



School Standards and Framework Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 31

PART I

MEASURES TO RAISE STANDARDS OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

CHAPTER III

EDUCATION ACTION ZONES

10 Establishment of education action zones.

- (1) If the Secretary of State considers that it is expedient to do so with a view to improving standards in the provision of education at any particular [^{F1}eligible schools], he may by order provide for those schools to constitute collectively an education action zone for the purposes of this Chapter.

[^{F2}(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1) “eligible school” means—

- (a) a maintained school;
- (b) a nursery school;
- (c) a pupil referral unit; or
- (d) an independent school.]

- (2) An education action zone shall be established in the first instance for three years; but the Secretary of State may, by an order made before the end of that period, provide for the zone to continue in existence for a further two years.

[^{F3}(3)

- (4) No order shall be made by the Secretary of State under subsection (1) [^{F4}or (2)] except on an application made for the purpose with the consent of the governing body of every school which it is proposed should be a participating school.

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- (5) Any school which ceases to be a participating school by virtue of subsection (2) may nevertheless be included in a further order under subsection (1).
- (6) In this Chapter—
- [^{F5}(a) references to a governing body—
- (i) in relation to an independent school (other than an Academy, city technology college or city college for the technology of the arts), are to the proprietor of the school, and
- (ii) in relation to a new school, include the temporary governing body of the school;
- (b) “participating school”, in relation to an education action zone, means one of the schools that—
- (i) for the time being is included in the order under subsection (1), or
- (ii) has been added to the zone by virtue of section 11B, other than a school that has been removed from the zone in accordance with section 11C;
- (c) “pupil referral unit” has the same meaning as in section 19 of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56);
- (d) “new school” has the meaning given in section 72(3).]
- ^{F6}(7)
- (8) Unless the Secretary of State by order otherwise provides, nothing in this Chapter applies in relation to Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(1) substituted (1.10.2002 for E., 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 2\(1\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F2** S. 10(1A) inserted (1.10.2002 for E. for specified purposes, 1.9.2003 for E. so far as not already in force, 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 2\(2\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2003/1667, art. 4; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F3** S. 10(3) repealed (1.10.2002 for E., 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 2\(3\)](#), [Sch. 22 Pt. 3](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F4** Words in s. 10(4) substituted (1.10.2002 for E., 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 2\(4\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F5** S. 10(6)(a)-(d) substituted for s. 10(6)(a) (1.10.2002 for E., 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 2\(5\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F6** S. 10(7) repealed (1.10.2002 for E., 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 2\(6\)](#), [Sch. 22 Pt. 3](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** s. 10(1) modified (*temp.*) (4.8.1998) by S.I. 1998/1878, [reg. 2](#)
- C2** S. 10(6)(a)(i) modified (*temp.*) (1.10.2002 for E., 2.1.2008 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 216(4), [Sch. 15 para. 8\(3\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch. Pt. 1

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 14(3)(aa) inserted by [2011 nawm 7 s. 16\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk - s.16(02) of 2011 nawm007 omitted by 2013 nawm001 s. 100(4), Sch. 5 para. 13(2); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3) prior to commencement)
- s. 18B inserted by [2011 nawm 7 s. 16\(3\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk - s.16(02) of 2011 nawm007 omitted by 2013 nawm001 s. 100(4), Sch. 5 para. 13(2); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3) prior to commencement)
- Sch. 22 para. 5(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 235\(4\)](#)