
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART III

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO GRANT-AIDED SCHOOLS

Interpretation of this Part

21.—(1) In this Part—

- (a) any reference to a school's enrolment number shall be construed in accordance with Article 11(1);
 - (b) any reference to a school's admissions number for a school year shall be construed in accordance with Article 12(1);
 - (c) any reference to the admission of a child to a school shall, in the case of a grammar school having a preparatory department, be construed as a reference to the admission of a child to the secondary department of that school;
 - (d) any reference to pupils registered at a school shall, in the case of a grammar school having a preparatory department, be construed as a reference to pupils registered in the secondary department of that school;
 - (e) any reference to the preparatory department of a grammar school is a reference to that part of the grammar school in which primary education is provided;
 - (f) any reference to the secondary department of a grammar school is a reference to that part of the grammar school in which secondary education is provided;
 - (g) any reference to the relevant age group—
 - (i) in relation to a grammar school having a preparatory department, is a reference to the age group in which the majority of children below the upper limit of compulsory school age are normally admitted to the secondary department of the school;
 - (ii) in relation to any other school, is a reference to the age group in which the majority of children below the upper limit of compulsory school age are normally admitted to the school;
 - (h) any reference to an appeal tribunal is a reference to an appeal tribunal constituted in accordance with regulations under Article 15(8);
 - (i) any reference to a school year is a reference to a year ending on 31st July.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part—
- (a) there are vacant places at a school at any time if at that time the enrolment number of the school exceeds the number of pupils registered at the school;
 - (b) the number of vacant places at a school at any time is the number obtained by subtracting the number of pupils registered at the school at that time from the enrolment number of the school.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part—

- (a) there are vacant places in the relevant age group at a school at any time if at that time the admissions number of the school exceeds the number of pupils registered at the school;
 - (b) the number of vacant places in in the relevant age group the relevant age group at 'a school at any time is the number obtained by subtracting the number of pupils in the relevant age group registered at the school at that time from the admissions number of the school.
- (4) For the purposes of this Part a child who by virtue of Article 46A of the 1986 Order commences secondary education at a time earlier or later than he would otherwise do so shall be treated as being in the same age group as those who commence secondary education at the same time as he does.
- (5) Directions and approvals of the Department under this Part shall be given in writing.