



Education Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 56

PART I

GENERAL

CHAPTER III

[^{F1}LOCAL AUTHORITIES]

General functions

[^{F1}13A Duty to promote high standards and fulfilment of potential

- (1) A local education authority in England must ensure that their relevant education functions and their relevant training functions are (so far as they are capable of being so exercised) exercised by the authority with a view to—
 - (a) promoting high standards,
 - (b) ensuring fair access to opportunity for education and training, and
 - (c) promoting the fulfilment of learning potential by every person to whom this subsection applies.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to the following—
 - (a) persons under the age of 20;
 - (b) persons aged 20 or over [^{F2}and for whom an EHC plan is maintained].
- (3) A local education authority in Wales must ensure that their relevant education functions and their relevant training functions are (so far as they are capable of being so exercised) exercised by the authority with a view to—
 - (a) promoting high standards, and
 - (b) promoting the fulfilment of learning potential by every person to whom this subsection applies.

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(4) Subsection (3) applies to persons under the age of 20.

(5) In this section—

- “education” and “training” have the same meanings as in section 15ZA;
- “relevant education function”, in relation to a local education authority in England, means a function relating to the provision of education for—
- (a) persons of compulsory school age (whether at school or otherwise);
 - (b) persons (whether at school or otherwise) who are over compulsory school age and to whom subsection (1) applies;
 - (c) persons who are under compulsory school age and are registered as pupils at schools maintained by the authority;
- “relevant education function”, in relation to a local education authority in Wales, means a function relating to the provision of education for—
- (a) persons of compulsory school age (whether at school or otherwise);
 - (b) persons (whether at school or otherwise) who are over compulsory school age but under the age of 20;
 - (c) persons who are under compulsory school age and are registered as pupils at schools maintained by the authority;
- “relevant training function” means a function relating to the provision of training.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 13A substituted (1.4.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 269(4), [Sch. 2 para. 3](#); S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2
- F2** Words in s. 13A(2)(b) substituted (1.9.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), [Sch. 3 para. 4](#); 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))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 13A functions made exercisable concurrently (23.12.2016) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1267\)](#), arts. 1(2), [12\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- C2** S. 13A functions made exercisable concurrently (2.11.2018) by [The Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1133\)](#), arts. 1, [18](#) (with art. 28)
- C3** S. 13A: functions made exercisable concurrently (28.7.2020) by [The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/806\)](#), arts. 1, [5\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)-\(5\)](#)
- C4** S. 13A: functions made exercisable concurrently (30.1.2021) by [The West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(Election of Mayor and Functions\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/112\)](#), arts. 1(2), [5\(1\)-\(5\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 13A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2024/402 art. 33](#)

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. 13(2)(ba) substituted for s. 13(2)(aa)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 15A(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 15B(3)(c) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/1012 art. 12\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/863 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/865 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2016/653 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A-17D inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 45](#)
- s. 17B-17D applied by [2009 c. 22 s. 86\(8\)](#)
- s. 457(4)(i)-(iia) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 457(4)(iii) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 508(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(7\)](#)
- s. 537AA inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- s. 548(7A)(7B) inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 578(1) words repealed by [2005 c. 18 Sch. 19 Pt. 1](#)