



Education (Scotland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 44

PART II

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PARENTS AND FUNCTIONS OF EDUCATION AUTHORITIES IN RELATION TO INDIVIDUAL PUPILS

Duty of parents to provide education for their children

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[^{F1}(1)] It shall be the duty of the parent of every child of school age to provide efficient education for him suitable to his age, ability and aptitude either by causing him to attend a public school regularly or by other means.

[^{F2}(2) Section 1 of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000 (asp 6) (right of child to be provided with school education by, or by virtue of arrangements made by, an education authority) is without prejudice to the choice afforded a parent by subsection (1) above.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 30 renumbered as s. 30(1) (13.10.2000) by 2000 asp 6, s. 60(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3(5)**; S.S.I. 2000/361, art. 3(1)(2), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F2** S. 30(2) added (13.10.2000) by 2000 asp 6, s. 60(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3(5)**; S.S.I. 2000/361, art. 3(1)(2), **Sch. Pt. I**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 30(1) restricted (temp.) (25.3.2020) by **Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7)**, s. 87(1), **Sch. 16 para. 9(1)(b)** (with ss. 89, 90)

Changes to legislation:

Education (Scotland) Act 1980, Section 30 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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- s. 48A(5)(a)(I) words repealed by [2000 asp 6 Sch. 3](#)
- s. 53(3)(b)(i)-(iia) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 53(3)(b)(iii) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 53ZA inserted by [2016 asp 8 s. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 54A inserted by [2016 asp 8 s. 23](#)
- s. 98DA inserted by [2016 asp 8 s. 28\(2\)](#)
- s. 99(1A)(g)(ii) word substituted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 99(1A)(h)(ii) word substituted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 8\(3\)](#)