the leadership in the school, and
 - (c) the quality of the management of the school.
- (2) The criteria prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1) may include criteria referring to the opinion of the Chief Inspector, the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) For the purposes of this Chapter a school teacher is “employed” at a school if he works at the school under a contract falling within paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of section 122(3).
- (4) In this Chapter—
 - “the Chief Inspector” has the meaning given by section 1(3);
 - “curriculum provision” means—
 - (a) in relation to a maintained school maintained by a [^{F11}local authority] in England, any provision of the National Curriculum for England, and
 - (b) in relation to a maintained school maintained by a [^{F11}local authority] in Wales, any [^{F24}provision of the National Curriculum for Wales][^{F24}requirement imposed under or by virtue of Part 2 of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021];
 - “maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school or a community or foundation special school;
 - “pay and conditions provision” means any provision of an order under section 122;
 - “school teacher” has the same meaning as in section 122.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F24** Words in s. 6(4) substituted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 6(3)**

7 Exemptions available to qualifying schools

- (1) Regulations may for the purposes of this section—

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- (a) designate any curriculum provision or pay and conditions provision as attracting exemption as of right,
 - (b) designate any curriculum provision or pay and conditions provision as attracting discretionary exemption,
 - (c) designate modifications of any curriculum provision or pay and conditions provision as being available as of right, and
 - (d) designate modifications of any curriculum provision or pay and conditions provision as being available on a discretionary basis.
- (2) On the application of the governing body of a qualifying school, the Secretary of State (in relation to England) or the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales) may by order—
- (a) provide that any pay and conditions provision which is designated under subsection (1)(a) or (b) and specified in the order is not to apply in relation to school teachers employed at the school,
 - (b) provide that any pay and conditions provision which is designated under subsection (1)(c) or (d) is to apply in relation to school teachers employed at the school with modifications which are specified in the order and fall within the modifications designated as being available as of right or available on a discretionary basis,
 - (c) provide that any curriculum provision which is designated under subsection (1)(a) or (b) and specified in the order is not to apply in relation to the school,
 - (d) provide that any curriculum provision which is designated under subsection (1)(c) or (d) is to apply in relation to the school with modifications which are specified in the order and fall within the modifications designated as being available as of right or available on a discretionary basis, or
 - (e) revoke or vary any order previously made under this subsection.
- (3) Where an application under subsection (2) by a qualifying school—
- (a) relates only to exemption from provisions that are designated under subsection (1)(a) as attracting exemption as of right or to modifications that fall within the modifications designated under subsection (1)(c) as being available as of right (or only to such exemption and such modifications), and
 - (b) does not relate to the revocation or variation of an order previously made under subsection (2),
- the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales shall make the order requested.
- (4) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may from time to time give guidance as to the matters which the Secretary of State or the Assembly will take into account in determining whether to grant applications under subsection (2) which relate to—
- (a) provisions which are designated under subsection (1)(b) as attracting discretionary exemption, or
 - (b) modifications which fall within the modifications designated under subsection (1)(d) as being available on a discretionary basis.

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Textual Amendments

- F25** S. 7(5) omitted (30.9.2018) by virtue of [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), arts. 1(2), **39(1)**

8 Applications for orders under section 7(2)

- (1) An application for the purposes of section 7(2) must be in such form, and contain such information, as may be required by the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales.
- (2) Before making such an application, the governing body shall—
 - (a) consult the ^{F11}local authority],
 - (b) where the application relates to a curriculum provision, consult the parents of registered pupils at the school,
 - (c) where the application relates to a pay and conditions provision, consult each school teacher employed at the school, and
 - (d) in any case, consult such other persons as appear to them to be appropriate, having regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may with the consent of the applicant include in an order under section 7(2) provisions different from those requested in the application.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)

9 Removal of exemptions

Where—

- (a) the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales has made an order under subsection (2) of section 7 in relation to a school (“the exemption order”), and
- (b) since the making of the exemption order, the school has ceased to be a qualifying school,

the Secretary of State or the Assembly may, without any application by the governing body, make an order under that subsection which revokes the exemption order or varies the exemption order so as to restrict any exemption conferred by it.

10 Determination of pay and conditions during and after exemption

- (1) Where an order under section 7(2) which relates to a pay and conditions provision is in force in relation to a school—
 - (a) the governing body shall determine the remuneration and other conditions of employment of each school teacher employed at the school, to the extent that by virtue of the order the pay and conditions provisions do not apply to him,

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- (b) the [F11]local authority] shall do anything necessary to give effect to the governing body’s determination under paragraph (a), and
 - (c) pending a determination under paragraph (a), the terms on which a school teacher is employed at the school shall remain unchanged (irrespective of any new order under section 122 except so far as applying to him despite the effect of the order under section 7(2)).
- (2) The Secretary of State may make regulations about the application of section 122(2) where an order under section 7(2) is revoked or the exemption conferred by it is restricted.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 10(2): functions transferred (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), arts. 1(2), **39(2)**

CHAPTER 3

POWERS TO FORM COMPANIES ETC

11 Powers of governing bodies to form or invest in companies to provide services etc.

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school may form, or participate in forming, companies—
 - (a) to provide services or facilities for any schools,
 - (b) to exercise relevant [F11]local authority] functions, or
 - (c) to make, or facilitate the making of, arrangements under which facilities or services are provided for any schools by other persons.
- (2) The governing body of a maintained school may, with a view to securing or facilitating—
 - (a) the provision by a company of services or facilities for any schools,
 - (b) the exercise by a company of relevant [F11]local authority] functions, or
 - (c) the making by any person of arrangements of the kind referred to in subsection (1)(c),
 invest in the company which is to provide the services or facilities or exercise the functions or by which the arrangements are to be made or facilitated.
- (3) The governing body of a maintained school may form, or participate in forming, companies to purchase services or facilities for that school and other participating schools.
- (4) The governing body of a maintained school may, with a view to securing or facilitating the purchase by a company of services or facilities for that school and other participating schools, become a member of the company.

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- (5) The governing body of a maintained school may provide staff to any company in relation to which they have exercised a power conferred by any of subsections (1) to (4).
- (6) Subsections (1) to (4) have effect subject to section 12.
- (7) In exercising the power conferred by subsection (5) the governing body of a maintained school shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time (in relation to England) by the Secretary of State or (in relation to Wales) by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (8) This section is without prejudice to any powers of the governing body of a maintained school exercisable otherwise than by virtue of this section.
- (9) In this section and section 12—
- “company” means a company registered under [^{F26}the Companies Act 2006] as a company limited by shares or a company limited by guarantee;
- “relevant [^{F11}local authority] functions”, in relation to a company, means [^{F27}the education functions] of any [^{F11}local authority][^{F28}that are or may become] exercisable by the company in accordance with an authorisation given or direction made by virtue of any enactment;
- “facilities” includes the provision of (or of the use of) premises, goods, materials, vehicles, plant or apparatus;
- “maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a maintained nursery school;
- “participating school”, in relation to a company, means a school whose governing body is, or is to be, a member of the company.
- (10) References in this section and section 12 to investing in a company include references to becoming a member of the company and to investing in it by the acquisition of any assets, securities or rights or otherwise.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F26** Words in s. 11(9) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 198(2)** (with art. 10)
- F27** Words in s. 11(9) substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(4)(a)**
- F28** Words in s. 11(9) substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(4)(b)**

Commencement Information

- I12** S. 11 partly in force; s. 11 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 11 in force for E. at 20.1.2003 by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2** (with savings and transitional provisions in [Sch.](#))
- I13** S. 11 in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2**

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12 Limits on powers conferred by section 11

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school may not exercise any power conferred by any of subsections (1) to (4) of section 11 except—
 - (a) with the consent of the [F11]local authority], and
 - (b) at a time when the school has a delegated budget (within the meaning of Part 2 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31)).
- (2) A governing body—
 - (a) may not exercise any of those powers in relation to a company unless the company satisfies any applicable requirements of regulations under subsection (3), and
 - (b) may not, by virtue of section 11, remain a member of a company at any time when the company fails to satisfy any such requirements.
- (3) Regulations—
 - (a) shall provide that, except in such cases as may be prescribed, the company must be prohibited by its constitution from admitting to its membership any person who is not of a prescribed description, and
 - (b) may impose requirements with respect to—
 - (i) the constitution of the company, and
 - (ii) any other matter connected with the company’s affairs.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (b) of subsection (3), regulations under that paragraph may require that the company be prohibited by its constitution from borrowing money, except with the consent of a prescribed person.
- (5) Regulations shall—
 - (a) provide that where one or more governing bodies have invested in a company by virtue of section 11, a [F11]local authority] shall be designated as the supervising authority for the company,
 - (b) specify the persons by whom and the manner in which the power of designation is, or is in specified circumstances, exercisable,
 - (c) make provision about the duties of a [F11]local authority] who are for the time being designated as the supervising authority for a company.
- (6) Regulations may also—
 - (a) require that where a [F11]local authority] are for the time being designated as the supervising authority for a company the company shall provide prescribed information relating to its financial affairs to them at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed,
 - (b) provide that in prescribed circumstances a [F11]local authority] who are for the time being so designated may direct any participating governing body to cease to be a member of the company or to take any other prescribed action in relation to the company, and
 - (c) prescribe the procedure for making such a direction.
- (7) In subsection (6)(b) “participating governing body”, in relation to a company, means any governing body of a maintained school who are a member of the company.
- (8) Regulations may restrict the circumstances in which a [F11]local authority] may refuse to give any consent applied for under subsection (1).

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Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I14 S. 12 partly in force; s. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 12 in force for E. at 20.1.2003 by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2** (with savings and transitional provisions in [Sch.](#))

I15 S. 12 in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2**

13 General powers of Secretary of State in relation to companies

- (1) The Secretary of State may, if he considers it expedient to do so for purposes connected with any function of his relating to education—
 - (a) form, or participate in forming, companies to carry on any activities which he considers likely to secure or facilitate the achievement of those purposes, or
 - (b) invest in any company which is to carry on such activities.
- (2) In this section “education” includes—
 - (a) vocational training (including the preparation of young people for employment in general), and
 - (b) social and physical training (including the promotion of the development of young children),but does not include higher education.
- (3) In this section “company” means a company [^{F29}as defined in section 1(1) of the Companies Act 2006].
- (4) The reference in subsection (1) to investing in a company includes a reference to becoming a member of the company and to investing in it by the acquisition of any assets, securities or rights or otherwise.
- (5) This section is without prejudice to any powers of the Secretary of State exercisable otherwise than by virtue of this section.

Textual Amendments

F29 Words in s. 13(3) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), **art. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 198(3)** (with [art. 10](#))

PART 2

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION AND [^{F30}CHILDREN ETC]

Textual Amendments

F30 Words in Pt. 2 heading substituted (15.11.2004) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), **ss. 59(5), 67(7)(g)**

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14 Power of Secretary of State and National Assembly for Wales to give financial assistance for purposes related to education or [^{F31}children etc]

- (1) The Secretary of State (in relation to England) or the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales) may give, or make arrangements for the giving of, financial assistance to any person for or in connection with any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) Those purposes are—
- (a) the provision, or proposed provision, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, of education or of educational services;
 - (b) the provision, or proposed provision, in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, of childcare or of services related to childcare;
 - (c) enabling any person to undertake any course of education, or any course of higher education provided by an institution within the further education sector;
 - [^{F32}(ca) enabling any person to receive any training for teachers or for non-teaching staff;]
 - (d) providing for a person’s maintenance while he undertakes such a course;
 - (e) the promotion of learning or research;
 - (f) the promotion of the use of educational buildings or facilities for purposes other than those of education;
 - (g) the provision of any form of training for teachers or for non-teaching staff;
 - (h) the promotion of the recruitment or retention of teachers or non-teaching staff;
 - (i) the remuneration of, or provision of other benefits to, teachers or non-teaching staff.
 - [^{F33}(j) the promotion of the welfare of children and their parents;
 - (k) the provision of support for parenting (including support for prospective parents).]
- [^{F34}(2ZA) In subsection [^{F35}(2)], “training for teachers or for non-teaching staff” includes—
- (a) any training or education (whether or not constituting higher education) with the object of fitting persons to be teachers or non-teaching staff, or better teachers or non-teaching staff, and
 - (b) any assessment related to the award of a qualification or status to teachers or non-teaching staff, or prospective teachers or non-teaching staff.]
- [^{F36}(2A) In subsection (2)(j), “children” means persons under the age of twenty.]
- (3) In this section—
- “education” includes—
 - (a) vocational training (including the preparation of young people for employment in general), and
 - (b) social and physical training (including the promotion of the development of young children),
 but [^{F37}, except in subsection (2ZA)(a),] does not include higher education, and “educational” shall be construed accordingly;
 - “educational services” includes administrative, advisory, organisational, training or information services related to education;
 - “non-teaching staff” means persons who are not teachers but who—

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- (a) are employed at, or otherwise engaged to work at, a school or an institution within the further education sector,
- (b) are employed by, or engaged to provide services for, a ^{F11}local authority^{F38} for purposes connected with the authority's education function], or
- (c) are employed by any person in connection with the provision of education or childcare;

^{F39}“teacher” does not include a teacher at an institution within the wider higher education sector, unless, in relation to a registered higher education provider within the meaning given by section 3(10) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017, the institution is also an institution within the further education sector.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/1158), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F31** Words in s. 14 heading substituted (15.11.2004) by [Children Act 2004](#) (c. 31), **ss. 59(4)**, 67(7)(g)
- F32** S. 14(2)(ca) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011](#) (c. 21), **ss. 15(2)(a)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F33** S. 14(2)(j)(k) inserted (15.11.2004) by [Children Act 2004](#) (c. 31), **ss. 59(2)**, 67(7)(g)
- F34** S. 14(2ZA) inserted (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005](#) (c. 18), s. 125(3)(a), **Sch. 14 para. 23(2)**
- F35** Word in s. 14(2ZA) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011](#) (c. 21), **ss. 15(2)(b)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F36** S. 14(2A) inserted (15.11.2004) by [Children Act 2004](#) (c. 31), **ss. 59(3)**, 67(7)(g)
- F37** Words in s. 14(3) inserted (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005](#) (c. 18), s. 125(3)(a), **Sch. 14 para. 23(3)**
- F38** Words in s. 14(3) inserted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(5)**
- F39** Words in s. 14(3) substituted (1.8.2019) by [The Higher Education and Research Act 2017](#) (Further Implementation etc.) [Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1027), regs. 1, **8(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 14: functions made exercisable jointly (1.4.2018) by [Higher Education and Research Act 2017](#) (c. 29), **ss. 113(3)(e)**, 124(5); S.I. 2018/241, reg. 2(m)

Commencement Information

- I16** S. 14 wholly in force at 31.3.2003; s. 14 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 14 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [Sch.](#)); s. 14 in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. II**
- I17** S. 14 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. II**

15 Forms of assistance under section 14

- (1) Financial assistance under section 14 may be given in any form.
- (2) Assistance may, in particular, be given by way of—
 - (a) grants,
 - (b) loans,
 - (c) guarantees,
 - (d) incurring expenditure on the provision of equipment for the benefit of the person assisted, or
 - (e) incurring other expenditure for the benefit of the person assisted.

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(3) Assistance given under section 14 to a local authority may not be given by way of loan or guarantee.

[^{F40}(4) In subsection (3) “local authority” includes a non-metropolitan district council for an area for which there is a country council.]

Textual Amendments

F40 S. 15(4) added (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(6)**

Commencement Information

I18 S. 15 wholly in force at 31.3.2003; s. 15 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 15 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), **Sch.**) and in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5**, **Sch. Pt. II**

I19 S. 15 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5**, **Sch. Pt. II**

16 Terms on which assistance under section 14 is given

(1) Financial assistance under section 14 may be given on such terms as the Secretary of State (or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales) considers appropriate, subject to [^{F41}—

- (a) subsection (2B) (which relates to institutions within the higher education sector), and
- (b) section 175(3B) (which relates to institutions in England that provide further education).]

(2) The terms may, in particular, include provisions as to—

- (a) circumstances in which the assistance is to be repaid, or otherwise made good, to the Secretary of State (or the National Assembly for Wales), and the manner in which that is to be done;
- (b) the giving by the person receiving assistance of financial assistance to other persons on such terms as that person or the Secretary of State (or the Assembly) considers appropriate[^{F42}, subject to subsection (2B)];
- (c) circumstances in which any payments made by virtue of terms included by virtue of paragraph (b) are to be repaid, or otherwise made good, to the person receiving assistance from the Secretary of State (or the Assembly), and the manner in which that is to be done;
- (d) the keeping, and making available for inspection, of accounts and other records.

[^{F43}(2A) Subsection (2B) applies to—

- (a) financial assistance given under section 14 to an institution within the [^{F44}wider] higher education sector, [^{F45}unless the institution is also an institution within the further education sector,] and
- (b) financial assistance required by virtue of subsection (2)(b) to be given to [^{F46}an institution within the wider higher education sector, unless, in relation to a registered higher education provider within the meaning given by section 3(10) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017, the institution is also an institution within the further education sector].

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- (2B) The terms on which the assistance is given may not be framed by reference to criteria for the selection and appointment of staff or the admission of students.]
- (3) The person receiving assistance must comply with the terms on which it is given, and compliance may be enforced by the Secretary of State (or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales).
- (4) Section 15(2) applies to financial assistance required by virtue of subsection (2)(b) as it applies to financial assistance given under section 14.

Textual Amendments

- F41** S. 16(1)(a)(b) substituted for words in s. 16(1) (29.6.2021) by [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children\) Act 2021 \(c. 16\), ss. 1\(2\), 3\(2\)](#)
- F42** Words in s. 16(2)(b) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 15\(3\)\(b\), 82\(3\); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2](#)
- F43** S. 16(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 15\(3\)\(c\), 82\(3\); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2](#)
- F44** Word in s. 16(2A)(a) inserted (1.8.2019) by [The Higher Education and Research Act 2017 \(Further Implementation etc.\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1027\), regs. 1, 8\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- F45** Words in s. 16(2A)(a) inserted (1.8.2019) by [The Higher Education and Research Act 2017 \(Further Implementation etc.\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1027\), regs. 1, 8\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- F46** Words in s. 16(2A)(b) substituted (1.8.2019) by [The Higher Education and Research Act 2017 \(Further Implementation etc.\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1027\), regs. 1, 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I20** S. 16 wholly in force at 31.3.2003; s. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 16 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#)) and in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I21** S. 16 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)

17 Delegation

- (1) Arrangements under section 14 may provide for assistance to be given, or other functions relating to assistance to be exercised, otherwise than by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales.
- (2) Arrangements under section 14 which so provide may make provision for the functions concerned to be so exercised—
- either wholly or to such extent as may be specified in the arrangements, and
 - either generally or in such cases or circumstances as may be so specified,
- but shall not prevent the functions concerned from being exercised by the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the National Assembly for Wales.

Commencement Information

- I22** S. 17 wholly in force at 31.3.2003; s. 17 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 17 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#)) and in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I23** S. 17 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)

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18 Repeal of specific grant-making powers

- (1) The following enactments (which confer on the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales specific powers that are superseded by the power in section 14) shall cease to have effect—
- (a) section 4 of the Education Act 1967 (c. 3) (loans for capital expenditure for the purposes of colleges of education),
 - (b) section 1(1)(b) of the Education Act 1986 (c. 40) (grants to Further Education Unit),
 - (c) section 50(1)(b) of the Education (No. 2) Act 1986 (c. 61) (grants to facilitate training of persons other than teachers),
 - (d) section 210 of the Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40) (grants to further education institutions for education of travellers and displaced persons),
 - (e) section 211 of that Act (grants in respect of special provision for immigrants),
 - (f) section 1 of the Nursery Education and Grant-Maintained Schools Act 1996 (c. 50) (arrangements for making grants in respect of nursery education),
 - (g) sections 486 to 488 and section 490 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (which confer miscellaneous grant-making powers),
 - (h) section 491 of that Act (payment of school fees and expenses), and
 - (i) section 3 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (payment of grant in connection with reductions in infant class sizes).
- (2) The power to pay grants under section 484 of the Education Act 1996 (education standards grants) shall be exercisable only in relation to Wales.

Commencement Information

- I24** S. 18 partly in force; s. 18 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 18(2) in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I25** S. 18(1) in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4\(1\), Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- I26** S. 18(1)(a)-(f)(h)(i)(2) in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 4](#) (with [art. 7](#))
- I27** S. 18(1)(g) in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 4](#)
- I28** S. 18(1)(g) in force at 6.11.2006 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895, art. 2](#)
- I29** S. 18(2) in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)

PART 3

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

CHAPTER 1

GOVERNMENT OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

19 Governing bodies

- (1) Each maintained school shall have a governing body, which shall be a body corporate constituted in accordance with regulations.

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- [^{F47}(1A) Regulations must provide for a governing body of a maintained school in England to consist of—
- (a) persons elected or appointed as parent governors,
 - (b) the head teacher of the school,
 - (c) a person elected as a staff governor,
 - (d) a person appointed as a local authority governor,
 - (e) in the case of a foundation school, a foundation special school or a voluntary school, persons appointed as foundation governors or partnership governors, and
 - (f) such other persons as may be prescribed.]
- (2) Regulations shall provide for a governing body [^{F48}of a maintained school in Wales] to consist of—
- (a) persons elected or appointed as parent governors,
 - (b) persons elected or appointed as staff governors,
 - (c) persons appointed as [^{F11}local authority] governors,
 - (d) except in the case of a voluntary aided school, persons appointed as community governors,
 - (e) in the case of a foundation school^{F49}... or a voluntary school, persons appointed as foundation governors or partnership governors, and
 - (f) such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (3) Regulations may make provision as to—
- (a) the number of governors, or of governors falling within any category,
 - (b) the person or persons by whom, and the manner in which, governors are to be elected or appointed,
 - (c) eligibility for election or appointment as governors of any category, or for voting in an election of such governors,
 - (d) the term of office of governors,
 - (e) resignation or removal from office of governors,
 - (f) the payment of allowances to governors,
 - (g) meetings and proceedings of governing bodies,
 - (h) the election by the governors of a chairman and vice chairman of the governing body,
 - (i) the establishment by a governing body of committees,
 - (j) the appointment of persons other than governors to serve on committees of governing bodies,
 - (k) the delegation of functions by governing bodies, and
 - (l) other matters relating to the constitution or procedure of governing bodies.
- (4) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (3)(a) must secure that the majority of the governors of a voluntary aided school are persons appointed as foundation governors.
- [^{F50}(4A) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (3)(c) in relation to a maintained school in England may include provision for eligibility criteria for the school's local authority governor to be such as may be specified by the school's governing body.
- (4B) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (3)(e) in relation to a maintained school in England may include provision allowing the head teacher of the school to resign from office as a governor (and to withdraw any such resignation).]

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- (5) Subsection (3)(k) has effect subject to the provisions of any scheme under section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) ([^{F51}local authorities]’ financial schemes) which relates to the school.
- (6) Schedule 1 (which contains general provisions relating to the governing body as a body corporate) shall have effect.
- (7) In discharging any function conferred by regulations under this section, a [^{F11}local authority] or the governing body of a maintained school shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time—
- (a) in relation to England, by the Secretary of State, or
 - (b) in relation to Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (8) [^{F52}In relation to maintained schools in England,] subsection (1) has effect subject to section 24; and regulations under this section may include provision with respect to the governing bodies of federations.
- [^{F53}(9) In relation to maintained schools in Wales, subsection (1) has effect subject to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Education (Wales) Measure 2011; and regulations under this section may include provision with respect to the governing bodies of federations (within the meaning of section 21(1) of that Measure).]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F47** S. 19(1A) inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 38(2)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3 (with art. 5)
- F48** Words in s. 19(2) inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 38(3)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3 (with art. 5)
- F49** Words in s. 19(2)(e) omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 21(2)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)
- F50** S. 19(4A)(4B) inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 38(4)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3 (with art. 5)
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F52** Words in s. 19(8) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(2)(a)**, 33(2); S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2
- F53** S. 19(9) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(2)(b)**, 33(2); S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 19(1) excluded (31.3.2004) by [The Blackburn with Darwen \(Maintained Nursery School Governance\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/657\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(a)**
- C4** S. 19(6) applied (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 11**

Commencement Information

- I30** S. 19(1) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, **art. 4** (with Sch. para. 4)
- I31** S. 19(1)-(5)(7) in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by S.I. 2005/2910, art. 4, **Sch.**
- I32** S. 19(2)-(5)(7) in force at 1.3.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/124, **art. 2**
- I33** S. 19(6) in force at 1.10.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/2439, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 4, Sch.)

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- I34** S. 19(6) in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I35** S. 19(6) in force at 31.10.2005 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2910, art. 4, Sch.](#)
- I36** S. 19(8) in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 4](#)
- I37** S. 19(8) in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4](#)
- I38** S. 19(8) in force at 12.4.2010 for W. by [S.I. 2010/707, art. 3\(a\)](#)

20 Instruments of government

- (1) For every maintained school there shall be an instrument (known as the instrument of government) which determines the constitution of the governing body and other matters relating to the school.
- (2) Regulations shall make provision with respect to the making of instruments of government, the matters to be dealt with in such instruments, the form of such instruments, and the review and variation of such instruments.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may require any person responsible for the making, review or variation of an instrument of government to have regard to any guidance given from time to time (in relation to England) by the Secretary of State or (in relation to Wales) by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (4) [^{F54}In relation to maintained schools in England,] subsection (1) has effect subject to section 24; and regulations under subsection (2) may include provision with respect to instruments of government for federations.
- [^{F55}(4A) In relation to maintained schools in Wales, subsection (1) has effect subject to Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Education (Wales) Measure 2011; and regulations under subsection (2) may include provision with respect to instruments of government for federations (within the meaning of section 21(1) of that Measure).]
- (5) The governing body of a maintained school shall not conduct the school under a name other than the one for the time being set out in the school's instrument of government.

Textual Amendments

- F54** Words in s. 20(4) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\), ss. 19\(3\)\(a\), 33\(2\); S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2](#)
- F55** S. 20(4A) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\), ss. 19\(3\)\(b\), 33\(2\); S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 20(1) excluded (31.3.2004) by [The Blackburn with Darwen \(Maintained Nursery School Governance\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/657\), arts. 1\(1\), 2\(b\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I39** S. 20(1)(5) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4](#)
- I40** S. 20(1)-(3)(5) in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2910, art. 4, Sch.](#)
- I41** S. 20(2)(3) in force at 1.3.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 2](#)
- I42** S. 20(4) in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 4](#)
- I43** S. 20(4) in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4](#)
- I44** S. 20(4) in force at 12.4.2010 for W. by [S.I. 2010/707, art. 3\(b\)](#)

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21 General responsibility for conduct of school

- (1) Subject to any other statutory provision, the conduct of a maintained school shall be under the direction of the school’s governing body.
- (2) The governing body shall conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school.
- (3) Regulations may—
 - (a) set out terms of reference for governing bodies of maintained schools,
 - (b) define the respective roles and responsibilities in relation to the conduct of a maintained school (whether generally or with respect to particular matters) of—
 - (i) the ^{F11}local authority,
 - (ii) the governing body, and
 - (iii) the head teacher, and
 - (c) confer functions on governing bodies and head teachers of such schools.
- (4) The governing body of a maintained school shall, in discharging their functions, comply with—
 - (a) the instrument of government, and
 - (b) (subject to any other statutory provision) any trust deed relating to the school.
- ^{F56}(5) The governing body of a maintained school shall, in discharging their functions relating to the conduct of the school—
 - (a) promote the well-being of pupils at the school, and
 - (b) in the case of a school in England, promote community cohesion.
- (6) The governing body of a maintained school shall, in discharging those functions, have regard to any relevant children and young people's plan.
- (7) In discharging those functions, the governing body of a maintained school in England shall also have regard to any views expressed by parents of registered pupils.
- (8) In this section “well-being”—
 - (a) in relation to a pupils at a school in England, means their well-being so far as relating to the matters mentioned in section 10(2) of the Children Act 2004, and
 - (b) in relation to pupils at a school in Wales, means their well-being so far as relating to the matters mentioned in section 25(2) of that Act.
- (9) In this section “relevant children and young people's plan” means—
 - ^{F57}(a) in relation to a school in England, any plan published by the relevant Children's Trust Board under section 17 of the Children Act 2004 (children and young people's plans: England),] and
 - ^{F58}(b) in relation to a school in Wales, a local well-being plan published under section 39 ^{F59}, 44(5) or 47(6) or (11)] of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 2) by a public services board of which the local authority is a member.]
- ^{F60}(10) [In subsection (9)(a), “the relevant Children's Trust Board” means the Children's Trust Board established by arrangements made under section 10 of the Children Act 2004 by the ^{F11}local authority^{F61} ...]]

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Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F56** S. 21(5)-(9) inserted (25.5.2007 for E. for specified purposes, 1.9.2007 for E. in force in so far as not already in force, 1.9.2008 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 38(1), 188(3)**; [S.I. 2007/1271](#), **art. 2**; [S.I. 2007/1801](#), **art. 3(a)**; [S.I. 2008/1429](#), **art. 3(3)**, **Sch. Pt. 3**
- F57** S. 21(9)(a) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 194(9)(a), 269(4)**; [S.I. 2010/303](#), **art. 3, Sch. 2 (with art. 12)**
- F58** S. 21(9)(b) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#), **s. 56(2), Sch. 4 para. 7**; [S.I. 2016/86](#), **art. 3**
- F59** Words in s. 21(9)(b) substituted (E.W.) (20.3.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), **s. 175(3)(q), Sch. 14 para. 3**
- F60** S. 21(10) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 194(9)(b), 269(4)**; [S.I. 2010/303](#), **art. 3, Sch. 2 (with art. 12)**
- F61** Words in s. 21(10) repealed (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(7), Sch. 3 Pt. 1 (with Sch. 4 para. 2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 21 modified (temp.) (1.9.2004) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1743\)](#), **regs. 1(3), 3**
- C7** S. 21(1) modified (31.3.2004) by [The Blackburn with Darwen \(Maintained Nursery School Governance\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/657\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 3(e)**
- C8** S. 21(2) modified (31.3.2004) by [The Blackburn with Darwen \(Maintained Nursery School Governance\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/657\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 3(f)**
- C9** S. 21(5)-(9) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), **reg. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 12**

Commencement Information

- I45** S. 21 in force at 1.9.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/1728](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. 2**
- I46** S. 21(1)(2)(4) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**
- I47** S. 21(3) in force at 1.3.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 2**

22 Training and support of governors

The [^{F11}local authority][^{F62}in England] shall—

- (a) (to the extent that they are not otherwise required to secure the provision of such information) secure that every governor is provided, free of charge, with such information as they consider appropriate in connection with the discharge of his functions as governor, and
- (b) secure that there is made available to every governor, free of charge, such training as they consider necessary for the effective discharge of those functions.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F62** Words in s. 22 inserted (22.8.2013) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 22(8), 33(2)**; [S.I. 2013/2090](#), **art. 2**

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- I48** S. 22 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)
I49 S. 22 in force at 1.9.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/1728](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#)

23 Clerk to the governing body

Regulations may make provision—

- (a) requiring the appointment of a clerk to the governing body of a maintained school and authorising or requiring the appointment of clerks to committees of the governing body;
- (b) prescribing the body by whom any such appointment is to be made and any restrictions or other requirements relating to any such appointment;
- (c) as to the dismissal of any such clerk and the procedure to be followed in connection with his dismissal;
- (d) authorising the governing body or a committee of the governing body, where the clerk fails to attend a meeting of theirs, to appoint one of their number to act as clerk for the purposes of the meeting.

Commencement Information

- I50** S. 23 in force at 1.3.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 2](#)
I51 S. 23 in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2910](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)

[^{F63}23A Parent councils

- (1) A school is for the purposes of this section a “qualifying school” if—
 - (a) it is a foundation or foundation special school in England,
 - (b) it has a foundation established otherwise than under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, and
 - (c) the instrument of government for the school provides that the majority of governors are to be foundation governors.
- (2) The governing body of any qualifying school must establish in accordance with regulations a body to be known as a parent council.
- (3) The purpose of a parent council is to advise the governing body on matters relating to the conduct of the school and the exercise by the governing body of their powers under section 27.
- (4) Regulations may make provision as to—
 - (a) the person or persons by whom, and the manner in which, members of a parent council are to be elected or appointed,
 - (b) eligibility for election or appointment,
 - (c) the duration of membership, and
 - (d) meetings and proceedings of a parent council.
- (5) Regulations—
 - (a) must require the majority of members of a parent council to be parent members, and

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- (b) may enable a person who is not the parent of a registered pupil to be a member of a parent council if appointed in accordance with the regulations by the parent members.
- (6) Regulations may confer functions relating to parent councils on the governing bodies of qualifying schools.
- (7) The governing body of a qualifying school must, in exercising their functions under this section with respect to the school's parent council, have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State.
- (8) The reference in subsection (1)(b) to a foundation is to be read in accordance with section 21 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
- (9) In this section “parent member”, in relation to a parent council, means a member of the council who is the parent of a registered pupil at the school.]

Textual Amendments

F63 S. 23A inserted (25.5.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 34**, 188(3); S.I. 2007/935, art. 7(i)

24 Federations of schools

- (1) In prescribed cases, the governing bodies—
 - (a) of two or more maintained schools [^{F64}in England],
 - (b) of an existing federation and of one or more maintained schools [^{F65}in England], or
 - (c) of two or more existing federations,may, after complying with prescribed conditions and in accordance with prescribed procedure, provide for their respective schools to be federated for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (2) In this Chapter “federation” means a group of schools [^{F66}in England] that are federated by virtue of this section, and “federated school” means a school forming part of a federation.
- (3) Where any schools are federated by virtue of this section, they shall—
 - (a) have a single governing body constituted under a single instrument of government, and
 - (b) in prescribed cases, be treated as a single school for the purposes of such enactments as may be prescribed, other than any enactment contained in Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (establishment, alteration or discontinuance of schools) or in Part 3 of that Act (school admissions).
- (4) Regulations may make provision—
 - (a) as to the dissolution of governing bodies on the formation of a federation,
 - (b) enabling the governing body of a federation to continue in existence as a body corporate when one or more schools join or leave the federation,
 - (c) as to the circumstances in which and manner in which a federation may be dissolved, or one or more schools may leave a federation,

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- (d) enabling the governing body of a federation that is dissolved to be replaced either by governing bodies for each of the constituent schools or by governing bodies which include the governing body of a new federation,
 - (e) as to the transition from one governing body to another,
 - (f) as to the transfer of property, rights and liabilities between governing bodies, or between [^{F51}local authorities] and governing bodies, and
 - (g) as to such other matters relating to federations, federated schools or the formation or dissolution of federations as the Secretary of State^{F67}... considers appropriate.
- (5) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (4)(f) in relation to the transfer of property, rights and liabilities may—
- (a) provide for prescribed matters to be determined by the Secretary of State^{F68}...,
 - (b) apply with modifications any provision of Schedule 10 to the Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40) (supplementary provisions with respect to transfers under that Act), or
 - (c) make provision equivalent to that made by any provision of that Schedule.
- (6) In any enactment—
- (a) any reference to the governing body or governors of a school is to be construed, in relation to a federated school, as a reference to the governing body or governors of the federation, and
 - (b) any reference to the instrument of government of a school is to be construed, in relation to a federated school, as a reference to the instrument of government of the federation.

Textual Amendments

- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F64** Words in s. 24(1)(a) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(4)(a), 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2
- F65** Words in s. 24(1)(b) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(4)(b), 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2
- F66** Words in s. 24(2) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(4)(c), 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2
- F67** Words in s. 24(4)(g) omitted (28.4.2014) by virtue of [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(4)(d), 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2
- F68** Words in s. 24(5)(a) omitted (28.4.2014) by virtue of [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 19(4)(e), 33(2)**; S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2

Commencement Information

- I52** S. 24 in force at 12.4.2010 for W. by [S.I. 2010/707](#), **art. 3(c)**
- I53** S. 24(1) in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 4**
- I54** S. 24(1) in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**
- I55** S. 24(2)-(6) in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 4**

25 Federations: supplementary provisions

- (1) Regulations may make provision modifying any provision contained in—

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- [^{F69}(za) Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (schools causing concern: England),]
- ^{F70}(a)
- (b) sections 49 to 51 of, and Schedule 15 to, that Act (financial delegation), in the application of the provision to federated schools [^{F71} in England] or their governing bodies.
- (2) The modifications that may be made by virtue of subsection (1) include, in particular, modifications—
- (a) enabling powers conferred by the provisions referred to in that subsection to be exercised in relation to all the schools in a federation even though the circumstances by reference to which the powers are exercisable exist only in relation to one or more of those schools, and
- (b) requiring the apportionment of any costs or expenses incurred by the governing body of a federation.
- (3) If regulations made by virtue of section 24 allow the formation of a federation comprising schools within different categories, the regulations may make provision modifying any enactment which relates to schools within a particular category, or to the governing bodies of schools within a particular category, in the application of the enactment to schools forming part of such a federation or to the governing bodies of such federations.
- (4) In subsection (3) references to categories of maintained schools are references to the categories set out in section 20(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Textual Amendments

F69 S. 25(1)(za) inserted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\), s. 188\(3\), Sch. 7 para. 19\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2007/935, art. 5\(cc\)](#)

F70 S. 25(1)(a) omitted (28.4.2014) by virtue of [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\), ss. 19\(5\)\(a\), 33\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2](#)

F71 Words in s. 25(1)(b) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\), ss. 19\(5\)\(b\), 33\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1066, art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

I56 S. 25 in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 4](#)

I57 S. 25 in force at 12.4.2010 for W. by [S.I. 2010/707, art. 3\(d\)](#)

26 Collaboration between schools

Regulations may—

- (a) enable the governing bodies of two or more maintained schools [^{F72} in England] to arrange for any of their functions to be discharged jointly or by a joint committee of theirs,
- (b) provide for the appointment by two or more governing bodies of a joint committee of those governing bodies for the purposes of discharging any functions in pursuance of any such arrangements, and
- (c) provide that any enactment relating to those functions or the governing bodies by whom they are to be discharged is to have effect subject to all necessary

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modifications in its application in relation to those functions and the governing bodies by whom they are to be discharged.

Textual Amendments

F72 Words in s. 26(a) inserted (16.11.2012) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), **ss. 9(3)(a), 33(2)**; [S.I. 2012/2656](#), **art. 2**

Commencement Information

I58 S. 26 in force at 1.3.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 2**

I59 S. 26 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), **art. 4(1)**, **Sch. Pt. 1**

27 Power of governing body to provide community facilities etc.

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school shall have power to provide any facilities or services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of—
 - (a) pupils at the school or their families, or
 - (b) people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated.
- (2) The power under subsection (1) includes, in particular, power for a governing body to—
 - (a) incur expenditure,
 - (b) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person,
 - (c) co-operate with, or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of, any person, and
 - (d) provide staff, goods, services and accommodation to any person.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of Chapter 3 of Part 6 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (charges in connection with education), a governing body may charge for any services or facilities provided under this section.
- (4) This section has effect subject to section 28.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** S. 27 modified (temp. from 2.9.2002) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions etc.\) \(England\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2113\)](#), **reg. 3(1)**; s. 27 modified (E.) (temp. from 1.10.2002) by [S.I. 2002/2316](#), **reg. 3(1)**
- C11** S. 27 applied (with modifications) (10.7.2003) by [New Schools \(General\) \(England\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1558\)](#), **regs. 1, 31**
- C12** S. 27 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2005) by [The New Maintained Schools \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2912\)](#), **regs. 1(1), 30(1)** (with **reg. 30(2)**)
- C13** S. 27 applied (with modifications) (25.5.2007) by [The School Governance \(New Schools\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/958\)](#), **regs. 1, 30**
- C14** S. 27 applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), **reg. 1(1)**, **Sch. 1 para. 13**

Commencement Information

- I60** S. 27 partly in force; s. 27 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 27 in force for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), **art. 4** (as amended by [S.I. 2002/2018](#), **arts. 2-4**)
- I61** S. 27 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), **art. 5**, **Sch. Pt. II**

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28 Limits on power to provide community facilities etc.

- (1) Section 27(1) does not enable a governing body to do anything which they are unable to do by virtue of any prohibition, restriction or limitation on their powers which is contained in—
 - (a) the school’s instrument of government, or
 - (b) any scheme under section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) ([F51]local authorities]’ financial schemes) which relates to the school.
- (2) Regulations may make provision preventing governing bodies from doing, by virtue of section 27(1), anything which is specified, or is of a description specified, in the regulations.
- (3) A governing body shall exercise the power conferred by section 27(1) only if and to the extent that they are satisfied that anything which they propose to do will not to a significant extent interfere with the performance of any duty imposed on them by section 21(2) or by any other provision of the Education Acts.
- (4) Before exercising the power under section 27(1) [F73]the governing body of a maintained school in Wales]—
 - (a) shall consult—
 - (i) the [F11]local authority],
 - (ii) the staff of the school, and
 - (iii) the parents of registered pupils of the school,
 - (b) where the proposed exercise of the power would affect registered pupils of the school and the governing body consider it appropriate in view of their age and understanding to consult all or some of them, shall consult the registered pupils or such of them as the governing body consider it appropriate to consult, and
 - (c) shall consult such other persons as the governing body consider appropriate.

[F74(4A) In exercising the power under section 27(1), the governing body of a maintained school shall have regard to any relevant children and young people’s plan.

(4B) In subsection (4A) “relevant children and young people’s plan” has the meaning given by section 21(9).]

[F75(4C)

- (5) In exercising the power under section 27(1) or consulting under subsection (4), [F76]the governing body of a maintained school in Wales] shall have regard—
 - (a) to any guidance given from time to time [F77]... by the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (b) to any advice given to them from time to time by the [F11]local authority].

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F73** Words in s. 28(4) substituted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 88(2)**, 139(6); [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 5(d)**

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- F74** S. 28(4A)-(4C) inserted (25.5.2007 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#) (c. 40), **ss. 38(2)**, 188(3); S.I. 2007/1271, art. 3; S.I. 2008/1429, art. 3(3), Sch. Pt. 3
- F75** S. 28(4C) omitted (13.5.2014) by virtue of [Children and Families Act 2014](#) (c. 6), **ss. 88(3)**, 139(6); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(d)
- F76** Words in s. 28(5) substituted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014](#) (c. 6), **ss. 88(4)(a)**, 139(6); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(d)
- F77** Words in s. 28(5)(a) omitted (13.5.2014) by virtue of [Children and Families Act 2014](#) (c. 6), **ss. 88(4)(b)**, 139(6); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(d)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C15** S. 28 applied (with modifications) (10.7.2003) by [New Schools \(General\) \(England\) Regulations 2003](#) (S.I. 2003/1558), **regs. 1, 31**
- C16** S. 28 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2005) by [The New Maintained Schools \(Wales\) Regulations 2005](#) (S.I. 2005/2912), **regs. 1(1), 30(1)** (with **reg. 30(2)**)
- C17** S. 28 applied (with modifications) (25.5.2007) by [The School Governance \(New Schools\) \(England\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/958), **regs. 1, 30**
- C18** S. 28(3) modified (temp. from 2.9.2002) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions etc.\) \(England\) Regulations 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/2113), **reg. 3(2)**
- C19** S. 28(5) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/2979), **reg. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 13**

Commencement Information

- I62** S. 28 in force at 2.9.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/2002, **art. 4** (as amended by S.I. 2002/2018, arts. 2-4)
- I63** S. 28 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, **Sch. Pt. II**

[^{F78}28A Power of governing body to provide higher education

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the governing body of a maintained school shall have power to arrange the provision to pupils at the school (whether by teachers at the school or other persons) of courses falling within paragraph 1(g) or (h) of Schedule 6 to the Education Reform Act 1988 (courses in preparation for professional examinations at a higher level or providing education at a higher level).
- (2) A governing body may exercise the power under subsection (1) in relation to a particular pupil only if they are satisfied that the provision to that pupil of the course in question will not to any significant extent interfere with the other education with which he is being provided at the school.
- (3) The National Assembly for Wales may give, or make arrangements for the giving of, financial assistance to any person in connection with the provision of courses mentioned in subsection (1) by the governing body of a maintained school in Wales.
- (4) Sections 15 and 16 apply to financial assistance given under subsection (3) as they apply to financial assistance given under section 14.
- (5) This section has effect notwithstanding section 1(4) of the Education Act 1996 (functions not conferred with respect to higher education).]

Textual Amendments

- F78** S. 28A inserted (1.9.2005 for E. for specified purposes, 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005](#) (c. 18), **ss. 105**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 4; S.I. 2006/1338, art. 3, Sch. 1

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29 Additional functions of governing body

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school shall—
- (a) establish procedures for dealing with all complaints relating to the school or to the provision of facilities or services under section 27, other than complaints falling to be dealt with in accordance with any procedures required to be established in relation to the school by virtue of a statutory provision other than this section, and
 - (b) publicise the procedures so established.
- (2) In establishing or publicising procedures under subsection (1), the governing body shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time (in relation to England) by the Secretary of State or (in relation to Wales) by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The governing body of a maintained school may require [^{F79}registered pupils] to attend at any place outside the school premises for the purposes of receiving
- [^{F80}(a)] any instruction or training included in the secular curriculum for the school [^{F81}(in the case of a school maintained by a local authority in England),]^{F82} or
 - (b) any instruction or training included in a curriculum for those pupils by virtue of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 or the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 (in the case of a school maintained by a local authority in Wales).]
- (4) In subsection (3) “maintained school” does not include a maintained nursery school.
- (5) The governing body and head teacher of—
- (a) a community or voluntary controlled school,
 - (b) a community special school, or
 - (c) a maintained nursery school,
- shall comply with any direction given to them by the [^{F11}local authority] concerning the health and safety of persons on the school’s premises or taking part in any school activities elsewhere.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F79** Words in s. 29(3) substituted (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), **ss. 115, 125(4)**; [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 4; [S.I. 2006/1338](#), art. 3, Sch. 1
- F80** Words in s. 29(3) renumbered as s. 29(3)(a) (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 6(4)(a)**
- F81** Words in s. 29(3)(a) inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 6(4)(b)**
- F82** S. 29(3)(b) and word inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 6(4)(c)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C20** S. 29(1)(2)(3) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 14**

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- C21** S. 29(3) applied (1.9.2005) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2039\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 7**
- C22** S. 29(3) applied (23.4.2007) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1069\)](#), **reg. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 7**
- C23** S. 29(3) modified (W.) (1.9.2013) by [The Operation of the Local Curriculum \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1793\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(1)(d)**
- C24** S. 29(5) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 15**

Commencement Information

- I64** S. 29 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 5, **Sch. Pt. II**
- I65** S. 29 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

[^{F83}29A Power of governing body in England: educational provision for improving behaviour

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school in England may require any registered pupil to attend at any place outside the school premises for the purpose of receiving educational provision which is intended to improve the behaviour of the pupil.
- (2) In subsection (1) “maintained school” does not include a maintained nursery school.
- (3) Regulations must make provision—
 - (a) requiring prescribed persons to be given prescribed information relating to the imposition of any requirement under subsection (1), and
 - (b) requiring the governing body of the school to keep under review the imposition of any such requirement.
- (4) Regulations under this section may also make provision—
 - (a) requiring a governing body exercising functions under subsection (1) or under the regulations to have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State,
 - (b) prohibiting a governing body from exercising the power conferred by subsection (1) in such a way that any pupil is required to receive educational provision outside the school premises for a greater number of days in a school year than is specified in the regulations,
 - (c) requiring the governing body to request prescribed persons to participate in any review of the imposition of a requirement under subsection (1),
 - (d) about the time within which the first review must be held and the intervals at which subsequent reviews must be held, and
 - (e) in relation to any other matter relating to the exercise of the power conferred by subsection (1).]

Textual Amendments

- F83** S. 29A inserted (30.3.2010 for specified purposes, 1.9.2010 in so far as not already in force) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 154**, 173(4); [S.I. 2010/1093](#), arts. 2(d), 3

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30 **Governors' reports [^{F84}(Wales)] and other information**

(1) Once in every school year the governing body of a maintained school [^{F85}in Wales] shall prepare a report (a “governors’ report”) dealing with such matters, and otherwise complying with such requirements, as may be specified in regulations.

(2) Regulations may—

(a) impose requirements on the governing body of a maintained school [^{F86}in Wales] with respect to—

(i) the giving of copies of a governors’ report to such persons as may be prescribed, and

(ii) making such copies available for inspection at the school;

(b) make provision for—

(i) enabling the governing body to determine the language or languages in which a governors’ report is to be produced and the form or forms in which it is to be produced;

(ii) requiring them to comply with any direction given by the [^{F11}local authority] with respect to any additional language to be used or with respect to any additional form in which the report is to be produced;

(c) enable the governors’ report to be combined with any other document whose preparation by the governing body is required by or under any enactment.

[^{F87}(2A) The governing body of a maintained school in Wales must include in a governors’ report information about the action taken to promote healthy eating and drinking by pupils of the school.]

(3) The governing body of a maintained school [^{F88}(in England or Wales)] shall provide the [^{F11}local authority] with such reports in connection with the discharge of the functions of the governing body as the authority may require (either on a regular basis or from time to time) for the purposes of the exercise of any of the authority’s [^{F89}education] functions.

(4) The head teacher of a maintained school [^{F90}(in England or Wales)] shall provide the governing body or (as the case may be) the [^{F11}local authority] with such reports in connection with the discharge of his functions as [^{F91}may be required (either on a regular basis or from time to time)—

(a) by the governing body for the purposes of the exercise of any of their functions;

(b) by the authority for the purposes of the exercise of any of their education functions.]

(5) Where a requirement under subsection (4) is imposed on the head teacher by the authority—

(a) the authority shall notify the governing body of that requirement, and

(b) the head teacher shall give the governing body a copy of any report made by him in complying with it.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

F84 Word in s. 30 heading inserted (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), [ss. 103\(1\)\(c\)](#), [125\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2005/2034](#), [art. 5](#) (with [Sch. para. 2](#))

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- F85** Words in s. 30(1) inserted (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), **ss. 103(1)(a)**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 5 (with Sch. para. 2)
- F86** Words in s. 30(2)(a) inserted (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), **ss. 103(1)(a)**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 5 (with Sch. para. 2)
- F87** S. 30(2A) inserted (2.9.2013) by Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009 (nawm 3), **ss. 2**, 12(3); S.I. 2013/1985, art. 2(b)
- F88** Words in s. 30(3) inserted (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), **ss. 103(1)(b)**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 5 (with Sch. para. 2)
- F89** Word in s. 30(3) inserted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(8)(a)**
- F90** Words in s. 30(4) inserted (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), **ss. 103(1)(b)**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 5 (with Sch. para. 2)
- F91** Words in s. 30(4) substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(8)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C25** S. 30 modified (temp. from 1.10.2002) by The Education Act 2002 (Modification of Provisions) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2316), **reg. 3(1)**
- C26** S. 30 modified (temp.) (1.9.2004) by The Education Act 2002 (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1743), regs. 1(3), **3**
- C27** S. 30(1) excluded (5.11.2004) by The New Relationship with Schools (Governors Annual Report) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2683), arts. 1(1), **2(a)**
- C28** S. 30(1) excluded (1.12.2004) by The New Relationship with Schools (Governors Annual Report) (No 2) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2810), arts. 1(1), **2(a)**
- C29** S. 30(1)(2): power to repeal conferred (1.9.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), **ss. 103(3)**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 5
- C30** S. 30(4) applied (with modifications) (1.9.2005) by The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2039), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 8**
- C31** S. 30(4) applied (with modifications) (23.4.2007) by The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1069), **reg. 1(1)**, **Sch. 1 para. 8**
- C32** S. 30(4) applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2979), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 16**

Commencement Information

- I66** S. 30 in force at 1.10.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/2439, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 4, Sch.)
- I67** S. 30 in force at 1.9.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/1728, art. 5, **Sch. Pt. 2**

^{F92}30A School profiles

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Textual Amendments

- F92** S. 30A repealed (1.2.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), **ss. 32(1)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/84, art. 3

31 Control of school premises

Regulations may make provision relating to the control by the governing body of a maintained school of the occupation and use of school premises.

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- I68** S. 31 in force at 2.1.2008 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1
I69 S. 31 in force at 31.3.2008 for W. so far as not already in force by S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(2), Sch. Pt. 2

32 ^{F93}Responsibility for fixing dates of terms and holidays and times of sessions: England]

- (1) In the case of a community, voluntary controlled or community special school [^{F94}in England] or a maintained nursery school [^{F94}in England]—
- (a) the [^{F11}local authority] shall determine the dates when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end, and
 - (b) ^{F95}...the governing body shall determine the times of the school sessions.
- (2) In the case of a foundation, voluntary aided or foundation special school [^{F96}in England] the governing body shall determine—
- (a) the dates and times when the school terms and holidays are to begin and end, and
 - (b) ^{F97}... the times of the school sessions.
- (3) Regulations may make provision—
- (a) as to the procedure to be followed where the governing body of a school within subsection (1) propose to make any change in the time of the school sessions;
 - (b) as to the implementation of any such proposal;
 - (c) for enabling the [^{F11}local authority] to determine, for any purposes of the regulations, whether any person is to be treated as a parent of a registered pupil at the school.
- (4) In this section “the times of the school sessions” means the times at which each of the school sessions (or, if there is only one, the school session) is to begin and end on any day.

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- ^{F98}(6)
- ^{F98}(7)
- ^{F98}(8)
- ^{F98}(9)
- ^{F98}(10)

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)
- F93** S. 32 heading substituted (14.7.2014) by Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5), s. 50(4), Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(d); S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)
- F94** Words in s. 32(1) inserted (14.7.2014) by Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5), s. 50(4), Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(a)(i); S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)

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- F95** Words in s. 32(1)(b) omitted (14.7.2014) by virtue of Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(a)(ii)**; S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)
- F96** Words in s. 32(2) inserted (14.7.2014) by Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(b)(i)**; S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)
- F97** Words in s. 32(2)(b) omitted (14.7.2014) by virtue of Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(b)(ii)**; S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)
- F98** S. 32(5)-(10) omitted (14.7.2014) by virtue of Education (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 5), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(c)**; S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C33** S. 32 applied (with modifications) (1.9.2005) by The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2039), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 9**
- C34** S. 32 applied (with modifications) (23.4.2007) by The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1069), **reg. 1(1), Sch. 1 para. 9**
- C35** S. 32 applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Application of Enactments) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2979), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 17**
- C36** S. 32(1)(b) modified (31.3.2004) by The Blackburn with Darwen (Maintained Nursery School Governance) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/657), arts. 1(1), **3(g)**

Commencement Information

- I70** S. 32 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, **art. 4**
- I71** S. 32 in force at 1.9.2004 for W. by S.I. 2004/1728, art. 5, **Sch. Pt. 2**

[^{F99}32A Responsibility for fixing term and holiday dates in Wales

- (1) A local authority in Wales must determine the term dates for each community, voluntary controlled or community special school or maintained nursery school in its area.
- (2) A governing body of a foundation or voluntary aided school in Wales (a “relevant governing body”) must determine the term dates for its school.
- (3) In exercising its functions under subsection (1), a local authority must co-operate and co-ordinate with—
 - (a) each relevant governing body in its area, and
 - (b) every other local authority in Wales,
 to ensure that the term dates determined are the same (or as similar as can be) for every maintained school in Wales.
- (4) In exercising its functions under subsection (2), a relevant governing body must co-operate and co-ordinate with—
 - (a) the local authority, and
 - (b) every other relevant governing body in the local authority's area,
 to ensure that the term dates determined are the same (or as similar as can be) for every maintained school in Wales.
- (5) Each local authority in Wales must notify the Welsh Ministers of the term dates which have been determined for a school year in respect of all the maintained schools in its area.
- (6) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about the requirements of notification under subsection (5) including, in particular, provision about—

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- (a) the form and content of notifications;
 - (b) the period in which notification must be given;
 - (c) the procedure for notification.
- (7) A local authority or a relevant governing body may alter the term dates which have been notified to the Welsh Ministers only if all the parties mentioned in subsection (8) agree to the alteration.
- (8) The parties are—
- (a) the local authority,
 - (b) each relevant governing body in the local authority's area, and
 - (c) the Welsh Ministers.
- (9) In this section—
- “maintained school” means a school in Wales which is a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community special school or a maintained nursery school;
 - “term dates” means the dates on which the school terms and holidays are to begin and end.

Textual Amendments

F99 Ss. 32A-32C inserted (12.5.2014 for specified purposes, 14.7.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\), ss. 42, 50\(2\); S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2\(a\)](#)

32B Welsh Ministers' power to direct determination of term dates

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may direct a local authority in Wales or a relevant governing body to determine such term dates for a maintained school in Wales as may be specified in the direction.
- (2) A direction under subsection (1) may, in particular—
- (a) require different dates to be determined for different schools;
 - (b) be made in respect of such descriptions of schools as may be specified in the direction (for example, all community schools or all schools within a specified area);
 - (c) require the determination of different dates from those already determined or altered under section 32A.
- (3) Before making a direction under subsection (1) the Welsh Ministers must carry out such consultation as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may, by regulations, make such further provision about such consultation as they consider necessary or expedient.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers must publish a direction under subsection (1) electronically.
- (6) In this section—
- “maintained school” has the same meaning as in section 32A(9);
 - “relevant governing body” means the governing body of a foundation or voluntary aided school in Wales;

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32C Responsibility for fixing times of school sessions in Wales

- (1) Except in the circumstances described in subsection (2), a governing body of a maintained school must determine the times of the school sessions for the school.
- (2) The circumstances are—
 - (a) that the local authority in whose area the school is situated have given notice to the governing body that the times of the school sessions are to be determined in accordance with subsection (4), and
 - (b) that the notice has not been withdrawn by the local authority.
- (3) A local authority must not give a notice under this section unless they consider that a change in the times of the school sessions is necessary or expedient in order to—
 - (a) promote the use of sustainable modes of travel within the meaning of section 11 of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 (nawm 2), or
 - (b) improve the effectiveness or efficiency of travel arrangements made, or to be made, by the authority under that Measure.
- (4) In the circumstances described in subsection (2)—
 - (a) where there are 2 sessions on the relevant school day—
 - (i) the local authority must determine the time each day at which the first school session starts and the second school session ends, and
 - (ii) the governing body must determine the time each day at which the first school session ends and the second school session starts,
 - (b) where there is one school session on the relevant school day the local authority must determine the time each day at which the school session starts and ends.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision—
 - (a) as to the procedure to be followed where the governing body of a community, voluntary controlled or community special school or maintained nursery school proposes to make any change in the time of the school sessions;
 - (b) as to the implementation of any such proposal;
 - (c) for enabling the local authority to determine, for any purposes of the regulations, whether any person is to be treated as a parent of a registered pupil at the school;
 - (d) as to the procedure to be followed where the local authority propose to give a notice under this section;
 - (e) as to the form and content of such a notice;
 - (f) as to the implementation of a determination made under subsection (4).
- (6) A local authority must have regard to any guidance given by the Welsh Ministers when giving a notice under subsection (2) or discharging any function conferred by this section or regulations made under it.

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(7) In this section—

“maintained school” means a school in Wales which is a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community special school or a maintained nursery school;

“the times of the school sessions” means the times at which each of the school sessions or, if there is only one, the school session, is to begin and end on any day.]

Textual Amendments

F99 Ss. 32A-32C inserted (12.5.2014 for specified purposes, 14.7.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\)](#), **ss. 42, 50(2)**; S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(a)

^{F101}33 Annual parents’ meetings^{F100}: Wales]

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Textual Amendments

F100 Word in s. 33 heading inserted (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), **ss. 103(2)(b)**, 125(4); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 5

F101 S. 33 repealed (4.5.2013) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), **ss. 95, 100(3)**

34 Arrangements for government of new schools

- (1) Where proposals for the establishment of a maintained school fall to be implemented under any enactment, the [^{F11}local authority] shall make arrangements providing for the constitution of a temporary governing body for the school.
- (2) Once constituted in accordance with arrangements made under subsection (1), the temporary governing body shall continue in existence until such time as the governing body are constituted for the school under an instrument of government.
- (3) The [^{F11}local authority] shall secure that the governing body are so constituted before such date as may be determined in accordance with regulations.
- (4) The requirement for there to be an instrument of government for a school (imposed by section 20) shall take effect in relation to a school falling within subsection (1) above as from the date determined under subsection (3).
- (5) Regulations may make provision with respect to—
 - (a) the making and termination of arrangements for the constitution of temporary governing bodies, including such arrangements made in anticipation of proposals falling to be implemented as mentioned in subsection (1),
 - (b) the constitution, meetings and proceedings of temporary governing bodies, the payment of allowances to temporary governors, and the appointment of clerks to such bodies,
 - (c) the exercise by a temporary governing body before the school opening date of the powers conferred by section 27,

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- (d) the transition from a temporary governing body to a governing body constituted under an instrument of government, and
 - (e) such other matters relating to temporary governing bodies as the Secretary of State, or as the case may be the National Assembly for Wales, considers appropriate.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (5) may, in connection with any matters falling within that subsection—
- (a) modify any provision made under any of sections 19, 20 or 23 or by Schedule 1;
 - (b) apply any such provision with or without modifications;
 - (c) make provision corresponding or similar to any such provision.
- (7) Subject to subsection (8), the temporary governing body of a school shall be treated for the purposes of the Education Acts as if they were the governing body during the period—
- (a) beginning with the school opening date, and
 - (b) ending with the time when the governing body are constituted for the school under an instrument of government;
- and for the purposes of section 30(3) of this Act and sections 495 to 498 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (general default powers of the Secretary of State) [^{F102}and Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (intervention in conduct of maintained schools in Wales)] the temporary governing body of a school shall also be so treated at any time falling before the school opening date.
- (8) Despite subsection (7), nothing in any of the following provisions, namely—
- (a) section 20(1),
 - (b) (subject to any regulations made under subsection (5)) Schedule 1, or
 - (c) (subject to any regulations made under subsection (5)) regulations made under section 19, 20 or 23,
- applies to any temporary governing body.
- (9) In this section “school opening date”, in relation to a new maintained school, means the date when the school first admits pupils.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F102** Words in s. 34(7) inserted (20.2.2014) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(2)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I72** S. 34 in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 4**
- I73** S. 34 in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2910](#), art. 4, **Sch.**

35 Staffing of community, voluntary controlled, community special and maintained nursery schools

- (1) This section applies to—

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- (a) community schools,
 - (b) voluntary controlled schools,
 - (c) community special schools, and
 - (d) maintained nursery schools.
- (2) Any teacher or other member of staff who is appointed to work under a contract of employment at a school to which this section applies is to be employed by the [^{F11}local authority].
- (3) The teaching staff of any school to which this section applies shall include—
- (a) a person appointed as head teacher, or
 - (b) a person appointed to carry out the functions of the head teacher of the school—
 - (i) pending the appointment of a head teacher, or
 - (ii) in the absence of the head teacher.
- (4) Regulations may make further provision with respect to the staffing of schools to which this section applies.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may, in particular—
- (a) make provision with respect to the appointment, discipline, suspension and dismissal of teachers and other staff,
 - (b) make provision with respect to the appointment of teachers and other staff to work at a school otherwise than under a contract of employment,
 - (c) make provision with respect to staff employed, or engaged otherwise than under a contract of employment, wholly or partly for the purposes of—
 - (i) the provision of facilities and services under section 27, or
 - (ii) any other activities which are not school activities but are carried on on the school premises under the management or control of the governing body, and
 - (d) confer functions on [^{F51}local authorities], governing bodies and head teachers.
- (6) In relation to teachers at a voluntary controlled school who are reserved teachers within the meaning of section 58 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (appointment and dismissal of certain teachers at schools with a religious character), regulations under subsection (4) shall have effect subject to the provisions of that section.
- (7) If at any time a school to which this section applies does not have a delegated budget by virtue of any suspension under^{F103} ... Schedule 15 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998^{F104}, or section 66 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006^{F105}, or section 8 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013],
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- (a) regulations under subsection (4) shall not apply, and
 - (b) the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 2 shall apply instead.
- (8) [^{F106}In discharging any function conferred by regulations under subsection (4), a [^{F11}local authority][^{F107}in Wales] or the governing body or head teacher of a maintained school [^{F108}in Wales] shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time—
- ^{F109}(a)
 - (b) ^{F110}...by the National Assembly for Wales.]

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Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F103** Words in s. 35(7) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(3)(a)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F104** Words in s. 35(7) inserted (1.2.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 19(1)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/84, art. 3
- F105** Words in s. 35(7) inserted (20.2.2014) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(3)(b)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F106** S. 35(8) ceases to have effect (E.) (1.1.2016) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 4(1)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)
- F107** Words in s. 35(8) inserted (1.1.2016) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 4(2)(a)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)
- F108** Words in s. 35(8) inserted (1.1.2016) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 4(2)(b)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)
- F109** S. 35(8)(a) and word omitted (1.1.2016) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 4(2)(c)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)
- F110** Words in s. 35(8)(b) omitted (1.1.2016) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 4(2)(d)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C37** S. 35(7) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2007/2979, Sch. 1 para. 17A (as inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Pupil Referral Units \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3158\)](#), regs. 1, **3(2)**)

Commencement Information

- I74** S. 35 in force at 1.4.2006 for W. by S.I. 2006/879, art. 4, **Sch.**
- I75** S. 35(1)-(3)(6)-(8) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, **art. 4**
- I76** S. 35(4)(5) in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/124, **art. 4**

36 Staffing of foundation, voluntary aided and foundation special schools

- (1) This section applies to—
- (a) foundation schools,
 - (b) voluntary aided schools, and
 - (c) foundation special schools.
- (2) Except as provided by regulations under subsection (4), any teacher or other member of staff who is appointed to work under a contract of employment at a school to which this section applies is to be employed by the governing body of the school.
- (3) The teaching staff of any school to which this section applies shall include—
- (a) a person appointed as head teacher, or
 - (b) a person appointed to carry out the functions of the head teacher of the school—
 - (i) pending the appointment of a head teacher, or
 - (ii) in the absence of the head teacher.

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- (4) Regulations may make further provision with respect to the staffing of schools to which this section applies.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may, in particular—
- (a) make provision with respect to the appointment, discipline, suspension and dismissal of teachers and other staff,
 - (b) make provision with respect to the appointment of teachers and other staff to work at a school otherwise than under a contract of employment,
 - (c) make provision with respect to staff employed, or engaged otherwise than under a contract of employment, wholly or partly for the purposes of—
 - (i) the provision of facilities and services under section 27, or
 - (ii) any other activities which are not school activities but are carried on on the school premises under the management or control of the governing body,
 - (d) enable teachers and other staff to be employed by the [F11]local authority] in prescribed cases, and
 - (e) confer functions on [F51]local authorities], governing bodies and head teachers.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (4) shall have effect subject to section 58 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (appointment and dismissal of certain teachers at schools with a religious character).
- (7) If at any time a school to which this section applies does not have a delegated budget by virtue of any suspension under F111... Schedule 15 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998[F112, or section 66 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006[F113, or section 8 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013],] regulations under subsection (4) shall have effect subject to the provisions of Part 2 of Schedule 2.
- (8) [F114]In discharging any function conferred by regulations under subsection (4), a [F11]local authority][F115;in Wales] or the governing body or head teacher of a maintained school [F116;in Wales] shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time—
- F117(a)
 - (b) F118 ... by the National Assembly for Wales.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F111** Words in s. 36(7) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(4)(a)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F112** Words in s. 36(7) inserted (1.2.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 19(2)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/84, art. 3
- F113** Words in s. 36(7) inserted (20.2.2014) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(4)(b)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F114** S. 36(8) ceases to have effect (E.) (1.1.2016) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 5(1)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)
- F115** Words in s. 36(8) inserted (1.1.2016) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 5(2)(a)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)
- F116** Words in s. 36(8) inserted (1.1.2016) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), **Sch. 16 para. 5(2)(b)**; S.I. 2015/1732, art. 3(a)

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F117 S. 36(8)(a) and word omitted (1.1.2016) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), [Sch. 16 para. 5\(2\)\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2015/1732](#), art. 3(a)

F118 Words in s. 36(8)(b) omitted (1.1.2016) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(7), [Sch. 16 para. 5\(2\)\(d\)](#); [S.I. 2015/1732](#), art. 3(a)

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I77 S. 36 in force at 1.4.2006 for W. by [S.I. 2006/879](#), art. 4, [Sch.](#)

I78 S. 36(1)-(3)(6)-(8) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 4

I79 S. 36(4)(5) in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), art. 4

37 Payments in respect of dismissal, etc.

- (1) It shall be for the governing body of a maintained school to determine—
 - (a) whether any payment should be made by the [F11]local authority] in respect of the dismissal, or for the purpose of securing the resignation, of any member of the staff of the school, and
 - (b) the amount of any such payment.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not, however, apply in relation to a payment which the [F11]local authority] are required to make—
 - (a) by virtue of any contract other than one made in contemplation of the impending dismissal or resignation of the member of staff concerned, or
 - (b) under any statutory provision.
- (3) The [F11]local authority] —
 - (a) shall take such steps as may be required for giving effect to any determination of the governing body under subsection (1), and
 - (b) shall not make, or agree to make, a payment in relation to which that subsection applies except in accordance with such a determination.
- (4) Subject to subsection (7), costs incurred by the [F11]local authority] in respect of any premature retirement of a member of the staff of a maintained school shall be met from the school's budget share for one or more [F119]funding periods] except in so far as the authority agree with the governing body in writing (whether before or after the retirement occurs) that they shall not be so met.
- (5) Subject to subsection (7), costs incurred by the [F11]local authority] in respect of the dismissal, or for the purpose of securing the resignation, of any member of the staff of a maintained school shall not be met from the school's budget share for any [F120]funding period] except in so far as the authority have good reason for deducting those costs, or any part of those costs, from that share.
- (6) The fact that the authority have a policy precluding dismissal of their employees by reason of redundancy is not to be regarded as a good reason for the purposes of subsection (5); and in this subsection the reference to dismissal by reason of redundancy shall be read in accordance with section 139 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18).
- (7) Where a [F11]local authority] incur costs—
 - (a) in respect of any premature retirement of any member of the staff of a maintained school who is employed for community purposes, or

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- (b) in respect of the dismissal, or for the purpose of securing the resignation, of any member of the staff of a maintained school who is employed for those purposes,
they shall recover those costs from the governing body except in so far as the authority agree with the governing body in writing (whether before or after the retirement, dismissal or resignation occurs) that they shall not be so recoverable.
- [^{F121}(7A) Any amount payable by virtue of subsection (7) by the governing body of a maintained school in England to the local authority may be met by the governing body out of the school's budget share for any funding period if and to the extent that the condition in subsection (7B) is met.
- (7B) The condition is that the governing body are satisfied that meeting the amount out of the school's budget share will not to a significant extent interfere with the performance of any duty imposed on them by section 21(2) or by any other provision of the Education Acts.]
- (8) Any amount payable by virtue of subsection (7) by the governing body of a maintained school [^{F122} in Wales] to the [^{F11}local authority] shall not be met by the governing body out of the school's budget share for any [^{F123}funding period].
- (9) Where a person is employed partly for community purposes and partly for other purposes, any payment or costs in respect of that person is to be apportioned between the two purposes; and the preceding provisions of this section shall apply separately to each part of the payment or costs.
- (10) Regulations may make provision with respect to the recovery from governing bodies of amounts payable by virtue of subsection (7).
- (11) Subsections (1) to (6) do not apply to a maintained school at any time when the school does not have a delegated budget by virtue of any suspension under ^{F124}... Schedule 15 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) [^{F125}or section 8 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013].
- [^{F126}(12) In this section—
“community purposes” means the purposes of the provision of facilities or services under section 27;
“funding period” has the meaning given by section 45(1B) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F119** Words in s. 37(4) substituted (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 18 para. 14(2)** (with s. 119); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 8; S.I. 2010/735, art. 2(e)
- F120** Words in s. 37(5) substituted (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 18 para. 14(3)** (with s. 119); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 8; S.I. 2010/735, art. 2(e)
- F121** S. 37(7A)(7B) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 47(2)**, 82(2)(c)
- F122** Words in s. 37(8) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 47(3)**, 82(2)(c)
- F123** Words in s. 37(8) substituted (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 18 para. 14(3)** (with s. 119); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 8; S.I. 2010/735, art. 2(e)
- F124** Words in s. 37(11) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(5)(a)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

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F125 Words in s. 37(11) inserted (20.2.2014) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 1), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(5\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

F126 S. 37(12) substituted (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005](#) (c. 18), s. 125(4), [Sch. 18 para. 14\(4\)](#) (with s. 119); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 8; S.I. 2010/735, art. 2(e)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C38 S. 37 modified (E.) (temp. from 1.10.2002) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Modification of Provisions\) \(England\) Regulations 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/2316), [reg. 3\(1\)](#)

C39 S. 37(1)-(7B) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2007/2979, Sch. 1 para. 17B (as inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Pupil Referral Units \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/3158), regs. 1, [3\(2\)](#))

C40 S. 37(9) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2007/2979, Sch. 1 para. 17B (as inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Pupil Referral Units \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/3158), regs. 1, [3\(2\)](#))

C41 S. 37(11)(12) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2007/2979, Sch. 1 para. 17B (as inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Pupil Referral Units \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/3158), regs. 1, [3\(2\)](#))

Commencement Information

I80 S. 37 in force at 1.10.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#))

I81 S. 37 in force at 1.4.2006 for W. by [S.I. 2006/879](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)

38 Communication with schools

- (1) In considering whether to issue any guidance or other circular to the governing bodies or head teachers of maintained schools in the exercise of functions relating to education, the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales shall have regard to—
- (a) the desirability of providing information about good educational practice, while recognising the professional expertise of teachers,
 - (b) the benefits that are expected to result from the issue of the guidance or other circular, and
 - (c) the desirability of avoiding—
 - (i) the sending of excessive material to governing bodies or head teachers, and
 - (ii) the imposition of excessive administrative burdens on governing bodies or head teachers.
- (2) In pursuance of the duty in subsection (1) the Secretary of State shall in respect of each academic year—
- (a) prepare a report listing—
 - (i) documents sent by him during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in England or to all head teachers of such schools, and
 - (ii) documents (not falling within sub-paragraph (i)) sent by him during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in England of a particular kind or to all head teachers of such schools of a particular kind, and

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- (b) lay a copy of the report before each House of Parliament, and include within it comparative statistics in respect of each of the two preceding academic years on documents falling within this subsection sent out by him.
- (3) In pursuance of the duty in subsection (1) the National Assembly for Wales shall in respect of each academic year prepare and publish a report listing—
 - (a) documents sent by the Assembly during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in Wales or to all head teachers of such schools, and
 - (b) documents (not falling within paragraph (a)) sent by the Assembly during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in Wales of a particular kind or to all head teachers of such schools of a particular kind.
- (4) The documents referred to in subsections (2) and (3) do not include any document sent by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales—
 - (a) otherwise than in the exercise of functions relating to education, or
 - (b) at the request of the person to whom it is sent.
- (5) Each document issued by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales and falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (3)(a) or (b) shall list within it previous relevant documents issued by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales and shall state clearly those documents which are superseded by the current document.
- (6) Each document issued by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales and falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (3)(a) or (b) shall state clearly the persons for whom any advice and guidance is intended.
- (7) In this section “academic year” means a period beginning with 1st August and ending with the next 31st July.

Commencement Information

- 182** S. 38 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), art. 4(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** (with [Sch. Pt para. 1](#))
- 183** S. 38(1)(2)(4)-(7) in force at 1.10.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 5** (with [Sch. para. 1](#), [Sch. Sch. para. 1A](#)) (which transitional provisions in [Sch. para. 1](#) are revoked (1.4.2004) by [S.I. 2004/571](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#); and in [Sch. para. 1A](#) are inserted (10.9.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2570](#), art. 2(a))

39 Interpretation of Chapter 1

- (1) In this Chapter—
 - “budget share” has the same meaning as in Part 2 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31);
 - “federation” and “federated school” [^{F127}in relation to England] have the meaning given by section 24;
 - “maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a maintained nursery school;
 - “maintained nursery school” means a nursery school which is maintained by a [^{F111}local authority] and is not a special school;
 - “statutory provision” means a provision contained in an Act or in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30).

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(2) In this Chapter—

- (a) references to a school having a delegated budget are references to the governing body of the school being entitled to manage the school's budget share, and
- (b) where a school has a delegated budget the governing body are accordingly said to have a right to a delegated budget.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F127** Words in s. 39(1) inserted (28.4.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), [ss. 19\(6\), 33\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1066](#), [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

- I84** S. 39 partly in force; s. 39 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 39(2) and the definition of "budget share" in s. 39(1) in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#))
- I85** S. 39(1) in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 4](#)
- I86** S. 39(1) in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)
- I87** S. 39(1) in force at 1.9.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2004/1728](#), [art. 5, Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- I88** S. 39(1) in force at 31.10.2005 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2910](#), [art. 4, Sch.](#)
- I89** S. 39(2) in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2910](#), [art. 4, Sch.](#)

40 Amendments of Part 2 of School Standards and Framework Act 1998

Schedule 3 (which contains amendments of Part 2 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 relating to the power conferred by section 27 and to the engagement of staff otherwise than as employees) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I90** S. 40 partly in force; s. 40 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 40 in force for certain purposes for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#)
- I91** S. 40 in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)
- I92** S. 40 in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I93** S. 40 in force at 1.4.2006 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/879](#), [art. 4, Sch.](#)

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CHAPTER 2

FINANCING OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

Determination of budgets

41 Determination of specified budgets of [F11]local authority]

(1) After section 45 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 there is inserted—

“45A Determination of specified budgets of [F11]local authority]

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a [F11]local authority]’s “[F11]local authority] budget” for a financial year is the amount appropriated by the authority for meeting all expenditure by the authority in that year of a class or description prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part, a [F11]local authority]’s “schools budget” for a financial year is the amount appropriated by the authority for meeting all expenditure by the authority in that year of a class or description prescribed for the purposes of this subsection (which may include expenditure incurred otherwise than in respect of schools).
- (3) For the purposes of this Part, a [F11]local authority]’s “individual schools budget” for a financial year is the amount remaining after deducting from the authority’s schools budget for that year such planned expenditure by the authority in respect of that year as they may determine should be so deducted in accordance with regulations.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may—
 - (a) prescribe classes or descriptions of expenditure which are authorised or required to be deducted from an authority’s schools budget;
 - (b) provide, in relation to any prescribed class or description of expenditure specified in the regulations, that such expenditure may only be deducted subject to either or both of the following, namely—
 - (i) such limit or limits (however framed) as may be specified by or determined in accordance with the regulations, and
 - (ii) such other conditions as may be so specified or determined.
- (5) Before the [F128]schools budget deadline] in any financial year, a [F11]local authority] shall—
 - (a) determine the proposed amount of their schools budget for the following financial year, and
 - (b) give notice of their determination to the Secretary of State and to the governing body of every school maintained by the authority.
- [F129](6) For the purposes of this section and section 45B “the schools budget deadline” is—
 - (a) the end of December in the case of an authority in England, and
 - (b) the end of January in the case of an authority in Wales.”]

F130(2)

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- (3) Section 46 of that Act (determination of [F11]local authority]’s local schools budget and individual schools budget) shall cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F128** Words in s. 41 substituted (18.11.2003 for E., 27.11.2003 for W.) by [Local Government Act 2003 \(c. 26\)](#), s. 128(6), [Sch. 7 para. 66\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2003/2938](#), art. 3(a) (with art. 8, Sch.); [S.I. 2003/3034](#), art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. I
- F129** Words in s. 41 inserted (18.11.2003 for E., 27.11.2003 for W.) by [Local Government Act 2003 \(c. 26\)](#), s. 128(6), [Sch. 7 para. 66\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2003/2938](#), art. 3(a) (with art. 8, Sch.); [S.I. 2003/3034](#), art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. I
- F130** S. 41(2) repealed (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), [Sch. 19 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 8; [S.I. 2010/735](#), art. 2(f)

Commencement Information

- I94** S. 41 partly in force; s. 41 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 41(1)(3) in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), Sch.)
- I95** S. 41 in force at 4.12.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

^{F131}42 Power of Secretary of State to set minimum schools budget

Textual Amendments

- F131** S. 42 repealed (1.11.2005 for E., 1.4.2010 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), [Sch. 19 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 8; [S.I. 2010/735](#), art. 2(f)

43 Schools forums

After section 47 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) there is inserted—

“Schools forums

47A Schools forums

- (1) Every [F11]local authority] shall in accordance with regulations establish for their area before such date as may be prescribed a body, to be known as a schools forum, representing the governing bodies and head teachers of schools maintained by the authority and, if the authority so determine, also representing such bodies as the authority may from time to time in accordance with regulations determine.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to the Common Council of the City of London or the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

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- (3) The purpose of a schools forum is to advise the relevant authority on such matters relating to the authority's schools budget as may be prescribed by regulations under section 45A(3) or by regulations under this subsection.
- (4) Regulations under section 45A(3) or under subsection (3) may include provision requiring a relevant authority to have regard to advice given by their schools forum, or requiring a relevant authority to consult their schools forum in relation to prescribed matters or before taking prescribed decisions.
- (5) Regulations may make provision as to the constitution, meetings and proceedings of a schools forum.
- (6) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (5) may include provision enabling the Secretary of State in prescribed circumstances to remove from membership of a schools forum any non-schools member.
- (7) Regulations may make provision with respect to expenses of a schools forum.
- (8) Except as provided by regulations, the expenses of a schools forum shall be defrayed by the relevant authority.
- (9) In this section—
 - “non-schools member”, in relation to a schools forum, means a member other than a schools member;
 - “relevant authority”, in relation to a schools forum, means the [F11]local authority] by whom the forum is established;
 - “schools member”, in relation to a schools forum, means a member elected to represent governing bodies or head teachers of schools maintained by the relevant authority.”

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I96** S. 43 partly in force; s. 43 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 43 in force for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#)
- I97** S. 43 in force at 1.11.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 6](#), [Sch. Pt. III](#)

Accounts and financial statements

44 Accounts of maintained schools

- (1) Regulations may require the governing body of a maintained school—
 - (a) to keep prescribed accounts and prescribed records in relation to the accounts,
 - (b) to prepare prescribed financial statements or reports,
 - (c) to comply with prescribed conditions with respect to audit, and
 - (d) to send copies of the accounts, together with such financial statements or reports as may be prescribed, to the [F11]local authority].
- (2) The regulations may—

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- (a) impose on the governing body requirements relating to—
 - (i) resources held by the governing body, and
 - (ii) other resources whose application is controlled by the governing body, and
 - (b) provide that for the purposes of the regulations any resources which, although not held by the governing body, appear to the [F11]local authority] to be available for the purposes of the school or for the purposes of the maintenance of any part of the school premises are to be taken to fall within paragraph (a) (ii) unless the governing body satisfy the [F11]local authority] that the governing body do not control the application of those resources.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), any powers exercisable by the head teacher are to be taken to be exercisable by the governing body.
- (4) The Secretary of State (in relation to England) or the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales) may require a [F11]local authority] to give him or it copies of accounts or other documents received by the authority from a governing body in accordance with regulations under this section.
- (5) The regulations may prescribe the form or manner in which, the period by reference to which, and the time within which, anything required by the regulations must be done.
- (6) The Secretary of State (in relation to England) or the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales) may—
- (a) publish information provided in accordance with regulations under this section in such form and manner as he or it considers appropriate,
 - (b) make arrangements for such information to be published in such form and manner, and by such persons, as he or it may specify for the purposes of this section, and
 - (c) make regulations requiring [F51]local authorities] to publish prescribed categories of such information, together with such supplementary information as may be prescribed, in such form and manner as may be prescribed.
- (7) In this section “maintained school” has the same meaning as in Chapter 1.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

Commencement Information

- I98** S. 44(1)-(6) in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 4**
- I99** S. 44(7) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

45 Financial statements

- (1) Section 52 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (financial statements by [F11]local authority]) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2), the word “and” at the end of paragraph (b) is omitted and after paragraph (c) there is inserted “and

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- (d) accountable resources held, received or expended in the year by any person in relation to a school maintained by the authority.”

(3) After subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) In subsection (2)(d), “accountable resources”, in relation to a maintained school, means any resources which are not provided by the [F11]local authority] but in respect of which an obligation is imposed on the governing body of the school by virtue of regulations under section 44 of the Education Act 2002 (accounts of maintained schools).”

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

I100 S. 45 in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 4](#)

CHAPTER 3

ADMISSIONS, EXCLUSIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Admission arrangements

46 Admission forums

After section 85 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 there is inserted—

“Admission forums

85A Admission forums

- (1) A [F11]local authority] shall in accordance with regulations establish for their area a body, to be known as an admission forum, for the purpose of—
- (a) advising the authority on such matters connected with the exercise of the authority’s functions under this Chapter as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) advising the admission authorities for maintained schools in the area for which the forum is established on—
 - (i) such matters connected with the determination of admission arrangements, and
 - (ii) such other matters connected with the admission of pupils, as may be prescribed.
- (2) The authority may establish sub-committees of the forum.
- (3) Regulations may make provision—
- (a) as to the constitution, meetings and proceedings of an admission forum and of any such sub-committee,

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- (b) as to the manner in which advice is to be given by a forum, and
- (c) as to the establishment by [^{F51}local authorities] of joint admission forums.

(4) The bodies mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) shall have regard, in carrying out their functions, to any relevant advice given to them by an admission forum under that subsection.

(5) The [^{F11}local authority] shall make arrangements for the forum (and any sub-committee established under subsection (2)) to be provided with accommodation and with such services as the authority consider appropriate.”

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

Commencement Information

- I101** S. 46 in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2**
- I102** S. 46 in force at 1.12.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 4, Sch. Pt. I**

47 Admission numbers

(1) For section 86(5) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (no prejudice for the purposes of subsection (3)(a) to be taken to arise from the admission of a number of pupils not exceeding the relevant standard number or the admission number, whichever is greater) there is substituted—

“(5) No prejudice shall be taken to arise for the purposes of subsection (3)(a) from the admission to a maintained school in a school year of a number of pupils in a relevant age group which does not exceed the number determined under section 89 as the number of pupils in that age group that it is intended to admit to the school in that year; but this subsection does not apply if the conditions set out in subsection (5A) are met in relation to the school and the school year.

(5A) Those conditions are—

- (a) that the school is one at which boarding accommodation is provided for pupils; and
- (b) that the determination under section 89 by the admission authority of the admission arrangements which are to apply for that year includes the determinations mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 89A(2).

(5B) Where the conditions set out in subsection (5A) are met in relation to a maintained school and a school year, no prejudice shall be taken to arise for the purposes of subsection (3)(a) from either of the following—

- (a) the admission to the school in that year as boarders of a number of pupils in a relevant age group which does not exceed the number determined under section 89 as the number of pupils in that age group that it is intended to admit to the school in that year as boarders;

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- (b) the admission to the school in that year otherwise than as boarders of a number of pupils in a relevant age group which does not exceed the number determined under section 89 as the number of pupils in that age group that it is intended to admit to the school in that year otherwise than as boarders.”

(2) After section 89 of that Act there is inserted—

“89A Determination of admission numbers

- (1) A determination under section 89 by the admission authority for a maintained school of the admission arrangements which are to apply for a school year shall include a determination of the number of pupils in each relevant age group that it is intended to admit to the school in that year.
- (2) Such a determination under section 89 may also, if the school is one at which boarding accommodation is provided for pupils, include—
 - (a) a determination of the number of pupils in each relevant age group that it is intended to admit to the school in that year as boarders, and
 - (b) a determination of the number of pupils in each relevant age group that it is intended to admit to the school in that year otherwise than as boarders.
- (3) Regulations may make provision about the making of any determination required by subsection (1), and may in particular require the admission authority for a maintained school to have regard, in making any such determination, to—
 - (a) any prescribed method of calculation, and
 - (b) any other prescribed matter.
- (4) References in this section to the determination of any number include references to the determination of zero as that number.”

Commencement Information

I103 S. 47 partly in force; s. 47 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 47 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) (as amended (4.12.2003) by [S.I. 2003/2992](#), [arts. 1, 3](#))

I104 S. 47 in force at 1.2.2006 for W. by [S.I. 2006/172](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)

48 Co-ordination of admission arrangements

After section 89A of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) there is inserted—

“89B Co-ordination of admission arrangements

- (1) Regulations may require a [^{F11}local authority] —
 - (a) to formulate, for any academic year in relation to which prescribed conditions are satisfied, a qualifying scheme for co-ordinating the arrangements for the admission of pupils to maintained schools in their area, and

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- (b) to take prescribed action with a view to securing the adoption of the scheme by themselves and each governing body who are the admission authority for a maintained school in their area.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the Secretary of State may make, in relation to the area of a [F11]local authority] and an academic year, a scheme for co-ordinating the arrangements, or assisting in the co-ordination of the arrangements, for the admission of pupils to maintained schools in that area.
- (3) A scheme may not be made under subsection (2) in relation to a [F11]local authority] and an academic year if, before the prescribed date in the year preceding the year in which that academic year commences—
 - (a) a scheme formulated by the [F11]local authority] in accordance with subsection (1) is adopted in the prescribed manner by the persons mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection, and
 - (b) the authority provide the Secretary of State with a copy of the scheme and inform him that the scheme has been so adopted.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations require [F51]local authorities] to provide other [F51]local authorities] with such information as may be required by them in connection with the exercise of any of their functions under this Chapter.
- (5) Regulations may provide—
 - (a) that each [F11]local authority] shall secure that, subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed, no decision made by any admission authority for a maintained school in their area to offer or refuse a child admission to the school shall be communicated to the parent of the child except on a single day, designated by the [F11]local authority], in each year, or
 - (b) that, subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed, a decision made by the admission authority for a maintained school to offer or refuse a child admission to the school shall not be communicated to the parent of the child except on a prescribed day.
- (6) In this section—
 - “academic year” means a period commencing with 1st August and ending with the next 31st July;
 - “qualifying scheme” means a scheme that meets prescribed requirements.

89C Further provision about schemes adopted or made by virtue of section 89B

- (1) Regulations may make provision about the contents of schemes under section 89B(2), including provision about the duties that may be imposed by such schemes on—
 - (a) [F51]local authorities], and
 - (b) the admission authorities for maintained schools.
- (2) Regulations may provide that where a [F11]local authority] or the governing body of a maintained school have, in such manner as may be prescribed, adopted a scheme formulated by a [F11]local authority] for the purpose mentioned in

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section 89B(1)(a), sections 496 and 497 of the Education Act 1996 shall apply as if any obligations imposed on the [F11local authority] or governing body under the scheme were duties imposed on them by that Act.

- (3) Regulations may provide that where any decision as to whether a child is to be granted or refused admission to a maintained school falls to be made in prescribed circumstances, the decision shall, if a scheme adopted or made by virtue of this section so provides, be made by the [F11local authority] regardless of whether they are the admission authority for the school.
- (4) Before proposing a scheme for adoption under section 89B(1) a [F11local authority] shall comply with such requirements as to consultation as may be prescribed.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may in particular require consultations to be undertaken with a view to securing that the arrangements for the admission of pupils to maintained schools in the areas of different [F51local authorities] are, so far as is reasonably practicable, compatible with each other.
- (6) Before making a scheme under section 89B(2) in relation to the area of any [F11local authority], the Secretary of State shall consult—
 - (a) the [F11local authority], and
 - (b) any governing body who are the admission authority for a school which appears to the Secretary of State to be a school to which the scheme will apply.
- (7) A scheme made under section 89B(2) may be varied or revoked by the Secretary of State.”

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11\(3\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I105** S. 48 partly in force; s. 48 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 48 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#))
- I106** S. 48 in force at 1.2.2006 for W. by [S.I. 2006/172, art. 4, Sch.](#)

49 Repeal of power to make certain special arrangements for preserving religious character

Section 91 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (special arrangements to preserve religious character of foundation or voluntary aided school) shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

- I107** S. 49 wholly in force at 19.12.2002; s. 49 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 49 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#)) and

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in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 7](#))

50 Admission appeals

In section 94 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (appeal arrangements: general) for subsection (5) there is substituted—

“(5) An appeal pursuant to any arrangements made under this section shall be to an appeal panel constituted in accordance with regulations.

(5A) Regulations may make provision about the making of appeals pursuant to such arrangements, including provision—

- (a) as to the procedure on such appeals,
- (b) for the payment by the [^{F11}local authority] of allowances to members of an appeal panel, and
- (c) as to the grounds on which an appeal panel may, in the case of an appeal to which subsection (5B) applies, determine that a place is to be offered to the child concerned.

(5B) This subsection applies to any appeal against a decision made on the ground that prejudice of the kind referred to in section 86(3)(a) would arise as mentioned in subsection (4) of that section.

(5C) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (5A)(b) may provide for any of the provisions of sections 173 to 174 of the Local Government Act 1972 (allowances to members of local authorities and other bodies) to apply with prescribed modifications in relation to members of an appeal panel.”

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I108 S. 50 partly in force; s. 50 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 50 in force for E. at 20.1.2003 by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2** (with savings and transitional provisions in [Sch. para. 3](#))

I109 S. 50 in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2** (with [Sch. para. 3](#))

I110 S. 50 in force at 31.5.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/1395](#), **art. 4, Sch.** (with [art. 5\(3\)](#))

51 Further amendments relating to admission arrangements

Schedule 4 (which contains further amendments relating to admission arrangements) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

I111 S. 51 partly in force; s. 51 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 51 in force for certain purposes for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with [Sch.](#))

I112 S. 51 in force at 20.1.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2**

I113 S. 51 in force at 9.1.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 7, Sch. Pt. IV**

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- I114** S. 51 in force at 31.3.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2004/912, art. 4, Sch. Pt. 1](#)
I115 S. 51 in force at 31.5.2005 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2005/1395, art. 4, Sch.](#)
I116 S. 51 in force at 1.2.2006 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/172, art. 4, Sch.](#)

Exclusion of pupils

[^{F132}51A Exclusion of pupils: England

- (1) The head teacher of a maintained school in England may exclude a pupil from the school for a fixed period or permanently.
- (2) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit in England may exclude a pupil from the unit for a fixed period or permanently.
- (3) Regulations must make provision—
 - (a) requiring prescribed persons to be given prescribed information relating to any exclusion under subsection (1) or (2);
 - (b) requiring the responsible body, in prescribed cases, to consider whether the pupil should be reinstated;
 - (c) requiring the local authority to make arrangements enabling a prescribed person to apply to a review panel for a review, in any prescribed case, of a decision of the responsible body not to reinstate a pupil;
 - (d) about the constitution of a review panel;
 - (e) about the procedure to be followed on a review under paragraph (c).
- (4) On an application by virtue of subsection (3)(c), the review panel may—
 - (a) uphold the decision of the responsible body,
 - (b) recommend that the responsible body reconsiders the matter, or
 - (c) if it considers that the decision of the responsible body was flawed when considered in the light of the principles applicable on an application for judicial review, quash the decision of the responsible body and direct the responsible body to reconsider the matter.
- (5) Regulations may provide for the panel to have supplementary powers, and in particular may provide that the panel has the power to make a direction about the effect on an excluded pupil of a recommendation under subsection (4)(b) or a direction under subsection (4)(c).
- (6) In a case where the panel gives a direction under subsection (4)(c) to the governing body of a maintained school, the panel may, in prescribed circumstances, order an adjustment of the school's budget share for a funding period.
- (7) Regulations must make provision about—
 - (a) how the amount of the adjustment is to be determined;
 - (b) the effect of the adjustment on the budget shares of other maintained schools for the funding period.
- (8) Regulations under this section may also make provision—
 - (a) for the payment by the local authority of allowances to members of the review panel;

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- (b) requiring a person or body exercising functions under subsection (1) or (2) or under the regulations to have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State;
 - (c) requiring local authorities to give prescribed information to the Secretary of State;
 - (d) in relation to any other matter relating to the exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (2).
- (9) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (8)(a) may provide for any of the provisions of sections 173 to 174 of the Local Government Act 1972 (allowances to members of local authorities and other bodies) to apply with prescribed modifications in relation to members of a review panel.
- (10) In this section—
- “budget share” and “funding period” have the same meaning as in Part 2 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
 - “exclude”, in relation to the exclusion of a pupil from a school or pupil referral unit, means exclude on disciplinary grounds (and “exclusion” is to be construed accordingly);
 - “maintained school” has the same meaning as in Chapter 1;
 - “the responsible body” means—
 - (a) in relation to exclusion from a maintained school, the governing body of the school;
 - (b) in relation to exclusion from a pupil referral unit, such person as may be prescribed.
- (11) In relation to any time when no responsible body is prescribed in relation to permanent exclusion from a pupil referral unit, subsection (3) has effect in relation to such an exclusion as if—
- (a) paragraph (b) were omitted, and
 - (b) the decision referred to in paragraph (c) were the decision of the teacher in charge of the unit permanently to exclude the pupil.
- (12) Regulations may make provision for this section and regulations made under it to apply, with prescribed modifications, in relation to Academies or a description of Academy.]

Textual Amendments

F132 S. 51A inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 4(2), 82(3)**; [S.I. 2012/1087](#), **art. 3** (with **art. 4**)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C42 S. 51A applied (with modifications) (1.9.2012) by [The School Discipline \(Pupil Exclusions and Reviews\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1033\)](#), **regs. 1(1), 21** (with **reg. 1(2)**)

52 Exclusion of pupils^[F133]: Wales]

- (1) The head teacher of a maintained school [^{F134}in Wales] may exclude a pupil from the school for a fixed period or permanently.

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- (2) The teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit [^{F135}in Wales] may exclude a pupil from the unit for a fixed period or permanently.
- (3) Regulations shall make provision—
- (a) requiring prescribed persons to be given prescribed information relating to any exclusion under subsection (1) or (2),
 - (b) requiring the responsible body, in prescribed cases, to consider whether the pupil should be reinstated,
 - (c) requiring the [^{F11}local authority] to make arrangements for enabling a prescribed person to appeal, in any prescribed case, to a panel constituted in accordance with the regulations against any decision of the responsible body not to reinstate a pupil, and
 - (d) as to the procedure on appeals.
- (4) Regulations under this section may also make provision—
- (a) for the payment by the [^{F11}local authority] of allowances to members of a panel constituted in accordance with the regulations,
 - (b) requiring a person or body exercising functions under subsection (1) or (2) or under the regulations to have regard to any guidance given from time to time ^{F136}... by the National Assembly for Wales,
 - (c) requiring [^{F51}local authorities] to give prescribed information to ^{F137}... the Assembly, ^{F137}... and
 - (d) in relation to any other matter relating to the exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (2).
- (5) In subsection (3), “the responsible body” means—
- (a) in relation to exclusion from a maintained school, the governing body of the school, and
 - (b) in relation to exclusion from a pupil referral unit, such person as may be prescribed;
- and, in relation to any time when no responsible body is prescribed in relation to permanent exclusion from a pupil referral unit, subsection (3) shall have effect in relation to such an exclusion with the omission of paragraph (b) and as if the decision referred to in paragraph (c) were the decision of the teacher in charge of the unit permanently to exclude the pupil.
- (6) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (4)(a) may provide for any of the provisions of sections 173 to 174 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) [^{F138}or (in relation to Wales) Part 8 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011] (allowances to members of local authorities and other bodies) to apply with prescribed modifications in relation to members of a panel constituted in accordance with regulations under this section.
- (7) Regulations shall make provision enabling a prescribed person, in any prescribed case, to appeal to a panel constituted in accordance with the regulations against any decision made after 31st August 1994 under paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1996 (c. 56), or any enactment repealed by that Act, in relation to the permanent exclusion of a pupil from a pupil referral unit; and the provision that may be made by regulations made by virtue of this subsection in relation to any such decision includes any provision that could after the commencement of subsections (2) to (4) be made in relation to a decision falling within subsection (3)(c).

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- (8) Regulations under this section which—
- (a) relate to exclusions from pupil referral units (whether before or after the passing of this Act), and
 - (b) are made before the repeal by this Act of the existing enactments is fully in force,
- may provide for any provision made by or under the existing enactments to have effect in relation to exclusions from pupil referral units with such modifications as may be prescribed.
- (9) In subsection (8) “the existing enactments” means sections 64(2) and (3) and 65 to 67 of, and Schedule 18 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).
- (10) In this section “exclude”, in relation to the exclusion of a child from a school or pupil referral unit, means exclude on disciplinary grounds (and “exclusion” shall be construed accordingly).
- (11) In this section “maintained school” has the same meaning as in Chapter 1.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- F133** Word in s. 52 heading and colon inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#), 82(3); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- F134** Words in s. 52(1) inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 4\(3\)\(a\)](#), 82(3); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- F135** Words in s. 52(2) inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#), 82(3); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- F136** Words in s. 52(4)(b) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 4\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#), 82(3); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- F137** Words in s. 52(4)(c) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 4\(3\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#), 82(3); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))
- F138** Words in s. 52(6) inserted (30.4.2012) by [Local Government \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 4\)](#), s. 178(3), [Sch. 3 para. 6](#); [S.I. 2012/1187](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(q\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C43** S. 52 modified (E.) (temp. from 20.1.2003) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Modification of Provisions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2953\)](#), [reg. 5](#)
- C44** S. 52 modified (19.11.2003) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2959\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [6](#)
- C45** S. 52 modified (W.) (1.9.2013) by [The Operation of the Local Curriculum \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1793\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [8\(b\)](#)
- C46** S. 52(2) restricted (9.1.2004) by [The Education \(Pupil Exclusions and Appeals\) \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3246\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [4](#)
- C47** S. 52(5)(a) modified (31.3.2004) by [The Blackburn with Darwen \(Maintained Nursery School Governance\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/657\)](#), [arts. 1\(1\)](#), [3\(h\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I117** S. 52(7)-(10) in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216(1)
- I118** S. 52(1)-(6) in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), [art. 2](#) (with [Sch. para. 4](#))

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- I119** S. 52(1)-(6) in force at 9.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), art. 7, **Sch. Pt. IV**
- I120** S. 52(11) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**
- I121** S. 52(11) in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2910](#), art. 4, **Sch.**

Attendance targets

53 Attendance targets

- (1) Section 63 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (power to make regulations for targets relating to unauthorised absences) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsections (1) and (3), the word “unauthorised” is omitted.
- (3) After subsection (3) there is inserted—
 - “(3A) Provision made by regulations under this section may relate to—
 - (a) absences which are authorised pursuant to regulations under section 434 of the Education Act 1996, or
 - (b) absences which are not so authorised, or
 - (c) both.”
- (4) In subsection (4), the definition of “unauthorised absence” is omitted.

Commencement Information

- I122** S. 53 in force at 1.6.2004 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/1318](#), **art. 2**
- I123** S. 53 in force at 31.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2910](#), art. 4, **Sch.**

PART 4

POWERS OF INTERVENTION

Schools causing concern

^{F139}**54 Duty to notify where inspection shows school causing concern**

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Textual Amendments

- F139** S. 54 repealed (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 19 Pt. 1**; [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 4; [S.I. 2006/1338](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1** (with **Sch. 4 para. 6**)

^{F140}**55 Cases in which powers of intervention exercisable**

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Textual Amendments

F140 Ss. 55-59 omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 1), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

I124 S. 55 wholly in force at 19.12.2002; s. 55 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 55 in force for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#) and in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

^{F140}56 Power of Secretary of State to appoint additional governors or direct closure

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Textual Amendments

F140 Ss. 55-59 omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 1), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

I125 S. 56 wholly in force at 19.12.2002; s. 56 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 56 in force for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#) and in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

^{F140}57 Power of [^{F11} local authority] to provide for governing body to consist of interim executive members

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Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/1158), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

F140 Ss. 55-59 omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 1), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

I126 S. 57 in force at 2.9.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#)

I127 S. 57 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

^{F140}58 Power of Secretary of State to provide for governing body to consist of interim executive members

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Textual Amendments

F140 Ss. 55-59 omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 1), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(6\)](#); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

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I128 S. 58 in force at 2.9.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#)

I129 S. 58 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

^{F140}59 Governing bodies consisting of interim executive members

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Textual Amendments

F140 Ss. 55-59 omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 1), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(6\)](#); [S.I. 2014/178](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))

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I130 S. 59 in force at 2.9.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#)

I131 S. 59 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

[^{F51}Local authorities]

60 Powers of Secretary of State to secure proper performance of [^{F11}local authority]'s functions

(1) Section 497A of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (power to secure proper performance of functions of [^{F11}local authority]) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1) there is substituted—

“(1) This section applies to a [^{F11}local authority]’s functions under this Act and to other functions (of whatever nature) which are conferred on them in their capacity as a [^{F11}local authority].”

(3) In subsection (2), for “(3) or (4)” there is substituted “(4), (4A) or (4B)”.

(4) After subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) The Secretary of State may also exercise his powers under subsection (4), (4A) or (4B) where—

(a) he has given a previous direction under subsection (4), (4A) or (4B) in relation to a [^{F11}local authority] in respect of any function to which this section applies, and

(b) he is satisfied that it is likely that if no further direction were given under subsection (4), (4A) or (4B) on the expiry or revocation of the previous direction the authority would fail in any respect to perform that function to an adequate standard (or at all).”

(5) Subsection (3) is omitted.

(6) For subsection (4) there is substituted—

“(4) The Secretary of State may under this subsection give the authority or an officer of the authority such directions as the Secretary of State thinks expedient for the purpose of securing that the function is performed on behalf

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of the authority by such person as is specified in the direction; and such directions may require that any contract or other arrangement made by the authority with that person contains such terms and conditions as may be so specified.”

(7) After subsection (4) there is inserted—

“(4A) The Secretary of State may under this subsection direct that the function shall be exercised by the Secretary of State or a person nominated by him and that the authority shall comply with any instructions of the Secretary of State or his nominee in relation to the exercise of the function.

(4B) The Secretary of State may under this subsection (whether or not he exercises the power conferred by subsection (4) or (4A) in relation to any function) give the authority or an officer of the authority such other directions as the Secretary of State thinks expedient for the purpose of securing that the function is performed to an adequate standard.”

(8) For subsection (5) there is substituted—

“(5) Where the Secretary of State considers it expedient that—

- (a) in the case of directions given under subsection (4), the person specified in the directions, or
- (b) in the case of directions given under subsection (4A), the Secretary of State or a person nominated by him,

should perform other functions to which this section applies in addition to the function to which subsection (2) or (2A) applies, the directions under subsection (4) or (4A) may relate to the performance of those other functions as well; and in considering whether it is expedient that that person should perform any such additional functions, the Secretary of State may have regard to financial considerations.”

(9) In subsection (6), for paragraph (b) there is substituted—

“(b) have effect for a period specified in the direction unless revoked earlier by the Secretary of State.”

(10) In subsection (7), for “(3) or (4)” there is substituted “ (4), (4A) or (4B) ”.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

I132 S. 60 partly in force; s. 60 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 60 in force for E. at 26.7.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 3](#)

I133 S. 60 in force at 1.8.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

61 Power to secure proper performance: duty of authority where directions contemplated

After section 497A of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) there is inserted—

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“497AA Power to secure proper performance: duty of authority where directions contemplated

Where, in relation to any function to which section 497A applies, the Secretary of State—

- (a) is satisfied as mentioned in subsection (2) or (2A)(b) of that section, and
- (b) has notified the [^{F11}local authority] that he is so satisfied and that he is contemplating the giving of directions under subsection (4) or (4A) of that section,

the authority shall give the Secretary of State, and any person authorised by him for the purposes of this section, all such assistance, in connection with the proposed exercise of the function by the Secretary of State or another person in pursuance of directions, as they are reasonably able to give.”

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C48 S. 61 modified (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 18\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

I134 S. 61 in force at 26.7.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 3](#)

I135 S. 61 in force at 1.8.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

62 Power to secure proper performance: further provisions

- (1) Section 497B of the Education Act 1996 is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), for the words from “section 497A(4)” to “those directions” there is substituted “ section 497A(4) or (4A) to a [^{F11}local authority] or to an officer of such an authority, the specified person ”.
- (3) After that subsection there is inserted—
 - “(1A) In this section “the specified person” means—
 - (a) in relation to directions under section 497A(4), the person specified in the directions, and
 - (b) in relation to directions under section 497A(4A), the Secretary of State or the person nominated by him.”

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C49 S. 62 modified (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 18(2)**

Commencement Information

I136 S. 62 in force at 1.10.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#))

I137 S. 62 in force at 1.8.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), **art. 4, Sch. Pt. I**

[^{F141}62A Power to require [^{F11}local authority] in England to obtain advisory services

(1) This section applies where—

- (a) one or more schools maintained by a [^{F11}local authority] in England are for the purposes of Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (schools causing concern: England) eligible for intervention by virtue of either of the following provisions of that Act—
 - (i) section 61 (school requiring significant improvement), or
 - (ii) section 62 (school requiring special measures), and
- (b) it appears to the Secretary of State that the [^{F11}local authority] —
 - (i) have not been effective or are unlikely to be effective in eliminating deficiencies in the conduct of that school or those schools,
 - (ii) are unlikely to be effective in eliminating deficiencies in the conduct of other schools which may in the future fall within paragraph (a), or
 - (iii) maintain a disproportionate number of schools falling within that paragraph.

[This section also applies where it appears to the Secretary of State that—

- ^{F142}(1A) (a) a [^{F11}local authority] in England maintain a disproportionate number of low-performing schools, and
- (b) the authority—
 - (i) have not been effective or are unlikely to be effective in securing an improvement in the standards of performance of pupils at those schools, or
 - (ii) are unlikely to be effective in securing an improvement in the standards of performance of pupils at other schools which may in the future be low-performing schools.

(1B) In subsection (1A) “low-performing school” means a school at which the standards of performance of pupils are unacceptably low.

(1C) For the purposes of subsection (1B) the standards of performance of pupils at a school are low if they are low by reference to any one or more of the following—

- (a) the standards that the pupils might in all the circumstances reasonably be expected to attain;
- (b) where relevant, the standards previously attained by them;
- (c) the standards attained by pupils at comparable schools.]

(2) The Secretary of State may direct the [^{F11}local authority] to enter into a contract or other arrangement with a person specified in the direction, or a person falling within

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a class so specified, for the provision to the authority or the governing body of any school maintained by them (or both) of specified services of an advisory nature.

(3) The direction may require the contract or other arrangement to contain specified terms and conditions.

(4) In this section

[^{F143} “pupil” has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1996 (see sections 3 and 19(5) of that Act);]

“school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a maintained nursery school.

(5) Any direction given under this section shall be enforceable, on an application made on behalf of the Secretary of State, by a mandatory order.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F141** S. 62A inserted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 20**; [S.I. 2007/935](#), art. 5(cc)
- F142** S. 62A(1A)-(1C) inserted (12.1.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 204(2)**, 269(4); [S.I. 2009/3317](#), art. 2, Sch.
- F143** Words in s. 62A(4) inserted (12.1.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 204(3)**, 269(4); [S.I. 2009/3317](#), art. 2, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C50** S. 62A applied (with modifications) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 18(1)**

^{F145}**63** Power to require [^{F11}local authority][^{F144}in Wales] to obtain advisory services

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Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F144** Words in s. 63 heading inserted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 21(5)**; [S.I. 2007/935](#), art. 5(cc)
- F145** S. 63 omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(6)**; [S.I. 2014/178](#), art. 2(f) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I138** S. 63 partly in force; s. 63 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 63 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#))
- I139** S. 63 in force at 1.8.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I**

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64 Provisions supplementary to ^{F146}sections 62A and 63]

- (1) Where ^{F147}section 62A ^{F148}...] applies in relation to a [^{F11}local authority] and the Secretary of State ^{F149}... has notified the authority that he ^{F150}...is contemplating the giving of a direction under that section, the authority shall give the Secretary of State ^{F151}..., and any person authorised by the Secretary of State ^{F151}... for the purposes of this subsection, such assistance, in connection with the proposed contract or other arrangement, as the authority are reasonably able to give.
- (2) Where a direction under [^{F152}section 62A ^{F153}...] is given to a [^{F11}local authority], the relevant person shall be entitled, for the purposes of providing the advisory services, to exercise the powers conferred by subsections (3) to (6).
- (3) The relevant person shall have at all reasonable times—
 - (a) a right of entry to the premises of the authority, and
 - (b) a right to inspect, and take copies of, any records or other documents kept by the authority, and any other documents containing information relating to the authority, which he considers relevant to the provision of the advisory services.
- (4) Section 497B(3) of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (right of access to computers etc) applies in relation to the exercise by the relevant person of the right conferred by subsection (3) as it applies to the exercise by the specified person (within the meaning of that section) of the right conferred by section 497B(2) of that Act.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsection (3), the authority shall give the relevant person all assistance in connection with the provision of the advisory services which they are reasonably able to give.
- (6) Subsection (3) applies in relation to any school maintained by the authority as it applies in relation to the authority; and without prejudice to that subsection (as it so applies)—
 - (a) the governing body of any such school shall give the relevant person all assistance in connection with the provision of the advisory services which they are reasonably able to give, and
 - (b) the governing body of any such school and the authority shall secure that all such assistance is also given by persons who work at the school.
- (7) In this section—

“the advisory services” means the services to be provided in pursuance of the direction under [^{F154}section 62A ^{F155}...];

“documents” and “records” each include information recorded in any form;

“the relevant person” means—

 - (a) the person specified under [^{F156}section 62A(2) ^{F155}...], or
 - (b) where the direction specifies a class of persons, the person with whom the [^{F11}local authority] enter into the contract or other arrangement required by the direction,

and includes any person assisting that person in the provision of the advisory services.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

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- F146** Words in s. 64 heading substituted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 22(4)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(cc)
- F147** Words in s. 64(1) substituted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 22(2)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(cc)
- F148** Words in s. 64(1) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(7)(a)(i)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F149** Words in s. 64(1) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(7)(a)(ii)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F150** Words in s. 64(1) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(7)(a)(iii)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F151** Words in s. 64(1) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(7)(a)(iv)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F152** Words in s. 64(2) substituted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 22(2)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(cc)
- F153** Words in s. 64(2) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(7)(b)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F154** Words in s. 64(7) substituted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 22(3)(a)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(cc)
- F155** Words in s. 64(7) omitted (20.2.2014) by virtue of School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 6(7)(c)**; S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3)
- F156** Words in s. 64(7) substituted (1.4.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 7 para. 22(3)(b)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(cc)

Commencement Information

- I140** S. 64 partly in force; s. 64 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 64 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by S.I. 2002/2439, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 4, Sch.)
- I141** S. 64 in force at 1.8.2003 for W. by S.I. 2003/1718, art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I**

PART 5

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Academies and city colleges

65 Academies

F157(1)

F158(2)

- (3) Schedule 7 (which inserts a new Schedule into the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) to make provision about land in relation to Academies, and makes other supplementary provision about Academies) shall have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F157** S. 65(1) omitted (1.2.2012) by virtue of Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 14 para. 19**; S.I. 2012/84, art. 3 (with art. 5)
- F158** S. 65(2) omitted (29.7.2010) by virtue of Academies Act 2010 (c. 32), s. 19(2), **Sch. 2 para. 12**; S.I. 2010/1937, art. 2, **Sch. 1**

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F159 66 Arrangements for admission of pupils to Academies

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Textual Amendments

F159 S. 66 repealed (1.2.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 10 para. 2](#); S.I. 2012/84, art. 3

F160 67 Conversion of city academies into Academies

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Textual Amendments

F160 S. 67 repealed (29.7.2010) by [Academies Act 2010 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 19(2), [Sch. 2 para. 13](#); S.I. 2010/1937, art. 2, Sch. 1

F161 68 City colleges

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Textual Amendments

F161 S. 68 repealed (29.7.2010) by [Academies Act 2010 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 19(2), [Sch. 2 para. 14](#); S.I. 2010/1937, art. 2, Sch. 1

69 Uniform statutory trusts

In section 557 of the Education Act 1996 (uniform statutory trusts), in the definition of “relevant school” in subsection (10), after “means a relevant school” there is inserted “, Academy, city technology college or city college for the technology of the arts, ”.

Proposals to establish, alter or discontinue schools

F162 70 Proposals for additional secondary schools

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Textual Amendments

F162 S. 70 repealed (1.9.2006) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), ss. 66(14), 125(4), [Sch. 19 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2006/2129, art. 4 (with art. 6)

F163 71 Duty of [^{F51}local authorities] to secure proposals

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Textual Amendments

- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F163** S. 71 repealed (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 19 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/2129, art. 4

^{F164}72 Proposals relating to sixth forms

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Textual Amendments

- F164** S. 72 omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 21(3)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)

^{F165}73 Proposals by governing bodies of community schools

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Textual Amendments

- F165** S. 73 repealed (25.5.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 18 Pt. 3**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 7(q)

Commencement Information

- I142** S. 73 in force at 1.6.2003 by S.I. 2003/1115, **art. 2**

^{F166}74 Proposals for establishment of federated school

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Textual Amendments

- F166** S. 74 repealed (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 19 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/2129, art. 4

75 Changes to existing procedures

Schedule 10 (which makes amendments to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the Learning and Skills Act 2000 in respect of the procedures for the establishment, alteration and discontinuance of certain maintained schools) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I143** S. 75 in force at 19.12.2002 for certain purposes for W. by S.I. 2002/3185, art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I**
- I144** S. 75 in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/124, **art. 4**
- I145** S. 75 in force at 1.6.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1115, **art. 3**

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I146 S. 75 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. so far as not already in force by S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1

PART 6

THE CURRICULUM IN ENGLAND

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C51** Pt. 6: power to amend conferred (1.4.2018) by Children and Social Work Act 2017 (c. 16), ss. 35(4)(d), 70(2); S.I. 2018/346, reg. 4(f)
- C52** Pt. 6: power to amend conferred (1.4.2018) by Children and Social Work Act 2017 (c. 16), ss. 34(6)(d), 70(2); S.I. 2018/346, reg. 4(e)
- C53** Pt. 6 modified (E.) (temp. from 1.10.2002) by The Education Act 2002 (Modification of Provisions) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2316), reg. 4

Preliminary

76 Interpretation of Part 6

[^{F167}(1)] In this Part—

“assess” includes ^{F168}... test, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

[^{F169}“assessment arrangements”, in relation to a key stage, means the arrangements for assessing pupils in respect of that stage [^{F170}for the specified purposes];]

“attainment targets”, in relation to a key stage, means the knowledge, skills and understanding which pupils of different abilities and maturities are expected to have by the end of that stage;

^{F171}...

“the foundation stage” has the meaning given by section 81;

“key stage”, or references to a particular key stage, shall be construed in accordance with section 82;

“maintained school” means—

- (a) any community, foundation or voluntary school maintained by a [^{F111}local authority] in England, or
- (b) except where otherwise stated, any community or foundation special school which is maintained by a [^{F111}local authority] in England and is not established in a hospital;

“maintained nursery school” means a nursery school which is maintained by a [^{F111}local authority] in England and is not a special school;

“programmes of study”, in relation to a key stage, means matters, skills and processes which are required to be taught to pupils of different abilities and maturities by the end of that stage;

^{F171}...

“school year”, in relation to a school, means the period beginning with the first school term to begin after July and ending with the beginning of the first school term to begin after the following July; ^{F172}...

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- [^{F173}(2) In subsection (1) “the specified purposes”, in relation to assessment arrangements for a key stage, means—
- (a) the purpose of ascertaining what pupils have achieved in relation to the attainment targets for that stage, and
 - (b) such other purposes as the Secretary of State may by order specify.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F167** S. 76(1): s. 76 renumbered as s. 76(1) (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(2)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F168** Words in s. 76(1) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(3)**, **Sch. 16 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F169** Words in s. 76 substituted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(2)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F170** Words in s. 76(1) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(4)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F171** Words in s. 76 repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(3)**, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F172** Words in s. 76 repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(4)**, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F173** S. 76(2) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(5)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1

^{F174}77 Meaning of “nursery education” and related expressions

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Textual Amendments

- F174** S. 77 repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 4, Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

General duties in respect of the curriculum

78 General requirements in relation to curriculum

- (1) The curriculum for a maintained school or maintained nursery school satisfies the requirements of this section if it is a balanced and broadly based curriculum which—
- (a) promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and
 - (b) prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

^{F175}(2)

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F175 S. 78(2) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 5, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

Commencement Information

I147 S. 78 wholly in force at 1.10.2002; s. 78 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 78 in force for certain purposes at 26.7.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), art. 2 and at 1.10.2002 insofar as not already in force by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in Sch.)

79 Duty to implement general requirements

- [^{F176}(1) The Secretary of State shall exercise his functions with a view to securing that the curriculum for every maintained school or maintained nursery school satisfies the requirements of section 78.
- (2) Every [^{F11}local authority] in England shall exercise their functions with a view to securing that the curriculum for every maintained school or maintained nursery school which they maintain satisfies the requirements of section 78.]
- (3) The governing body and head teacher of every maintained school or maintained nursery school shall exercise their functions with a view to securing that the curriculum for the school satisfies the requirements of section 78.
- (4) The functions referred to in subsections (1) to (3) include in particular—
- (a) functions conferred by this Part in relation to the National Curriculum for England, and
 - (b) except in relation to maintained nursery schools ^{F177}..., functions relating to religious education and religious worship.
- ^{F178}(5)
- [^{F179}(6) In exercising any function which may affect the provision of sex education in maintained schools (whether or not as part of the education required to be provided under section 80(1)(d)), every local authority in England must have regard to relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 80A of this Act or section 403(1A) of the Education Act 1996.]
- (7) Except to the extent provided in subsection (6), nothing in this section shall be taken to impose duties on a [^{F11}local authority] with regard to sex education.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F176** S. 79(1)(2) substituted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 6(2)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F177** Words in s. 79(4)(b) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 6(3), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F178** S. 79(5) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 6(4), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

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F179 S. 79(6) substituted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 6**

80 Basic curriculum for every maintained school in England

(1) The curriculum for every maintained school in England shall comprise a basic curriculum which includes—

- (a) provision for religious education for all registered pupils at the school (in accordance with such of the provisions of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) as apply in relation to the school),
- (b) a curriculum for all registered pupils at the school ^{F180}who have ceased to be young children for the purposes of Part 1 of the Childcare Act 2006] but are not over compulsory school age (known as “the National Curriculum for England”),

^{F181}(c) provision for relationships education for all registered pupils at the school who are provided with primary education,

(d) provision for relationships and sex education for all registered pupils at the school who are provided with secondary education, and

(e) provision for health education for all registered pupils at the school.]

(2) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply—

(a) in relation to ^{F182}pupils who are under compulsory school age] , or

(b) in the case of a maintained special school (provision as to religious education in special schools being made by regulations under section 71(7) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998).

^{F183}(2A) Subsection (1)(c) and (e) do not apply in relation to pupils who are under compulsory school age.]

(3) The Secretary of State may by order—

(a) amend subsection (1) so as to add further requirements (otherwise than in relation to religious education ^{F184}relationships education, relationships and sex education or health education]),

(b) amend subsection (1)(b) by substituting for the reference to compulsory school age (or to any age specified there by virtue of this paragraph) a reference to such other age as may be specified in the order, and

(c) amend any provision included in subsection (1) by virtue of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

Textual Amendments

F180 Words in s. 80(1)(b) substituted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 7(2)**; [S.I. 2008/2261](#), art. 2 (with [Sch. 1](#))

F181 S. 80(1)(c)-(e) substituted for s. 80(1)(c)(d) (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 7(2)**

F182 Words in s. 80(2)(a) substituted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 7(3)**; [S.I. 2008/2261](#), art. 2 (with [Sch. 1](#))

F183 S. 80(2A) inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 7(3)**

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F184 Words in s. 80(3)(a) substituted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 7(4)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C54 S. 80 applied (in part) (1.2.2008) by [The Education \(Pupil Referral Units\) \(Application of Enactments\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2979\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 19** (as amended (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 9**)

[^{F185}80A Guidance about relationships, sex and health education

- (1) The Secretary of State must give guidance about the provision of education under section 80(1)(c), (d) and (e).
- (2) In relation to education provided under section 80(1)(c) and (d), the guidance must be given with a view to ensuring that—
 - (a) the pupils learn about—
 - (i) the nature of marriage and civil partnership and their importance for family life and the bringing up of children,
 - (ii) safety in forming and maintaining relationships,
 - (iii) the characteristics of healthy relationships, and
 - (iv) how relationships may affect physical and mental health and wellbeing, and
 - (b) the education is appropriate having regard to the age and the religious background of the pupils.
- (3) The governing body of a maintained school must have regard to guidance under this section.
- (4) The Secretary of State must review guidance under this section from time to time.
- (5) In this section “maintained school” includes a community or foundation special school established in a hospital.]

Textual Amendments

F185 Ss. 80A, 80B inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 8**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C55 Ss. 80A, 80B applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2007/2979, **Sch. 1 para. 19** (as substituted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 9**)

[^{F185}80B Relationships education and relationships and sex education: statements of policy

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school must—

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- (a) make, and keep up to date, a separate written statement of their policy with regard to the provision of education under each of paragraphs (1)(c) and (d) of section 80, and
 - (b) publish a copy of the statement on a website and provide a copy free of charge to anyone who asks for one.
- (2) A statement under subsection (1) must include a statement of the effect of section 405(3) of the Education Act 1996 (exemption from sex education: England).
- (3) The governing body must consult parents of registered pupils at the school before making or revising a statement under subsection (1).
- (4) In this section “maintained school” includes a community or foundation special school established in a hospital.]

Textual Amendments

F185 Ss. 80A, 80B inserted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 8**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C55 Ss. 80A, 80B applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2007/2979](#), **Sch. 1 para. 19** (as substituted (1.9.2020) by [The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education \(England\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/924\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 9**)

The National Curriculum for England

F186 **81 The foundation stage**

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Textual Amendments

F186 S. 81 repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 8**, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; [S.I. 2008/2261](#), art. 2 (with [Sch. 1](#))

82 The key stages

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, the key stages in relation to a pupil are—
- (a) the period beginning at the same time as the school year in which he attains the age of six and ending at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class attain the age of seven (“the first key stage”),
 - (b) the period beginning at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class attain the age of eight and ending at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class attain the age of eleven (“the second key stage”),
 - (c) the period beginning at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class attain the age of twelve and ending at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class attain the age of fourteen (“the third key stage”), and

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- (d) the period beginning at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class attain the age of fifteen and ending at the same time as the school year in which the majority of pupils in his class cease to be of compulsory school age (“the fourth key stage”).
- (2) The head teacher of a school may elect, in relation to a particular pupil and a particular subject, that subsection (1) shall have effect as if any reference to the school year in which the majority of pupils in that pupil’s class attain a particular age were a reference to the school year in which that pupil attains that age.
- (3) If at any time, in the case of a pupil of compulsory school age, subsection (1) does not, apart from this subsection, apply to determine the period within which that time falls, that subsection shall have effect as if—
- (a) in the case of paragraphs (a) to (c), any reference to the school year in which the majority of pupils in that pupil’s class attain a particular age were a reference to the school year in which that pupil attains that age, and
- (b) in the case of paragraph (d), the period were a period beginning at the same time as the school year in which he attains the age of fifteen and ending when he ceases to be of compulsory school age.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order—
- (a) provide that, in relation to any subject specified in the order, subsection (1) shall have effect as if for the ages of seven and eight there specified there were substituted such other ages (less than eleven and twelve respectively) as may be specified in the order, or
- (b) amend subsections (1) to (3).
- (5) In this section “class”, in relation to a particular pupil and a particular subject, means—
- (a) the teaching group in which he is regularly taught in that subject, or
- (b) where there are two or more such groups, such one of them as may be designated by the head teacher of the school.

^{F187}83 Curriculum requirements for foundation stage

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Textual Amendments

F187 S. 83 repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 9, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

84 Curriculum requirements for first, second and third key stages

- (1) For the first, second and third key stages, the National Curriculum for England shall comprise the core and other foundation subjects specified in subsections (2) and (3), and shall specify attainment targets, programmes of study and assessment arrangements in relation to each of those subjects for each of those stages.
- (2) The following are the core subjects for the first, second and third key stages—
- (a) mathematics,
- (b) English, and
- (c) science.

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(3) The following are the other foundation subjects for the first, second and third key stages—

- (a) design and technology,
- [^{F188}(b) computing,]
- (c) physical education,
- (d) history,
- (e) geography,
- (f) art and design,
- (g) music,
- [^{F189}(ga) in relation to the second key stage, a foreign language,] and
- (h) in relation to the third key stage—
 - (i) citizenship, and
 - (ii) a modern foreign language.

[^{F190}(A4) In paragraph (ga) of subsection (3) “foreign language” means –

- (a) a foreign language specified in an order made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection, or
- (b) if the order provides that any foreign language is a foreign language for the purposes of this subsection, any foreign language;

(4) In sub-paragraph (ii) of subsection (3)(h) “modern foreign language” means –

- (a) a modern foreign language specified in an order made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection, or
- (b) if the order provides that any modern foreign language is a modern foreign language for the purposes of this subsection, any modern foreign language.]

(5) An order under subsection [^{F191}(A4) or] (4) may—

- (a) specify circumstances in which a language is not to be treated as a foundation subject, and
- (b) provide for the determination under the order of any question arising as to whether a particular language is a [^{F192}foreign language or modern foreign language, as the case may be].

(6) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsections (2) to (5).

Textual Amendments

F188 S. 84(3)(b) substituted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2092\)](#), arts. 1, **2**

F189 S. 84(3)(ga) inserted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(a)**

F190 S. 84(A4)(4) substituted for s. 84(4) (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(b)**

F191 Words in s. 84(5) inserted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(c)**

F192 Words in s. 84(5)(b) substituted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Second Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2093\)](#), arts. 1, **2(d)**

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[^{F194}85 ^{F193}Curriculum requirements for fourth key stage

- (1) For the fourth key stage, the National Curriculum for England shall comprise the core and other foundation subjects and the elements referred to in subsection (5).
- (2) The National Curriculum for England shall specify programmes of study in relation to each of the core and other foundation subjects for the fourth key stage.
- (3) The following are the core subjects for the fourth key stage—
 - (a) mathematics,
 - (b) English, and
 - (c) science.
- (4) The following are the other foundation subjects for the fourth key stage—
 - [^{F195}(a) computing,]
 - (b) physical education, and
 - (c) citizenship.
- (5) The elements for the fourth key stage referred to in subsection (1) are—
 - ^{F196}(a)
 - (b) in relation to any pupil who so elects, one subject from each of such one or more of the four entitlement areas specified below as the pupil may elect.
- (6) Those entitlement areas are—
 - (a) arts, comprising—
 - (i) art and design,
 - (ii) music,
 - (iii) dance,
 - (iv) drama, and
 - (v) media arts,
 - (b) design and technology (comprising only that subject),
 - (c) humanities, comprising—
 - (i) geography, and
 - (ii) history, and
 - (d) modern foreign languages, comprising any modern foreign language specified in an order made by the Secretary of State or, if the order so specifies, any modern foreign language.
- (7) An order under subsection (6)(d) may—
 - (a) specify circumstances in which a language is not to be treated as falling within subsection (6)(d), and
 - (b) provide for the determination under the order of any question arising as to whether a particular language is a modern foreign language.
- (8) A pupil in the fourth key stage shall, if he so elects, be entitled to follow a course of study in a subject within each of the four entitlement areas specified in subsection (6); but this entitlement is satisfied where one subject within each of those entitlement areas is made available to him by or on behalf of the school at which he is a registered pupil.
- (9) In the exercise of their functions under this Part by virtue of this section, a [^{F11}local authority], governing body or head teacher shall have regard to any guidance relating

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to ^{F197}... the entitlement areas which is issued from time to time by the [^{F198}Secretary of State].

(10) In this section—

“course of study” means a course of education or training which leads to a qualification approved under section 98 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 for the purposes of section 96 of that Act;

^{F199}...]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F193** S. 85 amendment to earlier affecting provision 2006 c. 40 s. 74(1) (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 20(a)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F194** S. 85 substituted (E.) (15.11.2003) by [Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2946\)](#), arts. 1(2), **2 (with art. 3)**
- F195** S. 85(4)(a) substituted (1.9.2014) by [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements\) \(England\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2092\)](#), arts. 1, **3**
- F196** S. 85(5)(a) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2056\)](#), arts. 1, **2(a)**
- F197** Words in s. 85(9) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2056\)](#), arts. 1, **2(b)**
- F198** Words in s. 85(9) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 12**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F199** Words in s. 85(10) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [The Education \(Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage\) \(England\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2056\)](#), arts. 1, **2(c)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C56** S. 85 applied by 1989 c. 41, Sch. 2 para. 19(6) (as amended (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 3 para. 72(b)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2005/2213, art. 2(o) (as amended (15.10.2005) by S.I. 2005/2897, art. 14(3)))
- C57** S. 85 modified (temp.) (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 74(4)**, 188(3) (with s. 74(5)); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(k)
- C58** S. 85(9) modified (temp.) by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 12 para. 33 (as amended) (30.3.2010) by [The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) and \(Commencement No. 2 \(Amendment\)\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1151\)](#), art. 21

86 Power to alter or remove requirements for fourth key stage

The Secretary of State may by order—

- (a) amend any provision of section 85, or
- (b) provide that, while the order remains in force, that section is not to have effect.

87 Establishment of the National Curriculum for England by order

^{F200}(1) The Secretary of State shall so exercise the powers conferred by subsection (3) as to revise the National Curriculum for England whenever he considers it necessary or expedient to do so.]

^{F201}(2)

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- (3) In respect of the first, second and third key stages and (subject to section 86) the fourth key stage, the Secretary of State may by order specify in relation to each of the foundation subjects—
- (a) such attainment targets,
 - (b) such programmes of study, and
 - (c) such assessment arrangements,
- as he considers appropriate for that subject.
- (4) An order under subsection ^{F202}... (3) may not require—
- (a) the allocation of any particular period or periods of time during ^{F203}... any key stage to the teaching of any ^{F203}... programme of study or any matter, skill or process forming part of it, or
 - (b) the making in school timetables ^{F204}... of provision of any particular kind for the periods to be allocated to such teaching during any such stage.
- (5) An order under subsection ^{F205}... (3) may, instead of containing the provisions to be made, refer to provisions in a document [^{F206}published by a person, and in the manner, specified] in the order and direct that those provisions are to have effect or, as the case may be, are to have effect as amended by the order.
- ^{F207}(6)
- [^{F208}(6A) Before making an order under subsection (3)(c) the Secretary of State—
- (a) shall consult the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation, and
 - (b) may consult such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]
- (7) An order under subsection (3)(c) may confer or impose such functions on—
- (a) the governing body and head teacher, ^{F209}...
 - (b) the [^{F11}local authority],
 - [^{F210}(c) ^{F211}... and
 - (d) any other person with whom the Secretary of State has made arrangements in connection with the development, implementation or monitoring of assessment arrangements.]
- as appear to the Secretary of State to be required.
- (8) An order under subsection ^{F212}... (3)(c) may specify such assessment arrangements as may for the time being be made by a person specified in the order.
- [^{F213}(8A) An order under subsection (3)(c) which includes provision made by virtue of subsection (8) shall provide that before making or revising the assessment arrangements the person specified in the order—
- (a) shall consult the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation, and
 - (b) may consult such other persons as that person considers appropriate.]
- ^{F214}(9)
- (10) [^{F215}The duties that may be imposed by virtue of subsection (7)(a) or (b) include, in relation to persons exercising any function in connection with the moderation or monitoring of assessment arrangements, the duty to permit them—]
- (a) to enter premises of the school ^{F216}...,
 - (b) to observe implementation of the arrangements, and

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(c) to inspect, and take copies of, documents and other articles.

[^{F217}(11) An order under subsection (3)(c) may authorise a person specified in the order to make delegated supplementary provisions in relation to such matters as may be specified in the order.

(12) In this section “delegated supplementary provisions” means such provisions (other than provisions conferring or imposing functions as mentioned in subsection (7)(a) or (b)) as appear to the authorised person to be expedient for giving full effect to, or otherwise supplementing, the provisions made by the order.

[^{F218}(12A) An order under subsection (3)(c) which authorises a person to make delegated supplementary provisions shall provide that before making, amending or revoking any such provisions the person so authorised—

- (a) shall consult the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation, and
- (b) may consult such other persons as that person considers appropriate.]

(13) An order under subsection (3)(c) authorising the making of delegated supplementary provisions may provide that such provisions may be made only with the approval of the Secretary of State.

(14) Any delegated supplementary provisions shall, on being published as specified in the order under which they are made, have effect for the purposes of this Part as if made by the order.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F200** S. 87(1) substituted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 10(2)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F201** S. 87(2) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(3), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F202** Words in s. 87(4) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)(a), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F203** Words in s. 87(4)(a) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)(b), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F204** Words in s. 87(4)(b) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(4)(c), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F205** Words in s. 87(5) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(5), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F206** Words in s. 87(5) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 35(2)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F207** S. 87(6) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(6), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F208** S. 87(6A) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 159(2)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5-20)
- F209** Word in s. 87(7)(a) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), Sch. 12 para. 35(3)(a), **Sch. 16 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F210** S. 87(7)(c)(d) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 35(3)(b)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F211** S. 87(7)(c) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 13**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

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- F212** Words in s. 87(8) repealed (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(7), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F213** S. 87(8A) inserted (1.4.2010 for specified purposes) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), **ss. 159(3)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5-20)
- F214** S. 87(9) repealed (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), Sch. 12 para. 35(4), **Sch. 16 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F215** Words in s. 87(10) substituted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 35(5)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F216** Words in s. 87(10)(a) repealed (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 10(8) (b), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F217** S. 87(11)-(14) substituted for s. 87(11) (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 35(6)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F218** S. 87(12A) inserted (1.4.2010 for specified purposes) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), **ss. 159(4)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with arts. 5-20)

88 Implementation of the National Curriculum for England in schools

[^{F219}(1)] In relation to any maintained school and any school year—

- (a) the [^{F11}local authority] and the governing body shall exercise their functions with a view to securing, and
- (b) the head teacher shall secure,

that the National Curriculum for England as subsisting at the beginning of that year is implemented.

[^{F220}This subsection does not apply in relation to assessment arrangements.]

[^{F221}(1A)] In relation to any maintained school—

- (a) the [^{F11}local authority] and the governing body must exercise their functions with a view to securing, and
- (b) the head teacher must secure,

that the assessment arrangements specified for the time being in the National Curriculum for England are implemented.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F219** S. 88(1): s. 88 renumbered as s. 88(1) (26.11.2008) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), **ss. 156(1)**, 173(1)(b)
- F220** Words in s. 88(1) inserted (26.11.2008) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), **ss. 156(1)**, 173(1)(b)
- F221** S. 88(1A) inserted (26.11.2008) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), **ss. 156(2)**, 173(1)(b)

^{F222}89 Implementation in respect of nursery schools etc.

Textual Amendments

- F222** S. 89 repealed (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 11, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

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The National Curriculum for England: special cases

90 Development work and experiments

- (1) For the purpose of enabling development work or experiments to be carried out, the Secretary of State may direct in respect of a particular maintained school ^{F223}... that, for such period as may be specified in the direction, the National Curriculum for England—
- (a) shall not apply, or
 - (b) shall apply with such modifications as may be specified in the direction.
- (2) A direction under subsection (1) may apply either generally or in such cases as may be specified in the direction.
- (3) In the case of a community, voluntary controlled or community special school ^{F224}..., a direction shall not be given under subsection (1) except on an application—
- (a) by the governing body with the agreement of the [^{F11}local authority], [^{F225} or]
 - (b) by the [^{F11}local authority] with the agreement of the governing body, ^{F226}...
 - ^{F226}(c)
- (4) In the case of a foundation, voluntary aided or foundation special school, a direction shall not be given under subsection (1) except on an application by the governing body ^{F227}....
- (5) The Secretary of State may make it a condition of a direction under subsection (1) that any person by whom or with whose agreement the request for the direction was made should, when so directed or at specified intervals, report on any matters specified by the Secretary of State to—
- (a) the Secretary of State, or
 - [^{F228}(b) a person designated for the purposes of this subsection by the Secretary of State.]
- [^{F229}(5A) If required by the Secretary of State to do so [^{F230}a person designated for the purposes of this subsection by the Secretary of State] shall keep under review development work or experiments carried out following a direction given under subsection (1).
- ^{F231}(5B)
- (5C) A designation under [^{F232}subsection (5)(b) or (5A)] may make different provision for different purposes.]
- (6) The Secretary of State may by a direction under this subsection vary or revoke a direction under subsection (1).

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F223** Words in s. 90(1) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 12(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)**
- F224** Words in s. 90(3) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 12(3), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)**
- F225** Word in s. 90(3) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(2)(a); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2**

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- F226** S. 90(3)(c) and word omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(2)(b)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F227** Words in s. 90(4) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(3)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F228** S. 90(5)(b) substituted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(4)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F229** S. 90(5A)-(5C) inserted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 36(4)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F230** Words in s. 90(5A) substituted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(5)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F231** S. 90(5B) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(6)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F232** Words in s. 90(5C) substituted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 8 para. 14(7)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C59** S. 90 applied (with modifications) (25.5.2007) by The School Governance (New Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/958), regs. 1, **30**
- C60** S. 90(3) modified (31.3.2004) by The Blackburn with Darwen (Maintained Nursery School Governance) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/657), arts. 1(1), **3(i)**

91 Exceptions by regulations

Regulations may provide that the National Curriculum for England, or such of the provisions of the National Curriculum for England as may be specified in the regulations—

- (a) shall not apply, or
- (b) shall apply with such modifications as may be specified in the regulations, in such cases or circumstances as may be specified in the regulations.

92 Pupils with [^{F233}EHC plans]

The special educational provision for any pupil specified in [^{F234}an EHC plan maintained for the pupil] may include provision—

- (a) excluding the application of the National Curriculum for England, or
- (b) applying the National Curriculum for England with such modifications as may be specified in [^{F235}the plan].

Textual Amendments

- F233** Words in s. 92 substituted (1.9.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 77(c)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 7(a)
- F234** Words in s. 92 substituted (1.9.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 77(a)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 7(a)
- F235** Words in s. 92 substituted (1.9.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 77(b)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 7(a)

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[^{F236}92A Pupils with Individual Development Plans

The additional learning provision described in an individual development plan prepared or maintained by a local authority in Wales under Part 2 of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 may include provision—

- (a) excluding the application of the National Curriculum for England, or
- (b) applying the National Curriculum for England with such modifications as may be specified in the plan.]

Textual Amendments

F236 S. 92A inserted (1.9.2021) by [The Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/861\)](#), regs. 1, **5(4)**

93 Temporary exceptions for individual pupils

- (1) Regulations may enable the head teacher of a maintained school ^{F237}..., in such cases or circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, to direct in respect of a registered pupil at the school that, for such period as may be specified in the direction (the “operative period” of the direction), the National Curriculum for England—
 - (a) shall not apply, or
 - (b) shall apply with such modifications as may be specified in the direction.
- (2) The conditions prescribed by the regulations shall, in particular, limit the operative period that may be specified in a direction to a maximum period specified in the regulations.
- (3) Any maximum period specified (whether in relation to directions given under the regulations or in relation to directions given under the regulations in circumstances specified in the regulations) shall be either—
 - (a) a fixed period not exceeding six months, or
 - (b) a period determinable (in such manner as may be specified in the regulations) not later than six months from its beginning.
- (4) Any maximum period so specified may, without prejudice to the generality of section 210(7) (which provides that regulations under this Act may make different provision for different cases or circumstances etc.), differ according to whether or not the direction in question is given in respect of a period beginning—
 - (a) immediately after the end of the operative period of a previous direction, or
 - (b) within such period after the end of the operative period of a previous direction as may be specified in the regulations.
- (5) The regulations may enable the head teacher of a maintained school ^{F238}..., in such cases or circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed—
 - (a) to revoke any direction given by him under the regulations, and
 - (b) to vary such a direction, except so as to extend its operative period.
- (6) Before making any regulations under this section, the Secretary of State shall consult with any persons with whom consultation appears to him to be desirable.

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Textual Amendments

- F237** Words in s. 93(1) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\), s. 109\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 13, Sch. 3 Pt. 1; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 \(with Sch. 1\)](#)
- F238** Words in s. 93(5) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\), s. 109\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 13, Sch. 3 Pt. 1; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 \(with Sch. 1\)](#)

94 Information concerning directions under section 93

- (1) Where a head teacher gives or varies a direction under regulations made under section 93, he shall, in such manner as may be prescribed, give the information mentioned in subsection (2)—
- (a) to the governing body, and
 - (b) to the ^{F11}local authority] by whom the school is maintained,
- and shall take such steps as may be prescribed to give that information also to a parent of the pupil concerned.
- (2) That information is—
- (a) the fact that he has taken the action in question, its effect and his reasons for taking it,
 - (b) the provision that is being or is to be made for the pupil’s education during the operative period of the direction, and
 - (c) either a description of the manner in which he proposes to secure the full implementation of the National Curriculum for England in relation to the pupil after the end of that period, or an indication that he has the opinion mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) That opinion is that the pupil has or probably has special educational needs ^{F239}and the responsible authority ought to be required to secure an EHC needs assessment for the pupil under section 36 of the Children and Families Act 2014 (or, if an EHC plan is maintained for the pupil, a re-assessment under section 44 of that Act).]
- (4) Where—
- (a) the head teacher of a maintained school ^{F240}... includes an indication of any such opinion in information given under subsection (1), and
 - (b) the ^{F11}local authority] by whom the school is maintained are not the responsible authority in relation to the pupil in question,
- the head teacher shall also give that information, in such manner as may be prescribed, to the responsible authority.
- (5) Where the responsible authority receive information given to them under subsection (1) or (4) which includes an indication that the head teacher has the opinion mentioned in subsection (3), they shall ^{F241}make a determination in respect of the pupil under section 36(3) of the Children and Families Act 2014 (or, if an EHC plan is maintained for the pupil, under that section as it applies to re-assessments by virtue of regulations under section 44(7)).]
- (6) In this section “the responsible authority”, in relation to a pupil, means the ^{F11}local authority] responsible for him for the purposes of ^{F242}Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 (see section 24 of that Act)].

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Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F239** Words in s. 94(3) substituted (1.9.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 78(2)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 7(a)
- F240** Words in s. 94(4)(a) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 14, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F241** Words in s. 94(5) substituted (1.9.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 78(3)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 7(a)
- F242** Words in s. 94(6) substituted (1.9.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 78(4)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 7(a)

95 Appeals against directions under section 93 etc.

- (1) Where a head teacher—
- gives, revokes or varies a direction under regulations made under section 93,
 - refuses to give, revoke or vary such a direction in response to a request made, in such manner and circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations, by the parent of a registered pupil at the school, or
 - following the making of such a request, fails within such period as may be prescribed by the regulations to give, revoke or vary such a direction in accordance with the request,
- the parent of the pupil concerned may appeal to the governing body.
- (2) On such an appeal, the governing body may—
- confirm the head teacher's action, or
 - direct the head teacher to take such action authorised by the regulations as they consider appropriate in the circumstances.
- (3) The head teacher shall comply with any directions of the governing body given under subsection (2)(b).
- (4) The governing body shall notify the appellant and the head teacher in writing of their decision on such an appeal.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C61** S. 95 modified (31.3.2004) by [The Blackburn with Darwen \(Maintained Nursery School Governance\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/657\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3(j)**

Supplementary provisions

^{F243}96 Procedure for making certain orders and regulations

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State proposes to make—
- an order under section 82(4), 84(6) or 87(3)(a) or (b), or
 - regulations under section 91.

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- (2) The Secretary of State must give notice of the proposal to such of the following as appear to the Secretary of State to be concerned with the proposal—
 - (a) associations of local authorities,
 - (b) bodies representing the interests of school governing bodies, and
 - (c) organisations representing school teachers.
- (3) The Secretary of State must also give notice of the proposal to any other persons with whom consultation appears to the Secretary of State to be desirable.
- (4) The Secretary of State must give the bodies and other persons mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) a reasonable opportunity of submitting evidence and representations as to the issues arising from the proposal.
- (5) After considering any evidence and representations submitted in pursuance of subsection (4), the Secretary of State must publish, in such manner as, in the Secretary of State's opinion, is likely to bring them to the notice of persons with a special interest in education—
 - (a) a draft of the proposed order or regulations and any associated document, and
 - (b) a summary of the views expressed during the consultation.
- (6) The Secretary of State must allow a period of at least one month beginning with the publication of the draft of the proposed order or regulations for the submission of any further evidence and representations as to the issues arising.
- (7) When the period allowed has expired, the Secretary of State may make the order or regulations, with or without modifications.]

Textual Amendments

F243 S. 96 substituted (15.1.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 8 para. 15](#); S.I. 2012/84, art. 2

^{F244}**PART 7**

THE CURRICULUM IN WALES

Textual Amendments

F244 Pt. 7 omitted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 45](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)

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PART 8

TEACHERS

Teachers' pay and conditions

119 School Teachers' Review Body

- (1) The body established under section 1 of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Act 1991 (c. 49) (review body)—
 - (a) shall continue to exist, and
 - (b) shall be known as the School Teachers' Review Body.
- (2) The Prime Minister shall appoint the chairman of the Review Body.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall appoint other members of the Review Body.
- (4) Schedule 11 (which makes provision about the Review Body) shall have effect.

120 Review Body: function

- (1) The School Teachers' Review Body shall consider any matter which is referred to them by the Secretary of State and which relates to—
 - (a) the remuneration of school teachers, or
 - (b) other conditions of employment of school teachers which relate to their professional duties or working time.
- (2) In subsection (1) “school teacher” means a person who is a school teacher for the purposes of the Secretary of State’s power under section 122 to make orders about remuneration and other conditions of employment.
- (3) Following consideration of a matter under subsection (1) the Review Body shall report to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State in accordance with any direction of the Secretary of State about—
 - (a) a consideration to which they are to have particular regard,
 - (b) matter on which they are to make a recommendation, or
 - (c) the time within which they are to report.
- (4) Where the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State receive a report under subsection (3) they shall arrange for it to be published.
- (5) A direction under subsection (3) may be varied or revoked.

Commencement Information

- I148** S. 120 partly in force; s. 120 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 120(1)(3)-(5) in force at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [Sch.](#))
- I149** S. 120(2) in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 2](#)

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121 Consultation by Review Body

- (1) Before reporting on a matter referred to them under section 120(1) the School Teachers' Review Body shall—
 - (a) notify each relevant body,
 - (b) give each relevant body an opportunity to submit evidence and make representations, and
 - (c) give the Secretary of State an opportunity to submit evidence and make representations.
- (2) In relation to a matter referred to the Review Body “relevant body” means such of the following as appear to the Review Body to be appropriate to consult about the matter—
 - (a) associations of [^{F51}local authorities],
 - (b) [^{F51}local authorities],
 - (c) bodies representing the interests of governing bodies of schools, and
 - (d) bodies representing the interests of teachers.
- (3) The Review Body may—
 - (a) determine the manner in which each relevant body is permitted to submit evidence or make representations, and
 - (b) may make different determinations in respect of different relevant bodies.

Textual Amendments

F51 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(3\)](#)

122 Power to prescribe pay and conditions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order make provision for the determination of—
 - (a) the remuneration of school teachers;
 - (b) other conditions of employment of school teachers which relate to their professional duties or working time.
- (2) Where an order under this section applies to a school teacher—
 - (a) his remuneration shall be determined and paid in accordance with any provision of the order which applies to him,
 - (b) a provision of the order which relates to a condition of employment other than remuneration and which applies to him shall have effect as a term of his contract of employment, and
 - (c) a term of that contract shall have no effect in so far as it makes provision which is prohibited by the order or which is otherwise inconsistent with a provision of the order.
- (3) A person is a school teacher for the purposes of this section if—
 - (a) he is a qualified teacher,
 - (b) he provides primary or secondary education under a contract of employment or for services,
 - (c) the other party to the contract is a [^{F11}local authority] or the governing body of a foundation, voluntary aided or foundation special school, and

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- (d) the contract requires him to carry out work of a kind which is specified by regulations under section 133(1).
- (4) A person is also a school teacher for the purposes of this section if he serves as the head teacher of a school maintained by a ^{F11}local authority].
- (5) A person is also a school teacher for the purposes of this section if his case satisfies paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (3) and—
- (a) he possesses a prescribed qualification,
 - (b) he provides education of a prescribed kind or in prescribed circumstances (or both),
 - (c) he is undertaking training of a prescribed kind, or obtaining experience of a prescribed kind, with a view to becoming a qualified teacher,
 - (d) he is within a prescribed class of persons awaiting assessment for the purpose of becoming a qualified teacher, or
 - (e) he is within a prescribed class of persons awaiting the award of a qualification.
- (6) A person providing education in an establishment maintained by a local authority in the exercise of a social services function is not a school teacher for the purposes of this section.
- (7) In the application of subsection (2)—
- (a) it is immaterial whether someone other than the party mentioned in subsection (3)(c) provides or is responsible for providing all or part of a teacher's remuneration,
 - (b) it is immaterial whether someone other than the party mentioned in subsection (3)(c) is treated wholly or partly as a teacher's employer for some or all purposes by virtue of an enactment, and
 - (c) in relation to a person who provides education under a contract for services, a reference to his contract of employment is a reference to the contract for services.
- (8) In this section “prescribed” means prescribed by an order under this section.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C62 Ss. 122-124: functions transferred (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), arts. 1(2), **39(3)**

C63 S. 122(1) excluded (3.9.2018) by [The School Teachers Incentive Payments \(England\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/933\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2**

C64 S. 122(3)(d) excluded (W.) (temp. from 19.12.2002) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/3184\)](#), **reg. 6(2)**

Commencement Information

I150 S. 122 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

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123 Order under section 122: scope

- (1) An order under section 122 may, in particular—
 - (a) confer discretion on a [^{F11}local authority] or a governing body;
 - (b) confer a function (which may include the administration of a test or assessment, the exercise of a discretion or the exercise of a supervisory or appellate jurisdiction) on the Secretary of State or on a specified person who has agreed with the Secretary of State to perform that function;
 - (c) require a discretion or function conferred under paragraph (a) or (b) to be exercised having regard to guidance given by the Secretary of State or another specified person;
 - (d) make provision for the determination of a teacher’s remuneration by reference to any matter including, in particular, his qualifications, experience, duties, aptitude or previous salary;
 - (e) make provision for a right of appeal specified by or determined in accordance with the order;
 - (f) limit the aggregate amount of an allowance, or of a number of allowances, payable to teachers in a school;
 - (g) set a lower or upper limit on the number or proportion of teachers in a school who are paid on a specified scale;
 - (h) set a lower or upper limit on the number or proportion of teachers in a school who are paid a specified allowance;
 - (i) provide for special provisions to apply in relation to a description of school specified by or determined in accordance with the order;
 - (j) provide for the determination of a question of the interpretation or application of a provision of the order.
- (2) Provision under subsection (1)(e) or (j) may—
 - (a) confer jurisdiction on a court, tribunal, person or body;
 - (b) provide for a matter to be settled by agreement between, or in a manner agreed between, teachers and [^{F51}local authorities] or teachers and governing bodies.
- (3) An order under section 122 may make retrospective provision, but not so as to—
 - (a) reduce remuneration in respect of a period wholly or partly before the making of the order, or
 - (b) alter a condition of employment to the detriment of a teacher in respect of a period wholly or partly before the making of the order.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order provide—
 - (a) that a payment or entitlement of a specified kind is or is not to be treated as remuneration for the purpose of section 122(1);
 - (b) that a specified matter is or is not to be treated for that purpose as relating to the professional duties of school teachers;
 - (c) that a specified matter is or is not to be treated for that purpose as relating to the working time of school teachers.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

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F51 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C62 Ss. 122-124: functions transferred (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), **arts. 1(2), 39(3)**

Commencement Information

I151 S. 123 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

124 Order under section 122: supplemental

- (1) An order under section 122 may—
 - (a) make provision which applies generally or only in a specified case or in specified circumstances;
 - (b) make different provision for different cases or circumstances;
 - (c) make transitional provision.
- (2) An order under section 122 may make provision by reference to the exercise of another power under this Act.
- (3) An order under section 122 may make provision by reference to a document; and—
 - (a) an order which makes provision by reference to a document must include provision about publication of the document, and
 - (b) a reference in this section to an order includes a reference to a document referred to by an order.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C62 Ss. 122-124: functions transferred (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), **arts. 1(2), 39(3)**

Commencement Information

I152 S. 124 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

125 Reference to Review Body

- (1) An order under section 122 may make provision about a matter only if the Secretary of State has—
 - (a) referred the matter to the School Teachers' Review Body under section 120, and
 - (b) considered their report.
- (2) But subsection (1) shall not apply—
 - (a) to subsidiary provision, or
 - (b) in a case where the Secretary of State has consulted the chairman of the Review Body about disapplying that subsection.
- (3) Provision is subsidiary for the purpose of subsection (2)(a) if the Secretary of State thinks that it—

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- (a) concerns only the criteria for entry into or exit from a particular class of teachers for purposes of remuneration,
 - (b) concerns only the criteria for moving from one scale of remuneration to another,
 - (c) concerns only the implementation or application of a system or principle on which the Review Body has reported,
 - (d) prescribes a matter for the purpose of section 122(5),
 - (e) is made under section 123(4), or
 - (f) is minor, consequential, temporary, transitional or designed to resolve an anomaly.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order provide that provision of a specified kind (which may be described wholly or partly by reference to an opinion of the Secretary of State or another person)—
- (a) shall be subsidiary for the purpose of subsection (2)(a), or
 - (b) shall cease to be subsidiary for that purpose.
- (5) An order under subsection (4) may amend subsection (3).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C65 S. 125 excluded (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), arts. 1(2), **39(4)**

Commencement Information

I153 S. 125 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 2

126 Consultation by Secretary of State

The Secretary of State may not make an order under section 122 or 125(4)(a) unless he has consulted such of the following as appear to him to be appropriate to consult having regard to the content of the order—

- (a) associations of [^{F51}local authorities],
- (b) [^{F51}local authorities],
- (c) bodies representing the interests of governing bodies of schools, and
- (d) bodies representing the interests of teachers.

Textual Amendments

F51 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C66 S. 126: functions transferred (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), arts. 1(2), **39(3)**

Commencement Information

I154 S. 126 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 2

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127 Guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State may issue guidance about the procedure to be followed in applying provision of an order under section 122.
- (2) The following shall have regard to guidance under subsection (1)—
 - (a) a [^{F11}local authority], and
 - (b) the governing body of a school.
- (3) Where an employer fails to follow guidance under subsection (1)—
 - (a) the failure shall not give rise to civil liability, but
 - (b) a court or tribunal may take the failure into account in any proceedings.
- (4) The Secretary of State may not issue guidance under subsection (1) unless he has consulted such of the following as appear to him to be appropriate to consult having regard to the nature of the guidance—
 - (a) associations of [^{F51}local authorities],
 - (b) [^{F51}local authorities],
 - (c) bodies representing the interests of governing bodies of schools, and
 - (d) bodies representing the interests of teachers.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

F51 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C67 S. 127: functions transferred (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), **arts. 1(2), 39(3)**

Commencement Information

I155 S. 127 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

128 Education action zone

- (1) This section applies to a school which forms part of an education action zone for the purposes of Chapter 3 of Part 1 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).
- (2) On the application of the governing body of a school, the Secretary of State may by order provide that section 122(2) shall not apply to any school teacher at the school.
- (3) Where an order under subsection (2) is in force in respect of a school—
 - (a) the governing body shall determine the remuneration and other conditions of employment of each school teacher at the school,
 - (b) the [^{F11}local authority] shall do anything necessary to give effect to the governing body's determination, and
 - (c) pending a determination under paragraph (a), the terms on which a school teacher works at the school shall remain unchanged (irrespective of any new order under section 122).

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- (4) A governing body may not make an application under subsection (2) unless they have consulted each school teacher at the school.
- (5) An application under subsection (2) must specify a date for commencement of the order sought; and—
 - (a) the date specified must not precede the expiry of the period of three months beginning with the date on which the application is made, and
 - (b) an order made on the application must provide that it comes into force on the date specified in the application or on a later date which is agreed between the Secretary of State and the governing body and which is specified in the order.
- (6) The Secretary of State may make regulations about the application of section 122(2) where an order under subsection (2) above—
 - (a) is revoked, or
 - (b) lapses (in whole or in part) because one or more schools to which the order relates cease to form part of an education action zone.
- (7) In this section “school teacher” has the same meaning as in section 122.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I156 S. 128 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

129 Transfer of employment

- (1) Section 122(2) shall not apply to a person if—
 - (a) a maintained school is established in place of an independent school in pursuance of proposals published under ^[F248]the relevant school organisation provisions (as defined by subsection (6)), and
 - (b) the person becomes a school teacher in the maintained school in accordance with the ^[F249]Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006].
- (2) But if the school teacher gives a notice in writing under this subsection to his new employer, section 122(2) shall apply to him in respect of the period beginning with—
 - (a) a date specified in the notice,
 - (b) if no date is specified under paragraph (a), a date agreed between the teacher and the new employer, or
 - (c) if no date is specified under paragraph (a) or agreed under paragraph (b), the date on which the employer receives the notice.
- (3) Where the governing body of a foundation, voluntary aided or foundation special school receive a notice under subsection (2), they shall inform the ^[F11]local authority].
- (4) In this section “school teacher” has the same meaning as in section 122.
- (5) In subsection (1) “maintained school” means—
 - (a) a community school,

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- (b) a foundation school,
- (c) a voluntary school,
- (d) a community special school,
- (e) a foundation special school, or
- (f) a maintained nursery school.

- [^{F250}(6) In subsection (1)(a) “the relevant school organisation provisions” means—
- (a) in relation to England, section 28, 28A or 31 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, section 66 of the Education Act 2005 or section 7 or 11 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, and
 - (b) in relation to Wales, section 28 or 31 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 [^{F251}or Part 3 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013].]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F248** Words in s. 129(1)(a) substituted (25.5.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 3 para. 47(2)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 7(o)
- F249** Words in s. 129(1)(b) substituted (with application in accordance with reg. 21(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Transfer of Undertakings \(Protection of Employment\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/246\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 1(h)**
- F250** S. 129(6) inserted (25.5.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 3 para. 47(3)**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 7(o)
- F251** Words in s. 129(6)(b) inserted (1.10.2013) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 21(7)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)

Commencement Information

- I157** S. 129 in force at 1.8.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

130 Repeal of School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Act 1991

The School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Act 1991 (c. 49) shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

- I158** S. 130 partly in force; s. 130 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 130 in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 2** (with transitional provisions and savings in [Sch.](#)); Act repealed (1.10.2002) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 130, 216(2), [Sch. 22 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2002/2439, **art. 2**
- I159** S. 130 in force at 1.8.2003 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 2**

School teachers’ appraisal

131 Appraisal

- (1) Regulations may require the appraisal of the performance of teachers—
- (a) in a manner specified by the regulations, and

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- (b) at times specified by or determined in accordance with the regulations.
- (2) The regulations may impose a duty on—
- (a) a [^{F11}local authority];
 - (b) the governing body of a school or institution;
 - (c) the head teacher of a school or the principal of an institution.
- (3) The regulations may—
- (a) require or permit an appraisal to be carried out in a manner which confers a discretion on a person specified by or chosen or determined in accordance with the regulations;
 - (b) permit a person on whom a duty is imposed under subsection (2) to delegate that duty in whole or in part.
- (4) The regulations may require or permit a person listed in subsection (2) to have regard to the results of an appraisal in the performance of a function specified by the regulations.
- (5) The results of an appraisal may be used in determining a teacher’s remuneration.
- (6) Before making regulations under this section the Secretary of State shall consult such of the following as appear to him to be appropriate—
- (a) associations of [^{F51}local authorities] in England,
 - (b) [^{F51}local authorities] in England,
 - (c) bodies representing the interests of governing bodies in England,
 - (d) bodies representing the interests of teachers in England, ^{F252} ...
 - ^{F252}(e)
- (7) Before making regulations under this section the National Assembly for Wales shall consult such of the following as appear to it to be appropriate—
- (a) associations of [^{F51}local authorities] in Wales,
 - (b) [^{F51}local authorities] in Wales,
 - (c) bodies representing the interests of governing bodies in Wales, [^{F253} and]
 - (d) bodies representing the interests of teachers in Wales, ^{F254} ...
 - ^{F254}(e)
- (8) Section 49 of the Education (No. 2) Act 1986 (c. 61) (appraisal) shall cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F252** S. 131(6)(e) and word repealed (1.4.2010) by [The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1080\)](#), art. 1(2)(a)(b), Sch. 1 para. 46, **Sch. 2 Pt. 1** (with art. 2(3))
- F253** Word in s. 131(7)(c) inserted (1.4.2006) by [The National Council for Education and Training for Wales \(Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3238\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1 para. 87(a)** (with art. 7)

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F254 S. 131(7)(e) and word omitted (1.4.2006) by virtue of [The National Council for Education and Training for Wales \(Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3238\)](#), [art. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 87\(b\)](#) (with [art. 7](#))

Commencement Information

I160 S. 131 wholly in force at 19.12.2002; s. 131 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 131 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)); s. 131 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

School teachers' qualifications

132 Qualified teacher status

- (1) A reference in the Education Acts to a “qualified teacher” is to a person who satisfies requirements specified in regulations.
- (2) A requirement of regulations under this section may relate to—
 - (a) the possession of a specified qualification or experience of a specified kind;
 - (b) participation in or completion of a specified programme or course of training;
 - (c) compliance with a specified condition;
 - (d) an exercise of discretion by the Secretary of State, the National Assembly for Wales or another specified person.

^{F255}(3)

- (4) The National Assembly for Wales shall consult the [^{F256}Education Workforce Council] before making regulations under this section which make provision by reference to—
 - (a) the content of a course or programme, or
 - (b) the standard of education or training provided through a course or programme.

Textual Amendments

F255 S. 132(3) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 2 para. 19\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), [art. 2](#)

F256 Words in s. 132 substituted (1.4.2015) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\)](#), s. 50(4), [Sch. 3 para. 1\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2015/29](#), [art. 3\(w\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C68 S. 132 amended (W.) (temp. from 19.12.2002) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/3184\)](#), [reg. 6\(1\)](#)

Commencement Information

I161 S. 132 partly in force; s. 132 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 132 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

I162 S. 132 in force at 1.8.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 3](#)

133 Requirement to be qualified

- (1) Regulations may provide that specified work may not be carried out by a person in a school [^{F257}in England] unless he—

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- (a) is a qualified teacher, or
 - (b) satisfies specified requirements.
- (2) Regulations specifying work for the purpose of this section may make provision by reference to—
- (a) one or more specified activities, or
 - (b) the circumstances in which activities are carried out.
- (3) Provision by virtue of subsection (2) may, in particular, be made by reference to an activity specified in a document of the kind mentioned in section 124(3).
- (4) A requirement of regulations under this section may, in particular, relate to—
- (a) the possession of a specified qualification or experience of a specified kind;
 - (b) participation in or completion of a specified programme or course of training;
 - (c) compliance with a specified condition;
 - (d) an exercise of discretion by the Secretary of State, the National Assembly for Wales, another specified person or another person of a specified description.
- (5) Regulations may limit the period of time during which work may be carried out by a person in reliance on subsection (1)(b).
- (6) In this section “school” means—
- (a) a school maintained by a [^{F11}local authority], or
 - (b) a special school not so maintained.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F257** Words in s. 133(1) inserted (1.4.2015) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\)](#), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(5)**; S.I. 2015/29, art. 3(w)

Commencement Information

- I163** S. 133 partly in force; s. 133 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 133 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I**
- I164** S. 133 in force at 1.8.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 3**

^{F259}134 Requirement to be registered^[F258]: teachers in Wales]

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Textual Amendments

- F258** Words in s. 134 heading inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 2 para. 19(3)(d)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F259** S. 134 repealed (1.4.2015) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\)](#), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 3**; S.I. 2015/29, art. 3(x) (with art. 4)

Commencement Information

- I165** S. 134 partly in force; s. 134 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 134(1)(4)(5) in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I**

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135 Head teachers

- (1) Regulations may provide that a person may serve as the head teacher of a school only if he is a qualified teacher.
- (2) Regulations may provide that a person may serve as the head teacher of a school only if he has a specified qualification (in addition to any qualification required by virtue of subsection (1)).
- (3) A provision of regulations under subsection (2) shall not apply to a person who has been appointed as the head teacher of a school before the commencement of the provision.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (2) shall not prevent a person from carrying out the functions of the head teacher of a school—
 - (a) pending the appointment of a head teacher, or
 - (b) in the absence of the head teacher.
- (5) In this section “school” means—
 - (a) a school maintained by a [^{F11}local authority], or
 - (b) a special school not so maintained.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I166 S. 135 partly in force; s. 135 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 135 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 4, Sch. Pt. I**

I167 S. 135 in force at 1.10.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 5**

[^{F260}Induction periods: teachers in England

Textual Amendments

F260 Ss. 135A-135C and cross-heading inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 9, 82(3)**; [S.I. 2012/924](#), **art. 2**

135A Requirement to serve induction period: teachers in England

- (1) Regulations may make provision for, and in connection with, requiring persons employed as teachers at relevant schools in England, subject to such exceptions as may be provided by or under the regulations, to have satisfactorily completed an induction period of not less than three school terms in—
 - (a) a relevant school,
 - (b) in such circumstances as may be prescribed, a nursery school that—
 - (i) is not maintained by a local authority, and
 - (ii) is not a special school,
 - (c) in such circumstances as may be prescribed, an independent school [^{F261}or an alternative provision Academy that is not an independent school], or

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- (d) in such circumstances as may be prescribed, an institution within the further education sector (or an institution within the further education sector of a prescribed description) [^{F262}or a 16 to 19 Academy] .
- (2) Regulations under this section may, in particular, make provision—
- (a) as to the length of the induction period in any prescribed circumstances;
 - (b) as to periods of employment which are to count towards the induction period;
 - (c) as to the number of induction periods that a person may serve, and the circumstances in which a person may serve more than one induction period;
 - (d) precluding a relevant school, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, from being one at which an induction period may be served;
 - (e) as to supervision and training during a person's induction period;
 - (f) authorising the Secretary of State to determine the standards against which a person is to be assessed for the purpose of deciding whether the person has satisfactorily completed an induction period;
 - (g) requiring the appropriate body to decide whether a person—
 - (i) has achieved those standards and has accordingly satisfactorily completed his or her induction period, or
 - (ii) should have his or her induction period extended by such period as may be determined by the appropriate body, or
 - (iii) has failed satisfactorily to complete his or her induction period;
 - (h) requiring the head teacher of a school to make a recommendation to the appropriate body as to whether a person has achieved the standards mentioned in paragraph (f);
 - (i) requiring the appropriate body to inform the Secretary of State of any decision under paragraph (g);
 - (j) requiring the employer of a person employed as a teacher at a relevant school to secure—
 - (i) the termination of that person's employment as a teacher, or
 - (ii) that the person only undertakes such teaching duties as may be determined in accordance with the regulations,
 in such circumstances following a decision that the person has failed satisfactorily to complete his or her induction period as may be prescribed;
 - (k) authorising or requiring the appropriate body to exercise such other functions as may be prescribed (which may include functions with respect to the provision of assistance to schools [^{F263}institutions within the further education sector or 16 to 19 Academies] or of training for teachers);
 - (l) authorising the appropriate body in such circumstances as may be prescribed to make such reasonable charges in connection with the exercise of its functions under the regulations as it may determine;
 - (m) requiring any person or body exercising any prescribed function under the regulations to have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State as to the exercise of that function.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1)(d) may, in particular—
- (a) provide that an induction period may not be begun without approval of the appropriate body for the serving of that induction period;
 - (b) provide for approval to be general or specific;
 - (c) make provision (including transitional provision) about the withdrawal of approval;

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- (d) impose conditions or limitations on the appropriate body's power to give or withhold approval.
- (4) In this section—
- “the appropriate body” means such person or body (including a local authority) as may be prescribed by, or determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with, regulations under this section (and such regulations may provide for an appropriate body which is not a local authority to include a representative of such an authority);
- “relevant school” means a school maintained by a local authority or a special school not so maintained.
- (5) In the application of this section to an institution within the further education sector [^{F264}or a 16 to 19 Academy] —
- (a) a reference to a school term is to be read as a reference to a term of the institution;
- (b) a reference to the head teacher of a school is to be read as a reference to the principal of the institution.

Textual Amendments

- F261** Words in s. 135A(1)(c) inserted (1.4.2012) by [The Alternative Provision Academies \(Consequential Amendments to Acts\) \(England\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/976\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 12** (with art. 3)
- F262** Words in s. 135A(1)(d) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 13 para. 13(2)(a)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F263** Words in s. 135A(2)(k) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 13 para. 13(2)(b)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F264** Words in s. 135A(5) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 13 para. 13(2)(c)**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

135B Induction periods: appeals

- (1) Regulations under section 135A must include provision conferring on a person aggrieved by a decision under subsection (2)(g) of that section a right to appeal against the decision to the Secretary of State.
- (2) A decision on an appeal made by virtue of subsection (1) is to be final.
- (3) Regulations under section 135A made in pursuance of subsection (1) may make provision for, or for the determination in accordance with the regulations of, such matters relating to appeals as the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient.

135C Induction periods: supplementary

- (1) During the induction period which a person is required to serve by virtue of regulations under section 135A, the provisions of section 131 (appraisal of teachers' performance) and regulations under that section do not apply to the person.
- (2) Where, in accordance with a requirement imposed by virtue of subsection (2)(j)(ii) of section 135A, a teacher employed at a school maintained by a local authority—
- (a) continues to be employed at the school, but
- (b) is not undertaking his or her normal teaching duties there,

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any costs incurred by the local authority in respect of the teacher's emoluments are not to be met from the school's budget share for any funding period except in so far as the authority have good reason for deducting those costs, or any part of those costs, from that share.

Nothing in this subsection applies to a maintained school at any time when the school does not have a delegated budget.

- (3) In subsection (2)—
- (a) the references to a school's budget share and to a school not having a delegated budget have the same meaning as in Part 2 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
 - (b) “funding period”, in relation to a school's budget share, has the same meaning as in that Part.
- (4) Sections 496 and 497 of the Education Act 1996 (default powers of Secretary of State) have effect in relation to the duties imposed and powers conferred by virtue of section 135A as if the bodies to which those sections apply included—
- (a) the governing body of a special school that is not maintained by a local authority;
 - (b) the governing body (within the meaning given by section 90(1) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992) of an institution within the further education sector;
 - (c) the appropriate body (within the meaning of section 135A).]

Further education

136 Provision of education

Regulations may—

- (a) [^{F265}prohibit the provision of education at a further education institution [^{F266}in Wales] by a person who does not have a specified qualification;]
- (b) [^{F267}prohibit the provision of education at a further education institution [^{F268}in Wales] by a person unless he is serving or has served a probationary period;]
- (c) specify conditions to be complied with by or in respect of persons providing education at a further education institution.

Textual Amendments

F265 S. 136(a) ceases to have effect (E.) (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(1\)\(a\)](#)

F266 Words in s. 136(a) inserted (26.5.2015) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#)

F267 S. 136(b) ceases to have effect (E.) (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(1\)\(b\)](#)

F268 Words in s. 136(b) inserted (26.5.2015) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)

Commencement Information

I168 S. 136 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)

I169 S. 136 in force at 6.11.2006 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), art. 2

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137 Principals of further education institutions

- [^{F269}(1) Regulations may provide that a person may serve as the principal of a further education institution [^{F270}in Wales] only if he has a specified qualification.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) shall not prevent a person from serving as the principal of an institution while he is following a course or programme which—
- (a) is of a kind specified in the regulations, and
 - (b) is designed to lead to the award of a qualification specified under subsection (1).
- [^{F271}(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) may limit the period of time during which a person may serve as the principal of an institution in reliance on subsection (2).]
- (3) A provision of regulations [^{F272}made under subsection (1) by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales] shall not apply to a person who has been appointed as the principal of an institution [^{F273}in England or Wales ”] before the commencement of the provision.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) shall not prevent a person from carrying out the functions of the principal of an institution—
- (a) pending the appointment of a principal, or
 - (b) in the absence of the principal.]

Textual Amendments

- F269** S. 137 ceases to have effect (E.) (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- F270** Words in s. 137(1) inserted (26.5.2015) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- F271** S. 137(2A) inserted (23.12.2007 for E.) by [Further Education and Training Act 2007 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 23\(2\)](#), [32\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2007/3505](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F272** Words in s. 137(3) substituted (23.12.2007 for E.) by [Further Education and Training Act 2007 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 23\(3\)\(a\)](#), [32\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2007/3505](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F273** Words in s. 137(3) inserted (23.12.2007 for E.) by [Further Education and Training Act 2007 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 23\(3\)\(b\)](#), [32\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2007/3505](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I170** S. 137 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I171** S. 137 in force at 6.11.2006 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), [art. 2](#)

138 Training in provision of further education

- [^{F274}(1) This section applies to a course which is designed to lead to the award of a qualification specified under section 136 or 137(1).
- ^{F275}(2)
- (3) The National Assembly for Wales may by regulations—
- (a) prohibit the provision by a further or higher education institution in Wales of a course to which this section applies without the approval of the National Assembly;

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- (b) enable the National Assembly to determine the number of persons who may undertake a specified course to which this section applies at a further or higher education institution in Wales;
- (c) enable the National Assembly to determine the number of persons in different categories who may undertake a specified course to which this section applies at a further or higher education institution in Wales.]

Textual Amendments

- F274** S. 138 ceases to have effect (E.) (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F275** S. 138(2) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(h), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(2\)\(d\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I172** S. 138 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I173** S. 138 in force at 6.11.2006 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), art. 2

^{F276} 139 Wales: provision of higher education

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Textual Amendments

- F276** S. 139 omitted (1.9.2014) by virtue of [Further and Higher Education \(Governance and Information\) \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 1\)](#), [ss. 7, 11\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2014/1706](#), art. 3(g)

Commencement Information

- I174** S. 139 in force at 1.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)

140 Further education: general

- (1) Regulations under any of sections 136 to 139 may provide that a specified provision of the regulations shall not apply where a specified condition (which may refer to the opinion of a specified person) is satisfied.
- (2) Regulations under any of sections 136 to 139 may impose a function on—
 - (a) a [^{F11}local authority], or
 - (b) the governing body of a further or higher education institution.
- (3) In sections 136 to 139—
 - “education” includes vocational, social, physical and recreational training,
 - “further education institution” means an institution which—
 - (a) provides further education and is maintained by a [^{F11}local authority], or
 - (b) is within the further education sector, and
 - “higher education institution” means an institution which—
 - (a) is within the higher education sector, and

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(b) receives financial support under section 65 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13) (administration of funds by higher education funding councils).

[^{F277}(4) For the purposes of section 138(3), a university to which an approved plan relates is to be treated (in any case where it would not be so treated but for this subsection) as being a higher education institution.

(5) “Approved plan”, in subsection (4), has the meaning given in section 7 of the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015.]

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

F277 S. 140(4)(5) inserted (1.8.2017) by [Higher Education \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 59(2), [Sch. para. 6](#); [S.I. 2017/239](#), [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

I175 S. 140 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

I176 S. 140 in force at 6.11.2006 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), [art. 2](#)

Health and fitness

141 Health and fitness

- (1) Regulations may provide that an activity to which this section applies may be carried out only by a person who satisfies specified conditions as to health or physical capacity.
- (2) This section applies to an activity of a prescribed kind performed in the course of the provision of education at—
 - (a) a school, or
 - (b) a further education institution.
- (3) This section also applies to an activity of a prescribed kind performed in the course of the provision of education by a person—
 - (a) otherwise than in a school or a further education institution, and
 - (b) under a contract of employment or for services where the other party is a [^{F11}local authority] or a person exercising a function relating to the provision of education on behalf of a [^{F11}local authority].
- (4) This section also applies to an activity of a prescribed kind (other than the provision of education) where—
 - (a) the activity is carried out by a person under a contract of employment or for services,
 - [^{F278}(b) the other party to the contract is—
 - (i) a local authority which entered into the contract for purposes connected with any of their education functions,
 - (ii) the governing body of a school, or
 - (iii) a further education institution,]
 - (c) the activity regularly brings the person into contact with children.

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(5) In this section—

- “child” means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years,
- “education” includes vocational, social, physical and recreational training,
- “further education institution” has the meaning given by section 140, and
- “school” means—
 - (a) a school maintained by a [^{F11}local authority], or
 - (b) a special school not so maintained.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F278** S. 141(4)(b) substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(9\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I177** S. 141 partly in force; s. 141 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 141 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)
- I178** S. 141 in force at 1.8.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 3](#)

[^{F279}Teacher misconduct etc: England

Textual Amendments

- F279** Ss. 141A-141E and cross-heading inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 8\(1\)](#), [82\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), [art. 2](#)

141A Teachers to whom sections 141B to 141E apply

(1) Sections 141B to 141E apply to a person who is employed or engaged to carry out teaching work at—

- (a) a school in England,
- (b) a sixth form college in England,
- [a 16 to 19 Academy,]
- ^{F280}(ba)
- (c) relevant youth accommodation in England, or
- (d) a children's home in England.

(2) In subsection (1)—

“children's home” has the same meaning as in the Care Standards Act 2000;
 “teaching work” means work of a kind specified in regulations under this section (and such regulations may make provision by reference to specified activities or by reference to the circumstances in which activities are carried out).

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Textual Amendments

F280 S. 141A(1)(ba) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 13 para. 13\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), art. 2

141B Investigation of disciplinary cases by Secretary of State

- (1) The Secretary of State may investigate a case where an allegation is referred to the Secretary of State that a person to whom this section applies—
 - (a) may be guilty of unacceptable professional conduct or conduct that may bring the teaching profession into disrepute, or
 - (b) has been convicted (at any time) of a relevant offence.
- (2) Where the Secretary of State finds on an investigation of a case under subsection (1) that there is a case to answer, the Secretary of State must decide whether to make a prohibition order in respect of the person.
- (3) Schedule 11A (regulations about decisions under subsection (2)) has effect.
- (4) In this section—
 - a “prohibition order” means an order prohibiting the person to whom it relates from carrying out teaching work;
 - “teaching work” has the same meaning as in section 141A(1);
 - “relevant offence”, in relation to a person, means—
 - (a) in the case of a conviction in England and Wales, a criminal offence other than one having no material relevance to the person's fitness to be a teacher, and
 - (b) in the case of a conviction elsewhere, an offence which, if committed in England and Wales, would be within paragraph (a).

141C List of persons prohibited from teaching etc

- (1) The Secretary of State must keep a list containing—
 - (a) the names of persons in relation to whom a prohibition order has effect, and
 - (b) the names of persons who have begun, but have failed satisfactorily to complete, an induction period under section 135A in such circumstances as may be prescribed.
- (2) The Secretary of State may include on the list the name of any person who has been prohibited from teaching in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland that the Secretary of State thinks appropriate to include on the list.
- (3) The Secretary of State must secure that, where the name of a person is included on the list because an interim prohibition order has effect in respect of the person, there is an indication on the list to that effect.
- (4) The Secretary of State must secure that, where the name of a person is included on the list because the person has failed satisfactorily to complete an induction period under section 135A, there is an indication on the list to that effect.
- (5) The list may contain such other information in relation to the persons whose names are included on it as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

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- (6) The list must be available for inspection by members of the public.
- (7) In this section—
 - “prohibition order” has the same meaning as in section 141B;
 - “interim prohibition order” means an order made by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 11A.

141D Supply of information following dismissal, resignation etc

- (1) This section applies where a relevant employer has ceased to use the services of a teacher because the teacher has been guilty of serious misconduct.
- (2) This section also applies where a relevant employer might have ceased to use the services of a teacher as mentioned in subsection (1) had the teacher not ceased to provide those services.
- (3) The employer must consider whether it would be appropriate to provide prescribed information about the teacher to the Secretary of State.
- (4) In this section—
 - “relevant employer” means—
 - (a) a local authority;
 - (b) a person exercising a function relating to the provision of education on behalf of a local authority;
 - (c) the proprietor of a school [^{F281}or 16 to 19 Academy];
 - (d) a sixth form college corporation;
 - (e) a person who employs a person to teach in a children's home or in relevant youth accommodation;
 - “education” includes vocational, social, physical and recreational training;
 - “children's home” has the same meaning as in the Care Standards Act 2000;
 - “services” includes professional and voluntary services;
 - “teacher” means a person within section 141A(1).

Textual Amendments

F281 Words in s. 141D(4) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), s. 82\(3\), Sch. 13 para. 13\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924, art. 2](#)

141E Supply of information by contractor, agency etc

- (1) This section applies where arrangements have been made by a person (the “agent”) for a teacher to carry out work at the request of or with the consent of a relevant employer (whether or not under a contract) and the agent has terminated the arrangements because the teacher has been guilty of serious misconduct.
- (2) This section also applies where the agent—
 - (a) might have terminated the arrangements as mentioned in subsection (1) had the teacher not terminated them, or
 - (b) might have refrained from making new arrangements because of the teacher's serious misconduct had the teacher not ceased to be available for work.

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- (3) The agent must consider whether it would be appropriate to provide prescribed information about the teacher to the Secretary of State.
- (4) In this section “relevant employer” and “teacher” have the same meanings as in section 141D.]

*[^{F282}Allegations of offences committed by teachers
in England and Wales: reporting restrictions*

Textual Amendments

F282 Ss. 141F-141H and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 13\(1\), 82\(3\); S.I. 2012/2213, art. 3](#)

141F Restrictions on reporting alleged offences by teachers

- (1) This section applies where a person who is employed or engaged as a teacher at a school is the subject of an allegation falling within subsection (2).
- (2) An allegation falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) it is an allegation that the person is or may be guilty of a relevant criminal offence, and
 - (b) it is made by or on behalf of a registered pupil at the school.
- (3) No matter relating to the person is to be included in any publication if it is likely to lead members of the public to identify the person as the teacher who is the subject of the allegation.
- (4) Any person may make an application to a magistrates' court for an order dispensing with the restrictions imposed by subsection (3).
- (5) The court may make an order dispensing with the restrictions, to the extent specified in the order, if it is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so, having regard to the welfare of—
 - (a) the person who is the subject of the allegation, and
 - (b) the victim of the offence to which the allegation relates.
- (6) The power under subsection (5) may be exercised by a single justice.
- (7) In the case of a decision to make or refuse to make an order under subsection (5), a person mentioned in subsection (8) may, in accordance with Criminal Procedure Rules—
 - (a) appeal to the Crown Court against the decision, or
 - (b) appear or be represented at the hearing of such an appeal.
- (8) The persons referred to in subsection (7) are—
 - (a) a person who was a party to the proceedings on the application for the order;
 - (b) any other person with the leave of the Crown Court.
- (9) On an appeal under subsection (7), the Crown Court may—
 - (a) make such order as is necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and

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- (b) make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- (10) The restrictions in subsection (3) cease to apply once proceedings for the offence have been instituted.
- (11) The restrictions in subsection (3) also cease to apply if—
- (a) the Secretary of State publishes information about the person who is the subject of the allegation in connection with an investigation or decision under section 141B (investigation of disciplinary cases by Secretary of State) relating to the same allegation, or
 - (b) the General Teaching Council for Wales publishes information about the person who is the subject of the allegation in connection with an investigation, hearing or determination under Schedule 2 to the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (investigation of disciplinary cases by the General Teaching Council for Wales) relating to the same allegation.
- (12) The restrictions in subsection (3) also cease to apply if—
- (a) the person who is the subject of the allegation includes a matter in a publication, or
 - (b) another person includes a matter in a publication with the written consent of the person who is the subject of the allegation;
- and, in either case, the inclusion of the matter in the publication would otherwise be in breach of subsection (3).
- (13) Written consent is to be ignored for the purposes of subsection (12)(b) if it is proved that any person interfered unreasonably with the peace or comfort of the person giving the consent, with intent to obtain it.
- (14) In this section—
- “publication” includes any speech, writing, relevant programme or other communication in whatever form, which is addressed to the public at large or any section of the public (and for this purpose, every relevant programme shall be taken to be so addressed), but does not include—
- (a) an indictment or other document prepared for use in particular legal proceedings, or
 - (b) a document published by the regulator of a profession of which the person who is the subject of the allegation is a member in connection with disciplinary proceedings in relation to the person;
- “relevant criminal offence”, in relation to a person employed or engaged as a teacher at a school, means an offence against the law of England and Wales where the victim of the offence is a registered pupil at the school;
- “relevant programme” means a programme included in a programme service, within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990.
- (15) For the purposes of this section, proceedings for an offence are instituted at the earliest of the following times—
- (a) when a justice of the peace issues a summons or warrant under section 1 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 in respect of the offence;
 - (b) when a [^{F283}relevant prosecutor] issues a written charge and requisition [^{F284}or single justice procedure notice] in respect of the offence;
 - (c) when a person is charged with the offence after being taken into custody without a warrant;

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- (d) when a bill of indictment is preferred by virtue of section 2(2)(b) of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1933.

^{F285} [In subsection (15) “relevant prosecutor”, “requisition”, “single justice procedure (16) notice” and “written charge” have the same meaning as in section 29 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.]

Textual Amendments

F283 Words in s. 141F(15)(b) substituted (13.4.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\), s. 95\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 19\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 77

F284 Words in s. 141F(15)(b) inserted (13.4.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\), s. 95\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 77

F285 S. 141F(16) inserted (13.4.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\), s. 95\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 19\(3\)](#); S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 77

141G Offence of breach of reporting restrictions

- (1) This section applies if a publication includes any matter in breach of section 141F (3).
- (2) Where the publication is a newspaper or periodical, any proprietor, any editor and any publisher of the newspaper or periodical is guilty of an offence.
- (3) Where the publication is a programme included in a programme service (within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990), the following are guilty of an offence—
 - (a) any body corporate engaged in providing the programme service in which the programme is included, and
 - (b) any person having functions in relation to the programme corresponding to those of an editor of a newspaper.
- (4) In the case of any other publication, any person publishing it is guilty of an offence.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (6) If an offence committed by a body corporate is proved—
 - (a) to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or
 - (b) to be attributable to any neglect on the part of,an officer, the officer as well as the body corporate is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (7) In subsection (6), “officer” means a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body, or a person purporting to act in any such capacity.
- (8) If the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, “director” in subsection (7) means a member of that body.
- (9) Schedule 11B contains supplementary provision relating to an offence under this section.

141H Defences

- (1) Where a person is charged with an offence under section 141G, it is a defence for the person to prove either of the matters mentioned in subsection (2).

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- (2) The matters are—
- (a) that, at the time of the alleged offence, the person was not aware, and neither suspected nor had reason to suspect, that the publication included the matter in question;
 - (b) that, at the time of the alleged offence, the person was not aware, and neither suspected nor had reason to suspect, that the allegation in question had been made.]

Misconduct etc.

142 Prohibition from teaching, etc.

- [^{F286}(1) The Secretary of State, in relation to England, or the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales concurrently, in relation to Wales, may direct that a person—
- (a) may not carry out work to which this section applies;
 - (b) may carry out work to which this section applies only in circumstances specified in the direction;
 - (c) may carry out work to which this section applies only if conditions specified in the direction are satisfied.
- (2) This section applies to—
- (a) providing education at a school,
 - (b) providing education at a further education institution,
 - (c) providing education under a contract of employment or for services where the other party to the contract is a [^{F11}local authority] or a person exercising a function relating to the provision of education on behalf of a [^{F11}local authority], and
 - (d) taking part in the management of an independent school.
- (3) This section also applies to work of a kind which—
- (a) brings a person regularly into contact with children, and
 - (b) is carried out at the request of or with the consent of a relevant employer (whether or not under a contract).
- (4) A direction under this section may be given in respect of a person only—
- (a) on the grounds that the person is included (otherwise than provisionally) in the list kept under section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1999 (c. 14) (list of individuals considered unsuitable to work with children),
 - (b) on the grounds that the person is unsuitable to work with children,
 - (c) on grounds relating to the person’s misconduct,
 - (d) on grounds relating to the person’s health, or
 - (e) in the case of a direction given by virtue of subsection (2)(d), on grounds relating to the person’s professional incompetence (or on a ground mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (d)).
- (5) The Secretary of State, in relation to England, or the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales concurrently, in relation to Wales, may by regulations prescribe the procedure for giving a direction under this section (including provision about notification of persons who are subject to directions).

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- (6) The Secretary of State, in relation to England, or the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales concurrently, in relation to Wales, may vary or revoke a direction under this section except in a case where—
- (a) the direction was given on the grounds that a person is unsuitable to work with children, and
 - (b) the person claims that he is no longer unsuitable to work with children.
- (7) The Secretary of State, in relation to England, or the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales concurrently, in relation to Wales, may by regulations prescribe the grounds on which a person subject to a direction under this section may seek to have it varied or revoked under subsection (6).
- (8) Where a person is subject to a direction under this section, a relevant employer shall not use the person to carry out work in contravention of the direction.
- (9) In this section—
- “child” means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years,
 - “education” includes vocational, social, physical and recreational training,
 - “further education institution” has the meaning given by section 140,
 - “relevant employer” means—
 - (a) [F11]local authority][F287exercising an education function],
 - (b) a person exercising a function relating to the provision of education on behalf of a [F11]local authority],
 - (c) the proprietor of a school, or
 - (d) the governing body of a further education institution, and
 - “school” includes an independent school.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F286** Ss. 142-144 repealed (12.10.2009 for specified purposes) by [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(c. 47\)](#), s. 65, [Sch. 10](#) (with ss. 51, 57(3), 60(4), 64(5)); S.I. 2009/2611, art. 4
- F287** Words in s. 142(9)(a) inserted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 2 para. 11\(10\)\(a\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C69** S. 142 modified by 1998 c. 30, s. 15 (as inserted (31.3.2003 for W., 1.6.2003 for E.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 21 para. 83](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#); S.I. 2003/1115, art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I179** S. 142 partly in force; s. 142 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 142 in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I180** S. 142 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I181** S. 142 in force at 1.6.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1115](#), art. 3

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143 Directions under section 142: contractor, agency, etc.

- [^{F286}(1) A person shall not arrange for an individual who is subject to a direction under section 142 to carry out work in contravention of the direction.
- (2) If the Secretary of State thinks that a person is likely to fail to comply with the duty under this section in relation to work in England, the Secretary of State may direct the person to take or refrain from taking specified steps with a view to securing compliance with that duty.
- (3) If the National Assembly for Wales thinks that a person is likely to fail to comply with the duty under this section in relation to work in Wales, the National Assembly may direct the person to take or refrain from taking specified steps with a view to securing compliance with that duty.
- (4) A direction under subsection (2) shall be enforceable, on the application of the Secretary of State, by a mandatory order.
- (5) A direction under subsection (3) shall be enforceable, on the application of the National Assembly, by a mandatory order.]

Textual Amendments

F286 Ss. 142-144 repealed (12.10.2009 for specified purposes) by [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(c. 47\)](#), s. 65, **Sch. 10** (with ss. 51, 57(3), 60(4), 64(5)); S.I. 2009/2611, art. 4

Commencement Information

I182 S. 143 partly in force; s. 143 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 143 in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, **Sch. Pt. II**

I183 S. 143 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, **Sch. Pt. II**

I184 S. 143 in force at 1.6.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1115](#), art. 3

144 Directions under section 142: appeal

- [^{F286}(1) A person in respect of whom a direction has been given under section 142 may appeal to the [^{F288}First-tier Tribunal] —
- (a) against the decision to give the direction;
- (b) against a decision not to vary or revoke the direction.
- (2) In a case to which subsection (3) applies, the Tribunal may, on an application for a review of a direction under section 142, revoke the direction.
- (3) This subsection applies to a case where—
- (a) the direction was given on the grounds that the applicant is unsuitable to work with children,
- (b) the applicant has obtained the leave of the Tribunal to apply for a review of the direction, and
- (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the applicant is no longer unsuitable to work with children.
- (4) The Secretary of State, in relation to England, or the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales concurrently, in relation to Wales, may by regulations—

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- (a) provide that the Tribunal may not entertain an appeal under this section in so far as the appellant's case is inconsistent with his having been convicted of an offence;
- (b) prescribe circumstances in which the Tribunal shall allow an appeal under this section;
- (c) prescribe the powers available to the Tribunal on allowing an appeal under this section;
- (d) prescribe circumstances in which the Tribunal shall grant an application for leave under this section;
- (e) prescribe circumstances in which the Tribunal shall grant an application for a review under this section;
- (f) prescribe the powers available to the Tribunal on revoking a direction.]

Textual Amendments

- F286** Ss. 142-144 repealed (12.10.2009 for specified purposes) by [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(c. 47\), s. 65, Sch. 10](#) (with ss. 51, 57(3), 60(4), 64(5)); S.I. 2009/2611, art. 4
- F288** Words in s. 144(1) substituted (3.11.2008) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2833\), art. 1\(1\), Sch. 3 para. 193](#)

Commencement Information

- I185** S. 144 partly in force; s. 144 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 144 in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I186** S. 144 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I187** S. 144 in force at 1.6.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1115, art. 3](#)

Sections 132 to 140: general

145 Specification of qualification or course

- (1) A power under sections 132 to 140 to make provision by reference to a specified qualification, a specified course of education or training or a specified programme includes power to make provision—
 - (a) by reference to a class or description of qualification, course or programme;
 - (b) by reference to the institution, or class or description of institution, which awards the qualification or provides the course or programme;
 - (c) which confers discretion on the Secretary of State,^{F289} ...^{F290} ... the National Assembly for Wales, the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, the General Teaching Council for Wales or another specified person.
- (2) A discretion under subsection (1)(c) may, in particular, refer to approval or accreditation of a qualification, course, programme or institution.
- (3) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (1) may impose a duty on^{F291} ... the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F289** Words in s. 145(1)(c) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), s. 82\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 17\(a\); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2](#)

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- F290** Words in s. 145(1)(c) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 2 para. 19\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), art. 2
- F291** Words in s. 145(3) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 5 para. 17\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), art. 2

Commencement Information

- I188** S. 145 partly in force; s. 145 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 145 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 4, [Sch. Pt. I](#)
- I189** S. 145 in force at 1.8.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 3

146 Repeal of sections 218 and 218A of Education Reform Act 1988

Sections 218 and 218A of the Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40) (school and further and higher education regulations) shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

- I190** S. 146 in force at 31.3.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I191** S. 146 in force at 31.3.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I192** S. 146 in force at 1.6.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1115](#), art. 3
- I193** S. 146 in force at 1.8.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 3 (with [Sch. para ss. 2, 3](#))
- I194** S. 146 in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 4
- I195** S. 146 in force at 1.10.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 5
- I196** S. 146 in force at 6.11.2006 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), art. 2
- I197** S. 146 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), art. 4(1), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. Pt paras. 2, 3](#))

1999 Pay Document

147 Application of pay-scale

- (1) This section—
- (a) applies to the construction of paragraph 18 of the document referred to in article 3 of the Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2160) (classroom teachers: criteria for position on pay spine) as it had effect from 1st September 1999 to 31st March 2000, and
 - (b) shall be treated as having come into force on 1st September 1999 (for all purposes including the calculation of pensions).
- (2) Where a person is awarded one or more points, he shall be paid the salary shown for the spine point which equates to the number of points awarded.
- (3) Where a person is not awarded a point, he shall be paid the salary shown for the lowest spine point.
- (4) In paragraph 18.1.1 (good honours degree)—
- (a) paragraph (a) shall be ignored,
 - (b) paragraph (b) shall be treated as applying irrespective of the date of a person's appointment to his first post following qualification as a teacher, and

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- (c) in paragraph (c) the words “before 1st September has been employed as a qualified teacher and who” shall be ignored.

General Teaching Councils for England and Wales

148 The General Teaching Councils for England and Wales

Schedule 12 (which contains amendments relating to the General Teaching Council for England and the General Teaching Council for Wales) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I198** S. 148 partly in force; s. 148 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 148 in force for certain purposes for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)); s. 148 in force for certain purposes for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#) and for certain further purposes for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I199** S. 148 in force at 31.3.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I200** S. 148 in force at 1.8.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 3](#)
- I201** S. 148 in force at 31.5.2006 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2006/1336](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- I202** S. 148 in force at 6.11.2006 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), [art. 2](#)

PART 9

CHILDCARE AND NURSERY EDUCATION

Childcare

149 Duties of ^{F11}local authority] in respect of childcare

^{F292}(1)

- (2) Section 19(1) and (2) of the Children Act 1989 (c. 41) (duty of local authorities in England and Wales to conduct periodic reviews of child care) shall cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/1158), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F292** S. 149(1) repealed (1.4.2007 for E.) by [Childcare Act 2006](#) (c. 21), s. 109(2), [Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2007/1019, [art. 3](#)

Commencement Information

- I203** S. 149 wholly in force at 31.3.2003; s. 149 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 149 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) and in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I204** S. 149 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

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150 Early years development and childcare partnerships and plans

^{F293}(1)

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- (5) Early years development partnerships are renamed “early years development and childcare partnerships” ^{F295}...; accordingly in Part 5 of that Act after “early years development” (in each place it occurs) there is inserted “ and childcare ”.

Textual Amendments

F293 S. 150(1) repealed (1.9.2008 for E.) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with [Sch. 1](#))

F294 S. 150(2)-(4) repealed (1.3.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), **Sch. 5 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(1)(l); S.I. 2006/885, art. 3(b)

F295 Words in s. 150(5) repealed (1.3.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), **Sch. 5 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/394, art. 2(1)(l); S.I. 2006/885, art. 3(b)

Commencement Information

I205 S. 150 wholly in force at 31.3.2003; s. 150 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 150 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) and in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5**, **Sch. Pt. II**

I206 S. 150 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5**, **Sch. Pt. II**

151 Childcare functions of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector and National Assembly for Wales

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order confer on [^{F296}Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills] such additional functions specified in the order as the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient to enable Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector to approve persons in accordance with criteria determined by or under a scheme made under the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21) for the approval of persons who are to be regarded as providing child care for the purposes of working tax credit.
- (2) The National Assembly for Wales shall have any additional function specified in an order made by it which it considers necessary or expedient to enable it to approve persons as mentioned in subsection (1); but the order may only specify a function corresponding to a function which, by virtue of that subsection, is exercisable by [^{F297}Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills] .

Textual Amendments

F296 Words in s. 151(1) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 14 para. 72**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(gg)

F297 Words in s. 151(2) substituted (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 14 para. 72**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(gg)

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- I207** S. 151(1) in force at 1.10.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#));
- I208** S. 151(1) in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

152 Regulation of child minding and day care

Schedule 13 (which makes provision about the regulation of child minding and day care) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I209** S. 152 in force at 2.9.2002 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#)
S. 152 in force at 1.10.2002 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#));
S. 152 in force at 19.12.2002 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)
- I210** S. 152 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

Nursery education

153 Powers of [F11]local authority] in respect of funded nursery education

- (1) This section applies where a [F11]local authority][F298 in Wales], in pursuance of the duty imposed on them by section 118 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (duty of [F11]local authority] as respects availability of nursery education), makes arrangements with a person (other than the governing body of a maintained school) for the provision by that person of nursery education in consideration of financial assistance provided by the authority under the arrangements.
- (2) The [F11]local authority]—
- (a) must, in making the arrangements, have regard to any guidance given from time to time by F299 ... the National Assembly for Wales, as to provision to be made in such arrangements in respect of the requirements to be met by the provider of the nursery education, and
- [F300](ab) must make provision in the arrangements requiring the provider of the nursery education to have regard to any relevant guidance included in the code on additional learning needs issued under section 4 of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018, and]
- (b) must exercise their functions with a view to securing that the provider meets any requirements imposed on him by the arrangements.
- (3) Subject to any guidance given under subsection (2)(a), the requirements imposed by the arrangements may, in particular, if any specified conditions are not satisfied, require the repayment of the whole or any part of any financial assistance provided by the [F11]local authority] under the arrangements.
- (4) In this section—
- “maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community F301 ... special school or a maintained nursery school;

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“nursery education” means full-time or part-time education suitable for children who have not attained compulsory school age (whether provided at schools or elsewhere).

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F298** Words in s. 153(1) inserted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), [Sch. 2 para. 41\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2008/2261](#), [art. 2](#) (with [Sch. 1](#))
- F299** Words in s. 153(2)(a) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), [Sch. 2 para. 41\(b\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2008/2261](#), [art. 2](#) (with [Sch. 1](#))
- F300** S. 153(2)(ab) inserted (1.9.2021) by [Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 100(3), [Sch. 1 para. 9\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2021/373](#), [art. 8\(j\)\(xxi\)](#)
- F301** Words in s. 153(4) omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 21\(8\)](#); [S.I. 2013/1800](#), [art. 3\(j\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I211** S. 153 in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 4](#)

^{F302}154 Establishment or alteration of maintained nursery schools

Textual Amendments

- F302** S. 154 omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), [Sch. 5 para. 21\(9\)](#); [S.I. 2013/1800](#), [art. 3\(j\)](#)

155 Inspection of nursery education

Schedule 14 (which makes provision about the inspection of nursery education) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I212** S. 155 partly in force; s. 155 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 155 in force for certain purposes for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002](#), [art. 4](#); s. 155 in force for certain further purposes for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#))
- I213** S. 155 in force at 1.9.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/1728](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#)

156 Meaning of “nursery school” and “primary education”

(1) In section 6(1) of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (meaning of “nursery school”), after “used” there is inserted “wholly or”.

(2) For section 2(1) of that Act there is substituted—

“(1) In this Act “primary education” means—

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- (a) full-time or part-time education suitable to the requirements of children who have attained the age of two but are under compulsory school age;
- (b) full-time education suitable to the requirements of junior pupils of compulsory school age who have not attained the age of 10 years and six months; and
- (c) full-time education suitable to the requirements of junior pupils who have attained the age of 10 years and six months and whom it is expedient to educate together with junior pupils within paragraph (b).”

Commencement Information

I214 S. 156 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 156 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#))

I215 S. 156 in force at 31.3.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/912](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

PART 10

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

CHAPTER 1

REGULATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Standards

[^{F303}156AA] **Application of Chapter to alternative provision Academies that are not independent schools**

- (1) This Chapter applies to alternative provision Academies that are not independent schools as it applies to independent schools in England.
- (2) Accordingly, references in this Chapter to independent schools (apart from those that are independent schools in Wales) are to be read as including references to alternative provision Academies that are not independent schools.]

Textual Amendments

F303 S. 156AA inserted (1.4.2012) by [The Alternative Provision Academies \(Consequential Amendments to Acts\) \(England\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/976\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. para. 13](#) (with [art. 3](#))

[^{F304}156A] **Application of Chapter to schools in Wales only**

- (1) References in this Chapter to an independent school are to an independent school in Wales.

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(2) For provision regulating independent schools in England, see Chapter 1 of Part 4 of the Education and Skills Act 2008.]

Textual Amendments

F304 S. 156A inserted (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), **Sch. 1 para. 15** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z) (with art. 4)

157 Independent school standards

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter, regulations shall prescribe standards about the following matters—
- (a) the quality of education provided at independent schools;
 - (b) the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils at independent schools;
 - (c) the welfare, health and safety of pupils at independent schools;
 - (d) the suitability of proprietors of and staff at independent schools;
 - (e) the premises of and accommodation at independent schools;
 - (f) the provision of information by independent schools;
 - (g) the manner in which independent schools handle complaints.

^{F305}(1A)

[^{F306}(2) In this Chapter “independent school standards” means—

- (a) the standards for the time being prescribed under this section, ^{F307} ...]
- ^{F308}(b)

Textual Amendments

F305 S. 157(1A) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), **Sch. 1 para. 16**, **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

F306 S. 157(2) substituted (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), **ss. 47(2)**, 109(2); S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

F307 Word in s. 157(2) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), **Sch. 2**; S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(aa) (with art. 4)

F308 S. 157(2)(b) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), **Sch. 1 para. 16**, **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

Commencement Information

I216 S. 157 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, **art. 4**

I217 S. 157 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by S.I. 2003/2961, art. 6, **Sch. Pt. III**

Requirement of registration

158 The registers

- (1) There shall continue to be—
- ^{F309}(a)

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(b) a register of independent schools in Wales.

^{F310}(2)

(3) The register of independent schools in Wales shall be kept by [^{F311}the Welsh Ministers].

[^{F312}(4) The Welsh Ministers must publish a list of the schools included in the register of independent schools in Wales, as amended from time to time.

(5) If the Welsh Ministers have been provided with the necessary information by the proprietor of the school, the published list must specify the type or types of additional learning provision made by a school on the list for pupils with additional learning needs (if any).]

Textual Amendments

- F309** S. 158(1)(a) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 17(a), Sch. 2 (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F310** S. 158(2) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 17(a), Sch. 2 (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F311** Words in s. 158(3) substituted (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 17(b) (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z) (with art. 4)
- F312** S. 158(4)(5) inserted (2.11.2020 for specified purposes, 1.9.2021 in so far as not already in force) by Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (anaw 2), ss. 54(2), 100(3); S.I. 2020/1182, reg. 3(1)(e); S.I. 2021/373, art. 8(c)

Commencement Information

- I218** S. 158 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by S.I. 2003/2961, art. 6, Sch. Pt. III
- I219** S. 158(1)(2) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4
- I220** S. 158(3) in force at 6.11.2006 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2006/2895, art. 2

159 Unregistered schools

(1) A person who conducts an independent school which is not a registered school is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to—

- (a) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
(b) imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months,
or to both.

^{F313}(3)

(4) Where the Chief Inspector has reasonable cause to believe that an offence under subsection (1) is being committed on any premises, he may at any reasonable time—

- (a) enter and inspect the premises, and
(b) inspect and take copies of any records or other documents which he has reasonable cause to believe may be required for the purposes of proceedings in relation to such an offence.

(5) [^{F314}Section 58 of the Education Act 2005] (computer records) applies in relation to the inspection of records or other documents under subsection (4)(b).

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- (6) It is an offence wilfully to obstruct the Chief Inspector in the exercise of his functions under subsection (4).
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (6) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

Textual Amendments

F313 S. 159(3) repealed (8.1.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 172(3), 188(2), [Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#)

F314 Words in s. 159(5) substituted (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), [Sch. 9 para. 29](#); [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 4; [S.I. 2006/1338](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1](#)

Commencement Information

I221 S. 159 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)

I222 S. 159 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), art. 6, [Sch. Pt. III](#)

Registration procedure

160 Applications for registration

- (1) An application to enter an independent school in the register must—
- (a) contain the prescribed information, and
 - (b) be made to the registration authority by the proprietor of the school in the prescribed manner.
- (2) The information prescribed under subsection (1)(a) shall include information as to the following matters relating to the school—
- (a) the age range of pupils;
 - (b) the maximum number of pupils;
 - (c) whether the school is for male or female pupils or both;
 - (d) whether the school provides accommodation for pupils;
 - [^{F315}(e) the type or types of additional learning provision made by the school for pupils with additional learning needs (if any).]
- (3) Where the proprietor of an independent school makes an application to the registration authority under this section, the authority shall notify the Chief Inspector.
- (4) The Chief Inspector shall then inspect the school and report to the registration authority on the extent to which the independent school standards are met, and are likely to continue to be met, in relation to the school.

Textual Amendments

F315 S. 160(2)(e) substituted (2.11.2020 for specified purposes, 1.9.2021 in so far as not already in force) by [Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(anaw 2\)](#), ss. 54(3), 100(3); [S.I. 2020/1182](#), reg. 3(1)(e); [S.I. 2021/373](#), art. 8(c)

Commencement Information

I223 S. 160 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)

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I224 S. 160 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), art. 6, **Sch. Pt. III**

161 Determination of applications for registration

- (1) Where a school has been inspected under section 160, the registration authority shall, taking into account—
 - (a) the report of the Chief Inspector under that section, and
 - (b) any other evidence relating to the independent school standards,determine whether those standards are met, and are likely to continue to be met, in relation to the school.
- (2) The registration authority shall notify the proprietor of a school of any determination made by the authority under this section in relation to the school.
- (3) If the registration authority determines under this section that the independent school standards are met, and are likely to continue to be met, in relation to a school, the authority shall enter the school in the register.
- (4) An entry in the register for a school shall include —
 - (a) the name and address of the school,
 - (b) the name of the proprietor of the school, and
 - (c) the information supplied pursuant to section 160(2)(a) to (e).

Commencement Information

I225 S. 161 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 4

I226 S. 161 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), art. 6, **Sch. Pt. III**

Enforcement of standards after registration

162 Changes to registered details

- (1) The registration authority may remove a school from the register if—
 - (a) there is a material change in relation to the school, and
 - (b) the change has not been approved under this section or section 167.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), “material change”, in relation to a school, means—
 - (a) a change of proprietor,
 - (b) a change of address, or
 - (c) a change to the school in respect of any of the matters referred to in section 160(2)(a) to (e).
- (3) Applications for approval under this section must be made in writing and, in the case of approval of a change of proprietor, must be made by the proposed new proprietor.
- (4) Where an application for approval is made under this section, the registration authority may require the Chief Inspector to—
 - (a) inspect the school, and
 - (b) report to the authority on the extent to which, if the change is made, any relevant standard is likely to continue to be met in relation to the school.

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- (5) In subsection (4), “relevant standard” means any of the independent schools standards specified by the authority for the purposes of that subsection.
- (6) The registration authority shall, where an application for approval is made under this section—
- (a) approve the change, if the condition in subsection (7) is satisfied, and
 - (b) in any other case, refuse to approve it.
- (7) The condition in this subsection is that the authority is satisfied that, taking into account—
- (a) any report under subsection (4), and
 - (b) any other evidence relating to the independent school standards,
- those standards will continue to be met in relation to the school.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C70 S. 162 modified (1.1.2004) by [The Independent Schools \(Provision of Information\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3230\)](#), regs. 1(1), **9**

Commencement Information

I227 S. 162 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

I228 S. 162 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 6**, **Sch. Pt. III**

^{F316}**162A** **Power to inspect registered schools in England**

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Textual Amendments

F316 S. 162A repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 18, **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), **art. 2(z)(aa)** (with art. 4)

^{F317}**162B** **Inspections under section 162A: supplementary**

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Textual Amendments

F317 S. 162B repealed (1.9.2009 for specified purposes, 5.1.2015 in so far as not already in force) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 18, **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); [S.I. 2009/1606](#), **art. 3** (with art. 6); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), **art. 2(z)** (with art. 4)

[^{F319}**163** **Power to inspect registered schools**^{F318} ...

- (1) The registration authority may at any time—
- (a) require the Chief Inspector^{F320} ... to inspect any registered school^{F320} ..., or to secure its inspection by one or more registered inspectors, or

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- (b) arrange for the inspection of any registered school by a body approved by the registration authority for the purposes of this subsection.
- (2) The inspection of a school under this section shall relate to—
- (a) such of the independent school standards as are, at the time of the inspection, specified by the registration authority for the purposes of this section in relation to any category of school into which that school falls, or
 - (b) if the registration authority so determines, such of the independent school standards as the registration authority may specify in relation to that school.
- (3) A person who conducts an inspection under this section shall—
- (a) make a report to the registration authority on the extent to which the school meets the standard or standards to which the inspection relates, and
 - (b) if the registration authority so requires, arrange for the publication of the report in the prescribed manner.
- (4) A report published under subsection (3) is privileged for the purposes of the law of defamation unless the publication is shown to be made with malice (but without prejudice to any privilege subsisting apart from this subsection).
- (5) In this section and section 164—
- F321 ...
- “registered inspector” means a person registered under section 25 of the Education Act 2005.

Textual Amendments

- F318** Words in s. 163 title omitted (5.1.2015) by virtue of [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 19\(a\)](#) (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z) (with art. 4)
- F319** Ss. 163, 164 substituted (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), [Sch. 8 para. 3](#); S.I. 2005/2034, art. 4; S.I. 2006/1338, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F320** Words in s. 163(1)(a) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 19\(b\)](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F321** Words in s. 163(5) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 19\(c\)](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

164 Inspections under section 163: supplementary

- (1) This section applies to the inspection of a school which is conducted by the Chief Inspector^{F322} ... or a registered inspector under section 163(1)(a).
- (2) If the inspection is conducted by a registered inspector—
- (a) he may, by agreement with the Chief Inspector^{F323} ..., be assisted by the Chief Inspector^{F323} ..., and
 - (b) he may be assisted by such one or more persons enrolled in the list kept under paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Education Act 2005 as he may determine, subject to paragraph 3(5) of that Schedule and subsection (3) below.
- (3) If the Chief Inspector^{F324} ... so requires, a registered inspector shall be assisted by at least one person enrolled in the list referred to in subsection (2)(b)—
- (a) who is without personal experience in the management of any school or the provision of education in any school (otherwise than as a governor or in

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- any other voluntary capacity, and disregarding any experience which it is reasonable to regard as insignificant), and
- (b) whose primary function in the inspection is not that of providing financial or business expertise.
- (4) If the inspection is conducted by a registered inspector, it may be monitored by the Chief Inspector^{F325}....
- (5) The person conducting the inspection, any person assisting him pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) and any person monitoring the inspection shall have at all reasonable times—
- (a) a right of entry to the premises of the school, and
- (b) a right to inspect and take copies of any records kept by the school and any other documents containing information relating to the school which are required for the purposes of the inspection.
- (6) Section 58 of the Education Act 2005 (computer records) applies in relation to the inspection of records or other documents under subsection (5)(b).
- (7) It is an offence intentionally to obstruct a person in the exercise of his functions in relation to the inspection.
- (8) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (7) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (9) The proprietor of the school shall pay the Chief Inspector^{F326}..., in respect of the inspection, a fee of such amount, and by such time, as may be specified in or determined under regulations.
- (10) Where the proprietor fails to comply with subsection (9), the registration authority may remove the school from the register.
- (11) The Chief Inspector^{F327}... shall pay the amount of any fee received under subsection (9) into the Consolidated Fund.
- (12) Subsection (11) has effect subject to paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 to the Government of Wales Act 1998 (Treasury power to direct that requirement for payment into Consolidated Fund not to apply in relation to specified sums received by the Chief Inspector^{F328}...).

Textual Amendments

- F319** Ss. 163, 164 substituted (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), [Sch. 8 para. 3](#); [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 4; [S.I. 2006/1338](#), art. 3, Sch. 1
- F322** Words in s. 164(1) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 20](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F323** Words in s. 164(2)(a) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 20](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F324** Words in s. 164(3) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 20](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F325** Words in s. 164(4) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 20](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F326** Words in s. 164(9) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 20](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

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F327 Words in s. 164(11) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 20, Sch. 2 (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

F328 Words in s. 164(12) repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 20, Sch. 2 (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

165 Failure to meet standards

- (1) This section applies where, taking into account—
 - (a) a report under section ^{F329}... 163 in respect of a registered school, or
 - (b) any other evidence in respect of a registered school,the registration authority is satisfied that any one or more of the independent school standards is or are not being met in relation to the school.
- (2) If the registration authority considers that there is a risk of serious harm to the welfare of pupils at the school, the authority may determine that the school is to be removed from the register on such date after the appeal period as the authority may determine.
- (3) Where the registration authority does not make a determination under subsection (2), it shall serve a notice on the proprietor of the school—
 - (a) identifying the standard or standards in question, and
 - (b) requiring the proprietor to submit an action plan to the authority before the date specified in the notice (or such later date as the authority may specify after service of the notice).
- (4) For the purposes of this section, an action plan is a plan specifying—
 - (a) the steps that will be taken to meet a standard or standards, and
 - (b) the time by which each step will be taken.
- (5) Where an action plan is submitted in accordance with subsection (3) the registration authority may—
 - (a) reject it, or
 - (b) approve it, with or without modifications.
- (6) Where an action plan is required under subsection (3) but is not submitted in accordance with that subsection, or is so submitted but rejected, the registration authority may—
 - (a) determine that the school is to be removed from the register on such date after the appeal period as the authority may determine, or
 - (b) make an order under subsection (8).
- (7) Where an action plan has been approved under subsection (5), but any step specified in the plan is not taken by the date specified in the plan (whether as originally approved or as varied under paragraph (a)), the registration authority may—
 - (a) substitute a later date for the taking of that step,
 - (b) make an order under subsection (8), or
 - (c) determine that the school is to be removed from the register on such date after the appeal period as the authority may determine.
- (8) An order under this subsection is an order requiring the proprietor of the school to do one or more of the following no later than such date after the appeal period as may be specified in the order—

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- (a) to cease using any part of the school premises for all purposes or purposes specified in the order;
 - (b) to close any part of the school’s operation;
 - (c) to cease to admit any new pupils, or new pupils of a description specified in the order.
- (9) If the proprietor of a school fails to comply with an order under subsection (8)—
- (a) he is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both, and
 - (b) the registration authority may determine that the school is to be removed from the register on such date after the appeal period as the authority may determine.
- (10) Where the proprietor of a school in respect of which an order is made under subsection (8) applies to the registration authority for the order to be varied or revoked, the authority shall—
- (a) vary or revoke the order as requested in the application, if it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so because of any change of circumstance, and
 - (b) in any other case, refuse to do so.
- (11) The variation or revocation of an order under subsection (10) shall take effect as from the date on which the proprietor of the school is notified of it.
- (12) Where the registration authority has made a determination under this section to remove a school from the register on a particular date and no appeal is made against the determination under section 166, the authority shall remove the school from the register on that date.
- (13) For the purposes of this Chapter, the “appeal period” in relation to a determination or order is the period within which an appeal against it may be made under section 166.

Textual Amendments

F329 Words in s. 165(1)(a) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 21](#), [Sch. 2](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C71 S. 165 restricted (19.11.2003) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2959\)](#), regs. 1(1), **8(1)**

Commencement Information

I229 S. 165 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#) (with [Sch. para. 6](#))

I230 S. 165 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), [art. 6](#), [Sch. Pt. III](#)

166 Appeals

- (1) The proprietor of a registered school may appeal to the [^{F330}First-tier Tribunal] against—
- (a) a refusal under section 162 to approve a material change,
 - (b) a determination under section 165 to remove the school from the register,
 - (c) an order under section 165(8) requiring the taking of specified action, or

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- (d) a refusal under section 165(10) to vary or revoke such an order.
- (2) An appeal under subsection (1) must be made within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which notice of the refusal, determination or order is served on the proprietor.
- (3) Where an appeal is made under subsection (1)(b) against a determination under section 165—
 - (a) if the appeal is withdrawn or otherwise disposed of before it is determined by the tribunal under section 167, the registration authority may remove the school from the register on such date after the appeal period as it may determine, and
 - (b) in any other case the registration authority may only remove the school pursuant to the determination in accordance with section 167.
- (4) Where an appeal is made under subsection (1)(c) against an order under section 165(8), the order shall not have effect in relation to any time before the appeal is determined by the tribunal under section 167 or withdrawn or otherwise disposed of.
- (5) In the case of an appeal against a determination under section 165(2), if at any time the tribunal considers that there is a risk of serious harm occurring to the welfare of pupils before the determination of the appeal, it may by order provide that the school is to be regarded as not registered for the purposes of section 159 until the tribunal determines the appeal under section 167 (or revokes the order before so determining the appeal).

Textual Amendments

F330 Words in s. 166(1) substituted (3.11.2008) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2833\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 3 para. 194](#)

Commencement Information

I231 S. 166 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 4

I232 S. 166 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), art. 6, [Sch. Pt. III](#)

167 Determination of appeals

- (1) This section applies where an appeal is made under section 166 to the [^{F331}First-tier Tribunal].
- (2) In the case of an appeal against a refusal under section 162 to approve a material change, the tribunal may—
 - (a) uphold the refusal to approve, or
 - (b) itself approve the change.
- (3) In the case of an appeal against a determination under section 165 to remove the school from the register, the tribunal may—
 - (a) uphold the determination, or
 - (b) revoke the determination.
- (4) Where under subsection (3)(a) the tribunal upholds a determination, the registration authority shall remove the school from the register on such date as the tribunal may specify or, if it does not specify a date, on such date as the registration authority may determine.

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- (5) Where under subsection (3)(b) the tribunal revokes a determination, it may order the proprietor of the school to do one or more of the following by such time as may be specified in the order—
- (a) to cease using any part of the school premises for all purposes or purposes specified in the order;
 - (b) to close any part of the school’s operation;
 - (c) to cease to admit any new pupils, or new pupils of a description specified in the order.
- (6) In the case of an appeal against an order under section 165(8) requiring the taking of specified action, the tribunal may—
- (a) uphold the order,
 - (b) vary the order, or
 - (c) strike down the order.
- (7) In the case of an appeal against a refusal under section 165(10) to vary or revoke an order under section 165(8), the tribunal may—
- (a) uphold the refusal, or
 - (b) if in any case it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so because of any change of circumstance after the making of the order—
 - (i) vary the order in such manner as it thinks fit, or
 - (ii) revoke the order.
- (8) The tribunal may, on the application of the proprietor of a registered school, vary or revoke any order made by it under subsection (5) in relation to the school where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so because of any change of circumstance.
- (9) If the proprietor of a school fails to comply with an order of the tribunal under subsection (5)—
- (a) he is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both, and
 - (b) the tribunal may, on the application of the registration authority, authorise the registration authority to remove the school from the register on such date as the tribunal may determine.

Textual Amendments

F331 Words in s. 167(1) substituted (3.11.2008) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2833\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 3 para. 195**

Commencement Information

I233 S. 167 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), art. 4

I234 S. 167 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), art. 6, **Sch. Pt. III**

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^{F332}Prohibition on participation in management of independent schools

Textual Amendments

F332 Ss. 167A-167D and cross-heading inserted (12.10.2009 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#) (c. 40), **ss. 169**, 188(3); S.I. 2009/2545, art. 3(1)(a)

167A Prohibition on participation in management of independent schools

- (1) The appropriate authority may direct that a person—
 - (a) may not take part in the management of an independent school;
 - (b) may take part in the management of an independent school only in circumstances specified in the direction;
 - (c) may take part in the management of an independent school only if conditions specified in the direction are satisfied.
- (2) A direction under this section may be given in respect of a person only on one or more prescribed grounds connected with the suitability of persons to take part in the management of an independent school.
- (3) Regulations may prescribe the procedure for giving a direction under this section (including provision about notification of persons who are subject to directions).
- (4) The appropriate authority may vary or revoke a direction under this section in prescribed cases.
- (5) Regulations may prescribe the grounds on which a person subject to a direction under this section may seek to have it varied or revoked under subsection (4).
- (6) In this section and sections 167B to 167D, “appropriate authority” means—
 - ^{F333}(a)
 - (b) ^{F334}... the registration authority or such other public authority as may be prescribed.

Textual Amendments

F333 S. 167A(6)(a) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008](#) (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 22(a), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

F334 Words in s. 167A(6)(b) repealed (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008](#) (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 22(b), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)

167B Directions under section 167A: appeals

- (1) A person in respect of whom a direction has been given under section 167A may appeal to the [^{F335}First-tier Tribunal]—
 - (a) against the decision to give the direction;
 - (b) against a decision not to vary or revoke the direction.
- (2) Regulations may—

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- (a) provide that the Tribunal may not entertain an appeal under this section insofar as the appellant's case is inconsistent with his having been convicted of an offence;
- (b) prescribe circumstances in which the Tribunal shall allow an appeal under this section;
- (c) prescribe the powers available to the Tribunal on allowing an appeal under this section.

Textual Amendments

F335 Words in s. 167B substituted (3.11.2008) by The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/2833, art. 1(1), Sch. 3 para. 196

[^{F336}167C] Directions under section 167A: information

- (1) Where the appropriate authority is a public authority other than the Welsh Ministers, the Welsh Ministers may provide to that authority any information relating to a person which is held by the Welsh Ministers in connection with the Welsh Ministers' functions under this Chapter.
- (2) The Secretary of State may provide to the appropriate authority any information relating to a person which is held by the Secretary of State and which appears to the Secretary of State to be relevant to the exercise of the appropriate authority's functions under section 167A or by virtue of section 167B.
- (3) The Chief Inspector may provide to the appropriate authority any information relating to a person which appears to the Chief Inspector to be relevant to the exercise of the appropriate authority's functions under section 167A or by virtue of section 167B.
- (4) The Independent Barring Board may provide to the appropriate authority any information relating to a person which is held by the Board in connection with its functions and which appears to it to be relevant to the exercise of the appropriate authority's functions under section 167A or by virtue of section 167B.
- (5) The appropriate authority may provide to the Independent Barring Board, the General Teaching Council for Wales, the Chief Inspector, the Secretary of State or, where the appropriate authority is a public authority other than the Welsh Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, any information relating to a person which is held by the appropriate authority in connection with its functions under section 167A.]

Textual Amendments

F336 S. 167C substituted (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 23 (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z) (with art. 4)

[^{F337}167D] Directions under section 167A: notification

Where the appropriate authority gives a direction under section 167A(1), or varies or revokes any such direction, it must notify—

- (a) the registration authority (unless the appropriate authority is the registration authority), and

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- (b) the Secretary of State and (if different) the appropriate authority for the purposes of sections 128 to 131 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 (prohibition on participation in management of independent educational institutions in England).]]

Textual Amendments

F337 S. 167D substituted (5.1.2015) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 173(4), [Sch. 1 para. 23](#) (with s. 139); [S.I. 2014/3364](#), [art. 2\(z\)](#) (with [art. 4](#))

Supplementary

168 Provision of information

- (1) Regulations may make provision for requiring the proprietor of a registered school to provide the registration authority, when the authority so requests, with such particulars relating to the school as may be prescribed.
- (2) Regulations under this section may in particular—
- [^{F338}(a) require the provision of such information as is required for the purposes of determining whether the school is—
- (i) a children’s home in England (within the meaning of the Care Standards Act 2000), or
 - (ii) a provider of a care home service (within the meaning of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016);]

(b) provide for the registration authority to remove from the register any school in respect of which any requirement imposed by or under the regulations is not complied with;

(c) provide that a person who fails to comply with any specified provision of the regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Textual Amendments

F338 S. 168(2)(a) substituted (2.4.2018) by [The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/195\)](#), regs. 2(1), [18](#)

Commencement Information

I235 S. 168 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)

I236 S. 168 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), [art. 6](#), [Sch. Pt. III](#)

[^{F339}168A] Proceedings for offences

No proceedings for an offence under this Chapter shall be instituted except by or with the consent of the registration authority.

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Textual Amendments

F339 Ss. 168A-168C inserted (8.1.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. **172(2)**, 188(2) (with s. 172(4))

168B Offences by bodies corporate

- (1) Where an offence under this Chapter committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of—
 - (a) any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
 - (b) any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity,
 he (as well as the body corporate) is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as it applies to a director of a body corporate.

Textual Amendments

F339 Ss. 168A-168C inserted (8.1.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. **172(2)**, 188(2) (with s. 172(4))

168C Offences by unincorporated bodies

- (1) Proceedings for an offence alleged to have been committed under this Chapter by an unincorporated body are to be brought in the name of that body (and not in that of any of its members) and, for the purposes of any such proceedings, any rules of court relating to the service of documents have effect as if that body were a corporation.
- (2) A fine imposed on an unincorporated body on its conviction of an offence under this Chapter is to be paid out of the funds of that body.
- (3) If an unincorporated body is charged with an offence under this Chapter, section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 and Schedule 3 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (procedure on charge of an offence against a corporation) apply as they do in relation to a body corporate.
- (4) Where an offence under this Chapter committed by an unincorporated body (other than a partnership) is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer of the body or any member of its governing body, he as well as the body is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (5) Where an offence under this Chapter committed by a partnership is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, a partner, he as well as the partnership is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.]

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Textual Amendments

F339 Ss. 168A-168C inserted (8.1.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 172(2), 188(2)** (with s. 172(4))

169 Unsuitable persons

The registration authority may remove a registered school from the register where it is satisfied that any person who, in relation to the school, carries out [^{F340}any work to which section 142 applies—

[^{F340}work of a prescribed kind is subject to a direction, order or decision of a prescribed description made under any prescribed enactment having effect in any part of the United Kingdom.]

Textual Amendments

F340 Words in s. 169 substituted (12.10.2009 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 170(1), 188(3)**; [S.I. 2009/2545](#), **art. 3(1)(b)**

Commencement Information

I237 S. 169 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

I238 S. 169 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 6, Sch. Pt. III**

170 Service of notice etc.

(1) The registration authority must serve on the proprietor of a registered school notice of—

- (a) any decision made by the authority under section 162 in relation to the school;
- (b) any determination or order made by the authority under section 165 in relation to the school;
- (c) any decision made by the authority under subsection (10) of that section in relation to the school.

(2) For the purposes of this Chapter, any notice, order or other document required to be given to or served on the proprietor of a registered school may be given to or served on him by delivering it to the registered address of the school.

Commencement Information

I239 S. 170 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

I240 S. 170 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 6, Sch. Pt. III**

171 Interpretation of Chapter 1

In this Chapter—

“appeal period” has the meaning given by section 165;

“Chief Inspector” means—

- (a) ^{F341} ...

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- (b) ^{F342} ... Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales;
^{F343} ...
“independent school standards” has the meaning given by section 157;
“the register” means—
- (a) ^{F344} ...
- (b) ^{F345} ... the register of independent schools in Wales;
“registered” means entered in the register;
^{F346} ...
“registration authority” means [^{F347} the Welsh Ministers].

Textual Amendments

- F341** Words in s. 171 repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 24(2)(a), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F342** Words in s. 171 repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 24(2)(b), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F343** Words in s. 171 repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 24(3), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F344** Words in s. 171 repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 24(4)(a), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F345** Words in s. 171 repealed (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), Sch. 1 para. 24(4)(b), **Sch. 2** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z)(aa) (with art. 4)
- F346** Words in s. 171 repealed (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), s. 125(4), Sch. 8 para. 5, **Sch. 19 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/2034, art. 4; S.I. 2006/1338, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F347** Words in s. 171 substituted (5.1.2015) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), s. 173(4), **Sch. 1 para. 24(5)** (with s. 139); S.I. 2014/3364, art. 2(z) (with art. 4)

Commencement Information

- I241** S. 171 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, **art. 4**
- I242** S. 171 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by S.I. 2003/2961, art. 6, **Sch. Pt. III**

CHAPTER 2

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

172 Alteration to definition of “independent school”

For section 463 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (meaning of “independent school”) there is substituted—

“463 Meaning of “independent school”

- (1) In this Act “independent school” means any school at which full-time education is provided for—
- (a) five or more pupils of compulsory school age, or
 - (b) at least one pupil of that age for whom a statement is maintained under section 324, or who is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning of section 22 of the Children Act 1989),

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and which is not a school maintained by a [F11local authority] or a special school not so maintained.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a) and (b) it is immaterial if full-time education is also provided at the school for pupils under or over compulsory school age.”

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I243 S. 172 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

I244 S. 172 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 6, Sch. Pt. III**

173 Right of access of [F11local authority]

In section 327 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) ([F11local authority] to have access to certain schools to monitor provision made for child with special educational needs), in subsection (1)(b) (schools to which section applies), at the end there is inserted “or at an independent school”.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I245 S. 173 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**

I246 S. 173 in force at 1.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), **art. 6, Sch. Pt. III**

F348 174 Consent to placement

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Textual Amendments

F348 S. 174 omitted (1.9.2021) by virtue of [Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 100(3), **Sch. 1 para. 9(3)**; [S.I. 2021/373](#), **art. 8(j)(xxi)**

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PART 11

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General duties of [F51]local authorities] and governing bodies

175 Duties ^{F349} ... in relation to welfare of children

- (1) A [F11]local authority] shall make arrangements for ensuring that [F350]their education functions] are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- (2) The governing body of a maintained school shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who are pupils at the school.
- (3) The governing body of an institution within the further education sector shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the institution are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children receiving education or training at the institution.
- [F351](3A) The proprietor of a 16 to 19 Academy must make arrangements to ensure that the proprietor's functions relating to the conduct of the Academy are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children receiving education or training at the Academy.
- (3B) The Secretary of State may not—
 - (a) enter into an agreement with the proprietor of an institution in England for the provision of further education, unless the agreement requires the proprietor to comply with the safeguarding duties, or
 - (b) give financial assistance under section 14 to the proprietor of an institution in England for the provision of further education unless the assistance is given on terms requiring the proprietor to comply with the safeguarding duties,
 but this subsection does not restrict the Secretary of State's powers to enter into an agreement with, or give financial assistance to, an institution to which subsection (3) or (3A) applies.
- (3C) “The safeguarding duties” are—
 - (a) a duty to make arrangements to ensure that the proprietor's functions relating to the conduct of the institution are exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children receiving education or training at the institution, and
 - (b) a duty to have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State in considering what arrangements are required.]
- (4) [F352]A person] mentioned in any of subsections (1) to [F353(3A)] shall, in considering what arrangements are required to be made by them under that subsection, have regard to any guidance given from time to time (in relation to England) by the Secretary of State or (in relation to Wales) by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (5) In this section—

“child” means a person under the age of eighteen;

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“governing body”, in relation to an institution within the further education sector, has the meaning given by section 90 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13);

“maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a maintained nursery school.

[^{F354}“proprietor”, in relation to an institution that is not a school, means the person or body of persons responsible for the management of the institution.]

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F349** Words in s. 175 heading omitted (29.6.2021) by virtue of [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children\) Act 2021 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 1(6)**, 3(2)
- F350** Words in s. 175(1) substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(11)**
- F351** [S. 175\(3A\)-\(3C\)](#) inserted (29.6.2021) by [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children\) Act 2021 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 1(3)**, 3(2)
- F352** Words in s. 175(4) substituted (29.6.2021) by [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children\) Act 2021 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 1(4)(a)**, 3(2)
- F353** Word in s. 175(4) substituted (29.6.2021) by [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children\) Act 2021 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 1(4)(b)**, 3(2)
- F354** Words in s. 175(5) inserted (29.6.2021) by [Education and Training \(Welfare of Children\) Act 2021 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 1(5)**, 3(2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C72** [S. 175\(2\)\(4\)](#) applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2007/2979](#), **Sch. 1 para. 19A** (as inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Pupil Referral Units \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3158\)](#), **regs. 1, 3(3)**)

Commencement Information

- I247** [S. 175](#) in force at 1.6.2004 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/1318](#), **art. 2**
- I248** [S. 175](#) in force at 1.9.2006 for W. by [S.I. 2006/172](#), **art. 5**

^{F355}176 Consultation with pupils

Textual Amendments

- F355** [S. 176](#) repealed (1.4.2011) by [Children and Families \(Wales\) Measure 2010 \(nawm 1\)](#), **ss. 12(3)**, 75(3), **Sch. 2**; [S.I. 2010/2582](#), **art. 2, Sch. 1** (with [Sch. 2](#), [Sch. 3](#))

Commencement Information

- I249** [S. 176](#) in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), **art. 4**
- I250** [S. 176](#) in force at 1.9.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/1728](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. 2**

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Education and training outside schools

177 Meaning of “secondary education”

- (1) Section 2 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (definition of primary, secondary and further education) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2B) (which extends “secondary education” to include education received partly at a school and partly at another institution)—
 - (a) in paragraph (b), after “another institution” there is inserted “ or any other establishment ”, and
 - (b) after “other institution” there is inserted “ or establishment ”.
- (3) After subsection (6) there is inserted—

“(6A) In the context of the definitions of secondary education and further education, references in this section to education include vocational, social, physical and recreational training.”
- (4) The Education Acts shall have effect in their application to persons receiving secondary education within section 2(2B) of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) with such modifications as may be specified in an order under this subsection.
- (5) The power to make an order under subsection (4) is exercisable—
 - (a) in relation to England, by the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) in relation to Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales.

Commencement Information

I251 S. 177 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 177 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#))

I252 S. 177 in force at 1.8.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/912](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. 2](#)

178 Training and education provided in the workplace for 14 to 16 year olds

- (1) The Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21) is amended as follows.
- ^{F356}(2)
- ^{F357}(3)
- (4) In section 83 (area inspections in Wales)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a) for “16” there is substituted “ 15 ”, and
 - (b) after subsection (10) there is inserted—

“(11) In subsection (1)(a) “persons who are aged 15” includes persons for whom education is being provided at a school who will attain that age in the current school year; and for this purpose “school” and “school year” have the same meaning as in the Education Act 1996.”

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Textual Amendments

- F356** S. 178(2) repealed (1.4.2010) by [The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1080\)](#), art. 1(2)(a)(b), Sch. 1 para. 47, **Sch. 2 Pt. 1** (with art. 2(3))
- F357** S. 178(3) repealed (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), **Sch. 18 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(ii)

Commencement Information

- I253** S. 178(1)(2) in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), Sch.)
- I254** S. 178(1)(4) in force at 1.8.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), **art. 4**, **Sch. Pt. I**
- I255** S. 178(2) in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), **art. 4(1)**, **Sch. Pt. 1**
- I256** S. 178(3) in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2** (with savings and transitional provisions in Sch.)
- I257** S. 178(4) in force at 6.11.2006 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2006/2895](#), **art. 2**

^{F358}179 Rights of entry in relation to inspections

Textual Amendments

- F358** S. 179 repealed (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), **Sch. 19 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2005/2034, art. 4; S.I. 2006/1338, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 4 para. 6)

180 Inspections of [^{F51}local authorities]: rights of entry etc.

For section 40 of the Education Act 1997 (c. 44) (inspector's rights of entry etc.) there is substituted—

“40 Inspector's rights of entry etc.

- (1) This section applies where a [^{F11}local authority] are inspected under section 38.
- (2) The inspector, and any person assisting him, shall have at all reasonable times a right of entry to—
 - (a) the premises of the [^{F11}local authority],
 - (b) the premises of any school maintained by the authority, and
 - (c) any other premises at which relevant section 19 education is provided, other than premises which are or form part of a private dwelling house but are not a school.
- (3) The inspector, and any person assisting him, shall also have at all reasonable times a right to inspect and take copies of—
 - (a) any records kept by, and any other documents containing information relating to, the [^{F11}local authority] or any school maintained by the authority, and

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- (b) any records kept by a person who provides relevant section 19 education that relate to the provision of that education, and any other documents containing information that so relates;
 which he considers relevant to the exercise of his functions.
- (4) Section 42 of the School Inspections Act 1996 (inspection of computer records) shall apply for the purposes of subsection (3) as it applies for the purposes of Part 1 of that Act.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsections (2) and (3), the [F11local authority] and the governing body of any school maintained by the authority—
- (a) shall give the inspector and any person assisting him, all assistance in connection with the exercise of his functions which they are reasonably able to give, and
- (b) shall secure that all such assistance is also given by persons who work at the school.
- (6) It shall be an offence wilfully to obstruct the inspector or any person assisting him in the exercise of his functions in relation to the inspection.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (6) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.
- (8) In this section—
- “document” and “records” each include information recorded in any form; and
- “relevant section 19 education” means education provided to a child by virtue of arrangements made by the [F11local authority] under section 19 of the Education Act 1996 (exceptional provision of education at schools or otherwise).”

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

F51 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

Commencement Information

I258 S. 180 wholly in force at 19.12.2002; s. 180 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 180 in force for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4, Sch.](#)); s. 180 in force for W. at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 4, Sch. Pt. I**

Allowances in respect of education or training

181 Allowances in respect of education or training

- (1) Regulations may make provision authorising or requiring the Secretary of State (in relation to England) or the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales) to pay an allowance to or in respect of any eligible person who is over compulsory school age, in connection with his undertaking education or training of a prescribed description.

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- (2) The relevant education or training must not be higher education.
- (3) Regulations may, in particular, make provision—
- (a) for determining whether a person is an eligible person in relation to any allowance,
 - (b) prescribing information that must be supplied by or on behalf of any person before any allowance can be paid or continue to be paid to or in respect of him,
 - (c) prescribing the period by reference to which any allowance of a periodic nature is to be paid,
 - (d) prescribing the maximum allowance payable to or in respect of any person in respect of any period,
 - (e) prescribing the maximum period during which an allowance may be payable to or in respect of any person,
 - (f) where the amount of an allowance may vary to any extent according to a person's circumstances, for determining, or providing for the determination by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales of, the amount required or authorised to be paid to or in respect of him,
 - (g) specifying whether any allowance in respect of any person is to be paid to him, to a parent of his or to any other person,
 - (h) for any allowance under this section to be made available on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, or determined under the regulations by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales, including terms and conditions requiring repayments to be made in circumstances so prescribed or determined,
 - (i) requiring the payment of an allowance to be suspended or terminated in any such circumstances,
 - (j) for appeals with respect to matters arising under the regulations (including provision for determining, or enabling the determination of, the procedure to be followed in connection with appeals),
 - (k) imposing obligations on the governing body of any maintained school or institution within the further education sector in relation to cases where the school or institution is providing the education or training referred to in subsection (1).
- (4) In this section and section 182—
- “governing body”—
- (a) in relation to a pupil referral unit, means the [F11]local authority] who maintain the unit, and
 - (b) in relation to an institution within the further education sector, has the meaning given by section 90 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13);
- “maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a pupil referral unit.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

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Commencement Information

I259 S. 181 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II

I260 S. 181 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4

182 Learning agreements

- (1) For the purposes of this section, a “learning agreement” is a document which—
 - (a) specifies conditions which—
 - (i) relate to the attendance or conduct of, or completion of assigned tasks by, a person to whom an allowance is or may become payable (in this section referred to as “the student”), and
 - (ii) are either prescribed by regulations or, if regulations so provide, determined in accordance with any prescribed requirements by the person providing the relevant education or training,
 - (b) contains a declaration by the student relating to compliance with those conditions, and
 - (c) deals with such other matters as may be prescribed.
- (2) Regulations may require a learning agreement—
 - (a) to be in the prescribed form, and
 - (b) to be signed by the student and by or on behalf of such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of section 181(3)(h), regulations may provide—
 - (a) that a person is not eligible to receive an allowance unless the person providing the relevant education or training holds a learning agreement signed by him, and
 - (b) that payment of an allowance is conditional on the person providing the relevant education or training from time to time determining that the student has complied with the learning agreement or has done so to a prescribed extent or in prescribed respects.
- (4) Regulations may—
 - (a) enable or require a learning agreement to specify targets relating to the attendance, conduct or attainments of the student, and
 - (b) enable or require the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales, in any case where the person providing the relevant education or training determines that targets have been met, to make additional payments of allowance to or in respect of the student.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of section 181(3)(k), regulations may impose obligations relating to learning agreements on—
 - (a) the governing body of a maintained school, or
 - (b) the governing body of an institution within the further education sector.
- (6) Regulations may contain provision for determining the person by whom any relevant education or training is to be treated for the purposes of this section as being provided.
- (7) A learning agreement shall not be capable of creating any obligation in respect of whose breach any liability arises in contract or in tort.
- (8) In this section—

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“allowance” means an allowance under section 181;
“relevant education or training” means the education or training referred to in that section.

Commencement Information

- I261** S. 182 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
I262 S. 182 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4](#)

183 Transfer of functions relating to allowances under section 181

- (1) If the Secretary of State so determines, any function exercisable by him by virtue of regulations made by virtue of section 181 shall, to such extent as is specified in his determination, be exercisable instead by—
- ^{F359}(a)
(aa) ^{F360} ... ^{F361} ...
(b) [^{F11}local authority].
- (2) If the National Assembly for Wales so determines, any function exercisable by the Assembly by virtue of regulations made by virtue of section 181 shall, to such extent as is specified in the Assembly’s determination, be exercisable instead by—
- ^{F362}(a)
(b) a [^{F11}local authority].
- (3) A [^{F363}person or] body by whom any function is for the time being exercisable by virtue of subsection (1) or (2) shall comply with any directions given by the Secretary of State, or as the case may be the National Assembly for Wales, as to the exercise of that function.
- (4) Where any function is so exercisable by a [^{F11}local authority], the function shall be taken to be a function of that authority—
- (a) for the purposes of section 70 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40) (contracting out of functions of local authorities),
- (b) for the purposes of Part 2 of the 2000 Act (arrangements with respect to executives etc.), and
- (c) subject to the provisions of section 13 of the 2000 Act, for the purposes of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) (arrangements for discharge of functions by local authorities).
- (5) In this section “the 2000 Act” means the Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22).

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F359** S. 183(1)(a) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\), s. 115\(3\)\(g\), Sch. 14 para. 46\(a\)](#)
- F360** S. 183(1)(aa) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), s. 82\(3\), Sch. 16 para. 19; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2](#)
- F361** Word in s. 183(1)(aa) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\), s. 115\(3\)\(g\), Sch. 14 para. 46\(b\)](#)

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F362 S. 183(2)(a) omitted (1.4.2006) by virtue of [The National Council for Education and Training for Wales \(Transfer of Functions to the National Assembly for Wales and Abolition\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3238\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 para. 88](#) (with art. 7)

F363 Words in s. 183(3) inserted (1.4.2010) by [The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1080\)](#), art. 1(2)(a), [Sch. 1 para. 48\(b\)](#) (with art. 2(3))

Commencement Information

I263 S. 183 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)

I264 S. 183 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)

184 Delegation of functions relating to allowances

- (1) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may make arrangements for any person or body specified in the arrangements to exercise on his or its behalf, to such extent as is so specified, any function exercisable by him or the Assembly by virtue of regulations made by virtue of section 181 (including any such function in relation to appeals).
- (2) Any arrangements made under subsection (1) shall not prevent the Secretary of State, or as the case may be the National Assembly for Wales, from exercising the function in question himself or itself.

Commencement Information

I265 S. 184 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)

I266 S. 184 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), art. 5, [Sch. Pt. II](#)

185 Supplementary provisions relating to transfer or delegation of functions

- (1) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may make provision for enabling appeals—
 - (a) to be made with respect to such matters arising out of the exercise by virtue of section 183(1) or (2) or 184(1) by any person or body of any function of the Secretary of State or the Assembly as he or it may determine, and
 - (b) to be so made to a person or body appointed for the purpose by the Secretary of State or the Assembly.
- (2) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may pay to any body or person by whom any function of his, or as the case may be of the Assembly, is exercisable by virtue of section 183(1) or (2) or 184(1)—
 - (a) such amounts as the Secretary of State or the Assembly considers appropriate for the purpose of meeting expenditure incurred or to be incurred by that body or person—
 - (i) in paying allowances under section 181, or
 - (ii) by way of administrative expenses,
 in, or in connection with, the exercise of that function;
 - (b) in a case where the function is exercisable by virtue of section 184(1), such remuneration as the Secretary of State or the Assembly may determine.

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- (3) Any payment under subsection (2)(a) may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may determine; and any such conditions may in particular—
 - (a) require the provision of returns or other information before any such payment is made;
 - (b) relate to the use of the amount paid or require the repayment in specified circumstances of all or part of the amount paid.
- (4) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales may pay to any person or body appointed by him or it under subsection (1) such remuneration or administrative expenses (or both) as he or it may determine.
- (5) In relation to any function which, by virtue of section 183(1) or (2) or 184(1) is exercisable to a specified extent, references in section 183(3) and (4) and this section to the exercise of that function are accordingly to its exercise to that extent.

Commencement Information

I267 S. 185 in force at 1.9.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4](#)

I268 S. 185 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)

Student loans

186 Student loans

- (1) Regulations may make provision for—
 - (a) the repayment by the Secretary of State of amounts payable in respect of loans mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (2);
 - (b) reducing or extinguishing the amounts payable in respect of loans mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (2).
- (2) The loans are—
 - (a) loans received under arrangements made under section 1 of the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990 (c. 6) by eligible persons who fulfil prescribed conditions;
 - (b) loans received under arrangements made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30) by eligible persons who fulfil prescribed conditions;
 - (c) loans received for educational purposes under such other arrangements as may be prescribed by the regulations, including arrangements made outside England and Wales, by eligible persons who fulfil prescribed conditions.
- (3) The regulations may, in particular, make provision—
 - (a) for determining whether a person is eligible for the purposes of the regulations;
 - (b) prescribing the circumstances and manner in which, and the times at which, payments are to be made, or amounts are to be reduced or extinguished;
 - (c) allowing retrospective adjustments for the purposes of the regulations, including provision allowing the Secretary of State to require reimbursement of repayments, or to alter the amounts reduced or extinguished;

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- (d) for imposing on employers, or such other persons or bodies as may be prescribed, requirements with respect to information to be given to the Secretary of State;
 - (e) for the reimbursement by the Secretary of State of costs incurred by persons or bodies in complying with any such requirements;
 - (f) for appeals with respect to matters arising under the regulations (including provision for determining, or enabling the determination of the procedure to be followed in connection with the appeals).
- (4) The Secretary of State may make arrangements for any person or body specified in the arrangements to exercise on his behalf, to such extent as is so specified, any function exercisable by him by virtue of the regulations (including any such function in relation to appeals).
- (5) Any arrangements made under subsection (4) shall not prevent the Secretary of State from exercising the function in question himself.
- (6) The Secretary of State may pay to any person or body by whom any function is exercisable by virtue of subsection (4) such amounts as he considers appropriate for the purpose of meeting expenditure incurred or to be incurred by that person or body in, or in connection with, the exercise of that function.
- (7) Any payment under subsection (6) may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of State may determine.
- (8) Such conditions may in particular—
- (a) require the provision of returns or other information before any such payment is made;
 - (b) relate to the use of the amount paid or require the repayment in specified circumstances of all or part of the amount paid.
- (9) In this section—
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;
 - “regulations” means regulations made under this section by the Secretary of State.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C73 S. 186: functions made exercisable concurrently (30.9.2018) by [The Welsh Ministers \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/644\)](#), arts. 1(2), **39(5)** (with art. 39(6))

Education action zones

187 Education action zones

Schedule 15 (which makes provision in relation to education action zones and Education Action Forums) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

I269 S. 187 in force at 1.10.2002 for E. by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), art. 3 (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 4, Sch.)

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- I270** S. 187 in force at 1.9.2003 so far as not already in force except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 4](#)
- I271** S. 187 in force at 2.1.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2007/3611](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

School inspections

^{F364}**188 School inspections**

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Textual Amendments

- F364** S. 188 repealed (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(4), [Sch. 19 Pt. 1](#); [S.I. 2005/2034](#), [art. 4](#); [S.I. 2006/1338](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 4 para. 6](#))

Qualifications

189 Amendments of Part 5 of Education Act 1997

Schedule 17 (which contains amendments of Part 5 of the Education Act 1997 (c. 44) relating to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and the Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I272** S. 189 partly in force; s. 189 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 189 in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [Sch.](#)); s. 189 in force for certain further purposes at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

190 [F11]Local authority] functions: qualifications

- (1) A [F11]local authority] may award or authenticate academic and vocational qualifications, and may in particular—
- devise and administer a qualification or a course leading to a qualification,
 - register candidates,
 - set, administer and moderate examinations or other assessments, and
 - require the payment of fees in respect of the exercise of the power.
- (2) A [F11]local authority] may secure the exercise by any other person of such of the authority's powers under subsection (1) as the authority may specify.
- (3) A [F11]local authority] may exercise their powers under this section by forming, or participating in forming, or being a member of, a body corporate.
- (4) The powers under this section shall be regarded as always having been within the powers of a [F11]local authority]; and this section is without prejudice to the generality of the powers of a [F11]local authority].

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Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Special educational needs: Wales

^{F365}**191 Regional provision for special educational needs in Wales**

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Textual Amendments

F365 Ss. 191-193 omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 21(10)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)

^{F365}**192 Directions to bring forward proposals to secure regional provision**

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Textual Amendments

F365 Ss. 191-193 omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 21(10)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)

^{F365}**193 Powers of Assembly to make proposals to secure regional provision**

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Textual Amendments

F365 Ss. 191-193 omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 21(10)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)

194 Welsh [^{F51}local authorities]' powers to make regional provision

(1) In section 14 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (functions in respect of provision of primary and secondary schools), after subsection (4) there is inserted—

“(4A) A [^{F11}local authority] for an area in Wales may secure that regional schools for providing—

- (a) primary education, and
 - (b) education that is secondary education by virtue of section 2(2)(a),
- are available for Wales or any part of Wales that includes the area of the authority.

(4B) For this purpose a “regional school”, in relation to a [^{F11}local authority], is a school maintained by that authority which provides education to meet both—

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- (a) the needs of pupils with particular special educational needs in their area, and
- (b) the needs of such pupils in the rest, or any other part, of Wales, whether or not the institution also provides education suitable to the requirements of other pupils.”

(2) In section 318 of that Act (provision of goods and services in connection with special educational needs)—

- ^{F366}(a)
- (b) after subsection (3A) there is inserted—

“(3B) A [^{F11}local authority] in Wales may supply goods and services to any authority in Wales or other person (other than a governing body within subsection (1)) for the purpose of assisting them in making for a child any special educational provision which any learning difficulty of the child calls for.”

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**
- F366** S. 194(2)(a) omitted (1.9.2014) by virtue of [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), **Sch. 3 para. 16(4)(b)**; S.I. 2014/889, **art. 7(a)** (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2014/2270 (as amended (1.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/505)

195 The Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales

Schedule 18 (the Special Educational Needs Tribunal for Wales) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

- I273** S. 195 partly in force; s. 195 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 195 in force for certain purposes at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. II** and for certain further purposes at 1.9.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 6, Sch. Pt. III**
- I274** S. 195 in force at 31.3.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. II**
- I275** S. 195 in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 6, Sch. Pt. III**

Other provisions relating only to Wales

196 Publication and provision of material

- (1) A [^{F11}local authority] in Wales shall publish any qualifying material which the National Assembly for Wales provides to the authority for the purposes of this subsection.
- (2) A [^{F11}local authority] in Wales shall provide to such persons as the Assembly may specify any qualifying material which the Assembly provides to the authority for the purposes of this subsection.

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- (3) The governing body of any school maintained by a [F11local authority] in Wales shall provide to such persons as the Assembly may specify any qualifying material which the Assembly provides to the body for the purposes of this subsection.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, “qualifying material” is material the Assembly considers likely to—
 - (a) assist parents in choosing schools for their children,
 - (b) increase public awareness of the quality of education provided at schools, or a school, and of the educational standards achieved there, or
 - (c) assist in assessing the degree of efficiency with which the financial resources of schools, or a school, are managed.
- (5) No material published or provided under this section may name any individual to whom it relates.
- (6) The publication or provision of material by a [F11local authority] or governing body under this section shall be in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

197 Partnership agreements and statements

- (1) The National Assembly for Wales may by regulations require any [F11local authority] in Wales to enter into a partnership agreement with the governing body of each school maintained by that authority, or each such school of a prescribed class.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, a partnership agreement is an agreement about how a [F11local authority] and the governing body of a school are to discharge their respective functions in relation to the school as regards—
 - (a) such matters as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) such other matters as the authority and the governing body may agree.
- (3) Where a [F11local authority] fail to reach agreement with the governing body of a school for the purposes of subsection (1), the authority may draw up a statement setting out how they and the governing body are to discharge their respective functions in relation to the school as regards the matters prescribed under subsection (2)(a).
- (4) Regulations under this section may—
 - (a) require the parties to a partnership agreement to review the agreement, and
 - (b) require a [F11local authority] that has drawn up a statement under this section and the governing body to which that statement relates to review the statement, at such intervals, or in such circumstances, as may be prescribed.
- (5) Following a review of a partnership agreement, the parties may agree—
 - (a) not to change the agreement,
 - (b) to amend the agreement in such a manner that it remains a partnership agreement, or
 - (c) to replace the agreement with a new partnership agreement,

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- but, where they fail to do so, subsection (3) applies as it applies where a [F11]local authority] and governing body fail to reach agreement for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (6) Following a review of a statement under subsection (3), the [F11]local authority] and governing body in question may agree to replace the statement with a partnership agreement, but, where they fail to do so, the authority may amend the statement or draw up a new one (provided the amended or replacement statement is one that could have been drawn up under subsection (3)).
- (7) Regulations under this section may make provision for the time by which a [F11]local authority] or governing body must comply with any requirement imposed on them by or under the preceding provisions of this section.
- (8) In the discharge of their functions in relation to a school maintained by a [F11]local authority] in Wales—
- (a) the authority, and
 - (b) the governing body and head teacher of the school,
- must have regard to any partnership agreement or statement under this section which for the time being has effect in relation to the school.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I276** S. 197 in force at 1.9.2003 by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

198 Transition from primary to secondary school

- (1) The National Assembly for Wales may require—
- (a) the governing body of each secondary school maintained by a [F11]local authority] in Wales, or of each such secondary school belonging to a class specified in the requirement, and
 - (b) the governing body of each of its feeder primary schools maintained by such an authority,
- jointly, to draw up plans to facilitate the transition from primary school to secondary school of pupils at those primary schools who are admitted to the secondary school.
- (2) In determining whether, for the purposes of this section, a particular school is to be regarded as a feeder primary school, in relation to a particular secondary school, regard is to be had to any guidance given, from time to time, by the Assembly.
- (3) Regulations may—
- (a) provide for the Assembly to determine any disputes as to whether a particular school is a feeder primary school of a particular secondary school for the purposes of this section; and
 - (b) make provision about plans under this section, including provision which specifies the period within which such plans are to be drawn up and provision about the content, review and amendment of such plans.

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- (4) In carrying out any functions conferred on them by or under this section, governing bodies must have regard to any guidance given, from time to time, by the Assembly.
- (5) In the discharge of their functions under any enactment, the governing body of a school maintained by a ^[F11]local authority] in Wales, and the head teacher of that school, must have regard to any plans drawn up by the governing body under this section which for the time being have effect.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**

Commencement Information

I277 S. 198 in force at 31.3.2004 by [S.I. 2004/912](#), **art. 4, Sch. Pt. 1**

Provision of services

199 Transport for persons over compulsory school age

Schedule 19 (transport for persons over compulsory school age) shall have effect.

Commencement Information

I278 S. 199 partly in force; s. 199 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 199 in force for E. at 20.1.2003 by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2** (with savings and transitional provisions in [Sch.](#))

I279 S. 199 in force at 20.1.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952](#), **art. 2**

I280 S. 199 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. II**

200 Remission of charges relating to residential trips

In section 457 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (charges and remissions policies), in subsection (4) (entitlement to complete remission of charges in respect of board and lodging on a residential trip), for paragraph (b) there is substituted—

- “(b) the pupil’s parent is—
- (i) in receipt of income support,
 - (ii) in receipt of an income-based jobseeker’s allowance (payable under the Jobseekers Act 1995), or
 - (iii) in receipt of any other benefit or allowance, or entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 or element of such a tax credit, prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, in such circumstances as may be so prescribed,
- in respect of any period wholly or partly comprised in the time spent on the trip.”

Commencement Information

I281 S. 200 partly in force; s. 200 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 200 in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), **art. 5, Sch. Pt. II**

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- I282** S. 200 in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II
I283 S. 200 in force at 6.4.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/124, art. 5

201 [F11]Local authority] functions concerning school lunches, milk etc.

- (1) For section 512 of the Education Act 1996 (provision of meals etc. at schools maintained by [F51]local authorities]) there is substituted—

[F11c]Local authority] functions concerning provision of meals, etc.

- (1) A [F11]local authority] may provide—
- registered pupils at any school maintained by the authority,
 - other persons who receive education at such a school, and
 - children who receive relevant funded nursery education,
- with milk, meals and other refreshments.
- (2) Where provision is made under subsection (1), it shall be made—
- in a case within paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection, either on the school premises or at any other place where education is being provided, and
 - in a case within paragraph (c) of that subsection, at any place where education is being provided.
- (3) A [F11]local authority] shall exercise their power under subsection (1) to provide school lunches for any person within paragraph (a) or (c) of that subsection if—
- any prescribed requirements are met,
 - a request for the provision of school lunches has been made by or on behalf of that person to the authority, and
 - either—
 - that person is eligible for free lunches (within the meaning of section 512ZB(2)), or
 - in the case of a person within subsection (1)(a), it would not be unreasonable for the authority to provide the lunches.
- (4) Subject to section 114(2) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (lunches provided by [F51]local authorities] to meet nutritional standards), any school lunches provided by a [F11]local authority] pursuant to subsection (3) may take such form as the authority think fit.
- (5) A [F11]local authority] shall provide at any school maintained by them such facilities as they consider appropriate for the consumption of any meals or other refreshment brought to the school by registered pupils.
- (6) In this section—
- “prescribed” means prescribed by the Secretary of State by order;
- “relevant funded nursery education”, in relation to a [F11]local authority], means education provided by a person other than the governing body of a maintained school (within the meaning of section 20(7) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) or a maintained nursery school—

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- (a) under arrangements made with that person by the authority in pursuance of the duty imposed on the authority by section 118 of that Act (duty of [F11]local authority] to secure sufficient nursery education), and
- (b) in consideration of financial assistance provided by the authority under those arrangements;
“school lunch”—
 - (a) in relation to a pupil, means food made available for consumption by the pupil as his midday meal on a school day, and
 - (b) in relation to a child receiving relevant funded nursery education at an establishment other than a school, means food made available for consumption by the child as his midday meal on a day on which he receives that education,

whether involving a set meal or the selection of items by him or otherwise;

and references, in relation to a [F11]local authority], to a school maintained by the authority are to a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school, a maintained nursery school or a pupil referral unit maintained by the authority.

512ZA Duty to charge for meals etc.

- (1) A [F11]local authority] shall charge for anything provided by them under subsection (1) or (3) of section 512.
- (2) A [F11]local authority] shall charge every person the same price for the same quantity of the same item.
- (3) This section is subject to section 512ZB.

512ZB Provision of free school lunches and milk

- (1) Where the [F11]local authority] provide a school lunch in accordance with section 512(3) to a person who is eligible for free lunches, the authority shall provide the meal free of charge.
- (2) For this purpose a person is eligible for free lunches if—
 - (a) he is within subsection (4), and
 - (b) a request that the school lunches be provided free of charge has been made by him or on his behalf to the authority.
- (3) Where a [F11]local authority] exercise their power under subsection (1) of section 512 to provide a person within paragraph (a) or (c) of that subsection with milk, the authority shall provide the milk free of charge if—
 - (a) the person is within subsection (4), and
 - (b) a request that the milk be provided free of charge has been made by him or on his behalf to the authority.
- (4) A person is within this subsection if—
 - (a) his parent is—

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- (i) in receipt of income support,
 - (ii) in receipt of an income-based jobseeker's allowance (payable under the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18)),
 - (iii) in receipt of support provided under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c. 33), or
 - (iv) in receipt of any other benefit or allowance, or entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21) or element of such a tax credit, prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, in such circumstances as may be so prescribed, or
- (b) he, himself, is—
- (i) in receipt of income support,
 - (ii) in receipt of an income-based jobseeker's allowance, or
 - (iii) in receipt of any other benefit or allowance, or entitled to any tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21) or element of such a tax credit, prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph, in such circumstances as may be so prescribed.
- (5) In this section “prescribed” and “school lunch” have the same meaning as in section 512.”
- (2) In section 512A of that Act (transfer of functions under section 512 to governing bodies)—
- (a) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) for “section 512(1A) and (1B)” there is substituted “section 512(3) and (4)”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for “section 512(3)(a)” there is substituted “section 512ZB(1)”, and
 - (iii) in paragraph (c) for “section 512(3)(b)” there is substituted “section 512ZB(3)”, and
 - (b) in subsection (6) for “section 512(2)(b)” there is substituted “section 512ZA(2)”.
- (3) In section 114 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (nutritional standards for school lunches for pupils at schools maintained by ^{F51}local authorities)]—
- (a) in subsection (1), after “lunches for” there is inserted “ (a) ” and after “authorities” there is inserted “, or
 - (b) other persons who are provided with school lunches free of charge in accordance with section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996;”,
 - (b) in subsection (2), after “a school” there is inserted “ or for such other persons who are provided with school lunches free of charge ”, and
 - (c) in subsection (3)(b), at the beginning there is inserted “ in the case of lunches provided to registered pupils at schools maintained by ^{F51}local authorities], ”.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

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Commencement Information

- I284** S. 201 partly in force; s. 201 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 201(1) in force for certain purposes and s. 201(2)(3) in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I285** S. 201 in force at 6.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 5](#) (with [art. 6](#))
- I286** S. 201(1) in force at 31.3.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I287** S. 201(2)(3) in force at 31.3.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

Miscellaneous

202 Further education institutions: records

- (1) Regulations may make provision about the compilation, retention and disclosure of educational records of further education institutions.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular, impose a function on—
 - (a) a ^[F11]local authority], or
 - (b) the governing body of a further education institution.
- (3) The regulations may, in particular, make a duty to provide a copy of a record conditional on the payment of a charge which does not exceed the cost of providing the copy.
- (4) In this section “further education institution” has the same meaning as in section 140.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/1158), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I288** S. 202 in force at 1.8.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667](#), [art. 3](#)
- I289** S. 202 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

203 Further education institutions: hazardous material, etc.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations require the governing body of a further education institution in England to prevent the use in the institution of specified equipment or specified materials without the approval of the Secretary of State.
- ^[F367](1A) The Secretary of State may by regulations require the proprietor of a 16 to 19 Academy to prevent the use in the Academy of specified equipment or specified materials without the approval of the Secretary of State.]
- (2) The Secretary of State may specify equipment or materials under this section only if he thinks the equipment or materials might endanger a person’s health or safety.
- (3) The National Assembly for Wales may by regulations require the governing body of a further education institution in Wales to prevent the use in the institution of specified equipment or specified materials without the approval of the Assembly.

Status: This version of this Act contains provisions that are prospective.

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- (4) The National Assembly for Wales may specify equipment or materials under this section only if it thinks the equipment or materials might endanger a person's health or safety.
- (5) In this section “further education institution” means an institution within the further education sector [^{F368} and “proprietor” has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1996].

Textual Amendments

F367 S. 203(1A) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), Sch. 13 para. 13(5)(a); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

F368 Words in s. 203(5) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), Sch. 13 para. 13(5)(b); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

Commencement Information

I290 S. 203 in force at 1.8.2003 except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/1667, art. 3

I291 S. 203 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II

204 Baseline assessments

Chapter 1 of Part 4 of the Education Act 1997 (c. 44) (baseline assessments) shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

I292 S. 204 in force at 2.9.2002 for E. by S.I. 2002/2002, art. 4

I293 S. 204 in force at 1.9.2011 for W. by S.I. 2011/1952, art. 2(a)

205 Application of Part 5 of Education Act 1996 to nursery education

Section 410 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (which excludes the application of Part 5 of that Act in relation to a nursery school or in relation to a nursery class at a primary school) shall cease to have effect.

Commencement Information

I294 S. 205 partly in force; s. 205 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 205 in force for certain purposes for E. at 1.10.2002 by S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3 (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 4, Sch.)

I295 S. 205 in force at 1.8.2008 for W. by S.I. 2008/1728, art. 3, Sch. Pt. 2

206 Nuisance or disturbance on educational premises

Schedule 20 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premises) shall have effect.

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Commencement Information

- I296** S. 206 partly in force; s. 206 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 206 in force for certain purposes for E. at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#))
- I297** S. 206 in force at 1.9.2003 for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718](#), [art. 5](#), [Sch. Pt. II](#)

207 Recoupment: adjustment between [^{F51}local authorities]

- (1) Regulations may provide, in relation to cases where any provision for education to which this section applies is made by a [^{F11}local authority] (in this section referred to as “the providing authority”) in respect of a person who belongs to the area of another [^{F11}local authority], for requiring or authorising the other authority (in this section referred to as the “home authority”) to pay to the providing authority—
 - (a) such amount as the authorities may agree, or
 - (b) failing agreement, such amount as may be determined by or under the regulations.
- (2) This section applies to [^{F369}—
 - (a) primary education;
 - (b) secondary education;
 - (c) education provided under section 562C of the Education Act 1996 (detention of persons with special educational needs: appropriate special educational provision).]
- (3) The regulations may provide for the amounts payable by one authority to another—
 - (a) to reflect the whole or any part of the average costs incurred by [^{F51}local authorities] in the provision of education (whether in England and Wales as a whole or in any particular area or areas), and
 - (b) to be based on figures for average costs determined by such body or bodies representing [^{F51}local authorities], or on such other figures relating to costs so incurred, as the Secretary of State, or as the case may be the National Assembly for Wales, considers appropriate.
- (4) Regulations made under this section in relation to Wales by the National Assembly for Wales may provide for the amounts so payable, in such cases as may be specified in or determined in accordance with the regulations, to be such amounts as may be determined—
 - (a) where the providing authority and the home authority are both in Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales, or
 - (b) where the providing authority is in Wales and the home authority is in England, by the Assembly with the consent of the Secretary of State.
- (5) Any dispute between [^{F51}local authorities] in Wales as to whether one of them is entitled to be paid any amount by another under the regulations shall be determined by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (6) Any dispute between a providing authority in Wales and a home authority in England as to whether the providing authority is entitled to be paid any amount by the home authority under the regulations shall be determined by the National Assembly for Wales with the consent of the Secretary of State.

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- (7) In this section references to provision for education include provision of any benefits or services for which provision is made by or under this Act or any other enactment relating to education.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- F369** Words in s. 207(2) substituted (1.9.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), [Sch. 2 para. 14](#); S.I. 2010/303, art. 6, Sch. 5

Commencement Information

- I298** S. 207 in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 4](#)
- I299** S. 207 in force at 9.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), [art. 7](#), [Sch. Pt. IV](#)

208 Recoupment: special cases

- (1) In section 493 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (recoupment: cross-border provisions) for subsection (2) there is substituted—

“(2) Subsection (3) of section 207 of the Education Act 2002 (recoupment: adjustment between [^{F51}local authorities]) shall apply for the purposes of this section as it applies for the purposes of that section, but with the omission of the reference to the National Assembly for Wales.

(2A) The regulations may provide for the amounts payable by one authority to another, in such cases as may be specified by or under the regulations, to be such amounts as may be determined by the Secretary of State.”

- (2) The function of making regulations under section 494 of the Education Act 1996 (recoupment: excluded pupils), so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, is hereby transferred to the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The function mentioned in subsection (2) is to be treated as having been transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by an Order in Council under section 22 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38); and, accordingly, the transfer may be revoked or varied by an Order in Council under that section.

Textual Amendments

- F51** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(3\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I300** S. 208 in force at 1.4.2003 except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124](#), [art. 4](#)
- I301** S. 208 in force at 9.1.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961](#), [art. 7](#), [Sch. Pt. IV](#)

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^{F371}^{F370} **208A** ^{F51} **Supplement: adjustment between [local authorities] and the YPLA**

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Textual Amendments

F51 Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(3)**

F370 S. 208A inserted (1.4.2010 for E., 1.4.2011 for W.) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(3)(4), **Sch. 6 para. 55**; S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2; S.I. 2011/829, art. 2(e)

F371 S. 208A omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), **Sch. 16 para. 20**; S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

^{F372} **209 Paid chairmen for local learning and skills councils**

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Textual Amendments

F372 S. 209 repealed (21.2.2008) by [Further Education and Training Act 2007 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 32(5), **Sch. 2**; S.I. 2008/313, art. 2(j)

Commencement Information

I302 S. 209 in force at 1.4.2003 by [S.I. 2003/124](#), **art. 3**

General

210 Orders and regulations

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), any power of the Secretary of State or ^{F373}the Welsh Ministers] to make an order or regulations under this Act is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any order under—
 - (a) section 165 or 192, or
 - (b) paragraph 3(6) or 5 of Schedule 1.
- (3) No order shall be made by the Secretary of State under—
 - (a) section 80(3),
 - (b) section 82(4)(b),
 - ^{F374}(c)
 - (d) section 84(6),
 - (e) section 86, or
 - (f) section 125(4),

unless a draft of the instrument containing the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), a statutory instrument which contains any order or regulations made under this Act by the Secretary of State and is not subject to the requirement in subsection (3) that a draft of the instrument be laid before and approved

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by a resolution of each House of Parliament, is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(5) Subsection (4) does not apply to an order under—

- (a) section 7(2),
- (b) section ^{F375}87(3)(c),
- (c) section 128(2), or
- (d) section 216.

(6) If an order under section 122 contains only provisions which in the opinion of the Secretary of State give effect without significant modification to recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body—

- (a) the order shall contain a statement to that effect, and
- (b) subsection (4) shall not apply.

^{F376}(6A) Any statutory instrument containing regulations ^{F377}[^{F378}or an order] made under section ^{F379}32C(5) ^{F380}... ^{F381}... by the Welsh Ministers is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales ^{F382}....

^{F383}(6AB)

(6B) Paragraphs 33 to 35 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 make provision about the National Assembly for Wales procedures that apply to any statutory instrument containing regulations or an order made in exercise of functions conferred upon the National Assembly for Wales by this Act that have been transferred to the Welsh Ministers by virtue of paragraph 30 of that Schedule.]

(7) Any power of the Secretary of State or ^{F384}[the Welsh Ministers] to make an order or regulations under this Act includes power—

- (a) to make different provisions for different cases or areas,
- (b) to make provision generally or only in relation to specific cases, and
- (c) to make such incidental, supplemental, saving or transitional provisions as the Secretary of State or ^{F385}[the Welsh Ministers think] fit.

(8) Nothing in this Act shall be regarded as affecting the generality of subsection (7).

Textual Amendments

- F373** Words in s. 210(1) substituted (6.3.2009) by [Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008 \(nawm 2\)](#), **ss. 21(3)(a)**, 28(2); S.I. 2009/371, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F374** S. 210(3)(c) repealed (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 16(a), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F375** Words in s. 210(5)(b) substituted (1.9.2008) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 16(b)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F376** S. 210(6A)(6B) inserted (6.3.2009) by [Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008 \(nawm 2\)](#), **ss. 21(3)(b)**, 28(2); S.I. 2009/371, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F377** Words in s. 210(6A) inserted (7.12.2009) by [Learning and Skills \(Wales\) Measure 2009 \(nawm 1\)](#), **ss. 20(2)(a)**, 49(2); S.I. 2009/3174, art. 2(1)(j)
- F378** Words in s. 210(6A) omitted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by virtue of [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 6(5)**
- F379** Word in s. 210(6A) substituted (14.7.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\)](#), s. 50(4), **Sch. 3 para. 1(6)**; S.I. 2014/1605, art. 2(d)

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- F380** Words in s. 210(6A) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 82(3), [Sch. 16 para. 21](#); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F381** Words in s. 210(6A) omitted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 46\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F382** Words in s. 210(6A) omitted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 46\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F383** S. 210(6AB) omitted (30.4.2021) by virtue of [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 84(1), [Sch. 2 para. 46\(3\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3)
- F384** Words in s. 210(7) substituted (6.3.2009) by [Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008 \(nawm 2\)](#), [ss. 21\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#), 28(2); S.I. 2009/371, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F385** Words in s. 210(7)(c) substituted (6.3.2009) by [Learner Travel \(Wales\) Measure 2008 \(nawm 2\)](#), [ss. 21\(3\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#), 28(2); S.I. 2009/371, art. 2(1), Sch. Pt. 1

211 Wales

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where—
- (a) this Act confers a function (in this section referred to as “the new function”) on the Secretary of State by amendment of another Act, and
 - (b) any functions under that Act have before the passing of this Act been transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by an Order in Council under section 22 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38) (transfer of Ministerial functions).
- (2) The new function, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, is to be treated as having been transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by an Order in Council under section 22 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and, accordingly, the transfer may be varied or revoked by an Order in Council under that section.
- (3) For the purposes of section 22 of the Government of Wales Act 1998, an Order in Council made by virtue of subsection (2) or section 208(3) is to be treated as if it were revoking or varying a previous Order in Council.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not apply in relation to the amendment made by section 208(1).

212 General interpretation

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “contract of employment” has the meaning given by section 230(2) of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18);
- [^{F386}“local authority” has the same meaning as in the Education Act 1996 (see section 579(1) of that Act);]
- “the [^{F11}local authority]”, in relation to a school [maintained (or proposed to be maintained) by a [^{F11}local authority], means that authority;
- “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;
- “regulations” means regulations made under this Act by the Secretary of State (in relation to England) or by the National Assembly for Wales (in relation to Wales).

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- (2) Subject to subsection (4), the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) and the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (3) are to be construed as if those provisions were contained in that Act.
- (3) The provisions of this Act referred to in subsection (2) are—
- (a) Part 1 (provision for new legal frameworks),
 - (b) Part 2 (financial assistance for education and childcare),
 - (c) Part 3 (maintained schools),
 - (d) Part 5 (school organisation), except section 72 and Schedule 9,
 - (e) ^{F387}Parts 6 and 7^{F387} [Part 6] (the curriculum),
 - (f) in Part 8, sections 119 to 146,
 - (g) in Part 9, section 153,
 - (h) Part 10 (independent schools), and
 - (i) in this Part, sections 175 and 176, sections 181 to 185, sections 190 to 198 and section 207.
- (4) Where an expression is given for the purposes of any provision falling within subsection (3) a meaning different from that given to it for the purposes of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56), the meaning given for the purposes of that provision is to apply instead of the one given for the purposes of that Act.
- (5) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act or in any Act amended by this Act to a community, foundation or voluntary school or a community or foundation special school is to such a school within the meaning of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).

Textual Amendments

- F11** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)](#)
- F386** Words in s. 212(1) inserted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 2 para. 11\(12\)](#)
- F387** Words in s. 212(3)(e) substituted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), [reg. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 6\(6\)](#)

213 Financial provisions

- (1) There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
- (a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Act, and
 - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which by virtue of any other Act are payable out of money provided by Parliament.
- (2) Any sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

214 Transitional provisions etc.

- (1) Regulations may at any time make such incidental, consequential, transitional or supplementary provision as appears to the Secretary of State, or as the case may be the

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National Assembly for Wales, to be necessary or expedient for the general purposes, or any particular purposes, of this Act or in consequence of any of its provisions or for giving full effect to it.

- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision—
- (a) for any provision of this Act which comes into force before—
 - (i) another such provision has come into force, or
 - (ii) anything falling to be done under another such provision has been done,
 to have effect, until that other provision has come into force or (as the case may be) that thing has been done, with such modifications as are specified in the regulations;
 - (b) for amending, repealing or revoking (with or without savings) any statutory provision passed or made before the passing of this Act, for applying any such provision (with or without modification) and for making savings or additional savings from the effect of any amendment or repeal made by this Act.
- (3) The amendments that may be made under subsection (2)(b) shall be in addition (and without prejudice) to those made by any other provision of this Act.
- (4) Nothing in this Act shall be read as prejudicing the generality of subsection (1).
- (5) In this section “statutory provision” has the same meaning as in Chapter 1 of Part 3.

215 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals

- (1) Schedule 21 (which contains minor and consequential amendments) shall have effect.
- (2) The enactments specified in the first column of Schedule 22 (which include spent provisions) are repealed to the extent specified in the second column.

Commencement Information

- I303** S. 215 partly in force; s. 215 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 216; s. 215(2) in force for certain purposes for E. at 26.7.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002, art. 3](#); s. 215 in force for certain further purposes for E. at 2.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2002, art. 4](#); s. 215 in force for certain purposes at 1.10.2002 by [S.I. 2002/2439, arts. 2, 3](#) (with [Sch.](#)); s. 215 in force for certain further purposes for E. at 20.1.2003 by [S.I. 2002/2952, art. 2](#) (with [art. 3, Sch.](#)); s. 215(1) in force for certain purposes for W. and s. 215(2) in force for certain purposes at 19.12.2002 by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 4, Sch. Pt. I](#) (with [art. 7](#))
- I304** S. 215 in force at 20.1.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2002/2952, art. 2](#)
- I305** S. 215 in force at 31.3.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2002/3185, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I306** S. 215 in force at 1.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/124, art. 4](#)
- I307** S. 215 in force at 1.6.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1115, art. 3](#)
- I308** S. 215 in force at 1.8.2003 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 2](#)
- I309** S. 215 in force at 1.8.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 3](#)
- I310** S. 215 in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/1718, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I311** S. 215 in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4](#)
- I312** S. 215 in force at 1.10.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2003/1667, art. 5](#)
- I313** S. 215 in force at 4.12.2003 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961, art. 5, Sch. Pt. II](#)
- I314** S. 215 in force at 1.1.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961, art. 6, Sch. Pt. III](#)
- I315** S. 215 in force at 9.1.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2003/2961, art. 7, Sch. Pt. IV](#)
- I316** S. 215 in force at 31.3.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2004/912, art. 4, Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- I317** S. 215 in force at 1.8.2004 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2004/912, art. 5, Sch. Pt. 2](#)

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- I318** S. 215 in force at 1.9.2004 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2004/1728, art. 5, **Sch. Pt. 2**
I319 S. 215 in force at 31.5.2005 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2005/1395, art. 4, **Sch.**
I320 S. 215 in force at 31.10.2005 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2005/2910, art. 4, **Sch.**
I321 S. 215 in force at 1.4.2006 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2006/879, art. 4, **Sch.**
I322 S. 215 in force at 6.11.2006 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by S.I. 2006/2895, **art. 2**
I323 S. 215 in force at 2.1.2008 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
I324 S. 215 in force at 1.8.2008 in so far as relating to the provisions of Schedules 21 and 22 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2008/1728, art. 3, **Sch. Pt. 2**
I325 S. 215(1) in force at 1.3.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/124, **art. 2**
I326 S. 215(1) in force at 1.8.2004 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2004/1728, art. 4, **Sch. Pt. 1**
I327 S. 215(2) in force at 6.4.2003 for specified purposes except in relation to W. by S.I. 2003/124, **art. 5**
I328 S. 215(2) in force at 1.8.2003 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2003/1718, art. 4, **Sch. Pt. I**
I329 S. 215(2) in force at 1.9.2003 for specified purposes by S.I. 2002/3185, art. 6, **Sch. Pt. III**
I330 S. 215(2) in force at 1.2.2006 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2006/172, art. 4, **Sch.**
I331 S. 215(2) in force at 31.3.2008 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(2), **Sch. Pt. 2**
I332 S. 215(2) in force at 1.9.2011 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2011/1952, **art. 2(b)**

216 Commencement

- (1) The following provisions shall come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
- section 13,
 - section 52(7) to (10),
 - section 147,
 - section 186,
 - section 190,
 - sections 210 to 214, and
 - this section and section 217.
- (2) The following provisions shall come into force in accordance with provision made by the Secretary of State by order—
- sections 65 to 69 and Schedule 7,
 - section 70 and Schedule 8,
 - section 71,
 - section 73,
 - Part 6,
 - sections 119 to 130 and Schedule 11,
 - section 209,
 - [^{F388}paragraphs 1 to 4 and 9 of Schedule 17, and section 189 so far as relating to those paragraphs,]
 - paragraphs 14, 17, 18, 56, 91 and 119 of Schedule 21, and section 215(1) so far as relating to those paragraphs, and
 - Part 1 of Schedule 22, and section 215(2) so far as relating to that Part.
- (3) The following provisions shall come into force in accordance with provision made by the National Assembly for Wales by order—
- [^{F389}Part 7,]
 - section 139,
 - sections 191 to 198 and Schedule 18,

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paragraphs 5 to 8 of Schedule 17, and section 189 so far as relating to those paragraphs, and

Part 2 of Schedule 22, and section 215(2) so far as relating to that Part.

- (4) Subject to subsections (1) to (3), this Act shall come into force—
- (a) except in relation to Wales, in accordance with provision made by the Secretary of State by order, and
 - (b) in relation to Wales, in accordance with provision made by the National Assembly for Wales by order.
- (5) An order under this section may—
- (a) make provision generally or for specified purposes only,
 - (b) make different provision for different purposes, and
 - (c) contain such transitional provisions and savings as the person making the order thinks fit.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 216(4) power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions and certain purposes by {[S.I. 2002/2002](#)}, arts. 2-4 (as amended by [S.I. 2002/2018](#)); s. 216(4) power partly exercised 1.10.2002 appointed for specified provisions and certain purposes by [S.I. 2002/2439](#), [arts. 2, 3](#) (with transitional and saving provisions in [Sch.](#)); s. 216(4) power partly exercised: 20.1.2003 appointed for specified provisions and certain purposes by {[S.I. 2002/2952](#)}, art. 2 (with transitional and saving provisions in [Sch.](#)); s. 216(4) power partly exercised: different dates appointed for specified provisions and certain purposes by {[S.I. 2002/3185](#)}, arts. 4-6, [Sch.](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 7)

Textual Amendments

- F388** Words in s. 216(2) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), [Sch. 16 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2010/1151](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#); [S.I. 2010/2413](#), art. 2(a)
- F389** Words in s. 216(3) omitted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by virtue of [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)](#)

217 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Education Act 2002.
- (2) This Act shall be included in the list of Education Acts set out in section 578 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56).
- (3) Any amendment or repeal in this Act has the same extent as the provision amended or repealed.
- (4) Except as provided by subsection (3), this Act extends to England and Wales only.

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1(3) words substituted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 14](#)
- s. 18(2) omitted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- s. 28A(3) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 29 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/2002 art. 4](#) (Effect not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The commencement of s. 29 is revoked (29.7.2002) by [S.I. 2002/2018](#), art. 2)
- s. 29(1) words inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 260\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), art. 3)
- s. 29(2) words substituted by [2009 c. 22 s. 260\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); [S.I. 2012/1087](#), art. 3)
- s. 32(1) omitted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 16 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 32(2) words substituted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 16 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 32(3)(a) words substituted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 16 para. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 46 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/2961 art. 5Sch. Pt. 2](#) (S. 46 was commenced wholly for W on 1.12.2003 by [2003 SI2961](#), art. 4, Sch. Pt. 1)
- s. 52(2) restricted by [S.I. 2003/3246 reg. 4](#)
- s. 86(a) words substituted by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86(b) words substituted by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 88 amendment to earlier affecting provision [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(3\)](#) by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 87](#)
- s. 88(1) s. 88 renumbered as s. 88(1) by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(3\)](#)
- s. 101(1)(ba)(bb) inserted by [S.I. 2003/932 art. 2](#)
- s. 101(1)(bb) text amended by [S.I. 2008/1899 art. 2](#)
- s. 105(1) disapplied by [S.I. 2008/1736 reg. 3](#)
- s. 105(2) disapplied by [S.I. 2008/1736 reg. 3](#)
- s. 105(3) disapplied by [S.I. 2008/1736 reg. 3](#)
- s. 105(3)(a) text amended by [S.I. 2008/1899 art. 3\(a\)](#)
- s. 105(3)(e) text amended by [S.I. 2008/1899 art. 3\(c\)](#)
- s. 105(3)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2008/1899 art. 3\(b\)](#)
- s. 131(1) words inserted by [2014 anaw 5 Sch. 3 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 131(7) repealed by [2014 anaw 5 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 140(3) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 140(4) omitted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 140(5) omitted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 143 coming into force by [S.I. 2003/2961 art. 5Sch. Pt. 2](#) (Effect not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 143 is already wholly in force for W. at 31.3.2003 by [S.I. 2002/3185](#), art. 5, Sch. Pt. 2)
- s. 145(1)(c) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(5\)](#)
- s. 145(3) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15\(5\)](#)
- s. 162 modified by [S.I. 2003/3230 reg. 9](#)
- s. 173 omitted by [2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 176(1) words substituted by [2008 c. 25 s. 158\(c\)](#)
- s. 176(1)(a) words inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 158\(a\)](#)
- s. 176(1)(b) repealed by [2008 c. 25 s. 158\(b\)Sch. 2](#)

- s. 176(3) words substituted by 2006 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 42
- s. 178(1) omitted by 2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15(6)
- s. 178(4) omitted by 2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15(6)
- s. 194(2) omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(ii)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(3) omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(iii)
- Sch. 12 para. 15(2) repealed by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 11
- Sch. 13 para. 8(2) repealed by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 11
- Sch. 17 para. 1 cross-heading repealed by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 16 Pt. 4
- Sch. 17 para. 9 cross-heading repealed by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 16 Pt. 4
- Sch. 18 para. 1-3 omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(iv)
- Sch. 18 para. 6 omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(iv)
- Sch. 18 para. 15 omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(iv)
- Sch. 18 para. 17 and cross-heading omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(iv)
- Sch. 18 para. 18 omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(iv)
- Sch. 21 para. 36-44 omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(vi)
- Sch. 21 para. 58 omitted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 6(d)(vi)
- Sch. 21 para. 49 omitted by 2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15(7)
- Sch. 21 para. 125 omitted by 2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 15(7)
- Sch. 21 para. 6 repealed by 2004 c. 22 Sch.
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1667 Sch. para. 1 by S.I. 2004/571 Sch.
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1667 Sch. para. 1A and 2 by S.I. 2005/2570 art. 2

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 27(1A) inserted by 2010 c. 26 s. 4(1)
- s. 29(2A)-(2D) inserted by 2009 c. 22 s. 260(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)
- s. 29B inserted by 2008 c. 25 s. 157
- s. 8585A substituted for s. 85 by 2006 c. 40 s. 74(1)
- s. 85A amendment to earlier affecting provision 2006 c. 40 s. 74(1) by 2011 c. 21 s. 31(2)
- s. 85A(5) words substituted by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 12 para. 34
- s. 86(1) s. 86 renumbered as s. 86(1) by 2006 c. 40 s. 74(2)(c)
- s. 86(2) inserted by 2006 c. 40 s. 74(2)(c)
- s. 88(2)-(7) inserted by 2006 c. 40 s. 74(3)
- s. 88(7) repealed by S.I. 2010/1080 Sch. 1 para. 45 Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 88(2)-(7) by 2006 c. 40, s 74(3) was repealed without ever being brought into force.)
- s. 142(9)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 2 para. 11(10)(b)
- s. 210A inserted by 2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 79