



# 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 [<sup>F1</sup>educational standards] in England, or
  - (b) in the opinion of the National Assembly for Wales, contribute to the raising of [<sup>F2</sup>educational standards] in Wales.
- (2) In forming an opinion as to whether a project may contribute to the raising of [<sup>F3</sup>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 [<sup>F4</sup>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, [<sup>F5</sup>and]
  - [<sup>F6</sup>(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 [<sup>F7</sup>pupils or students] who may be affected by it.
- (3) In this Chapter—
  - “the Chief Inspector” means—
    - (a) in relation to England, [<sup>F8</sup>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;
  - [<sup>F9</sup>“maintained school” means—
    - (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school,
    - (b) a community or foundation special school, or
    - (c) a maintained nursery school;]
  - [<sup>F10</sup>“qualifying body” means—
    - (a) a [<sup>F11</sup>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 [<sup>F11</sup>local authority] but is for the time being approved by the Secretary of State <sup>F12</sup>... under section 342 of the Education Act 1996, or
    - (h) the governing body of an institution within the further education sector;]
  - [<sup>F13</sup>“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;]
  - <sup>F14</sup>...
  - “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).

<sup>F15</sup>(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 <sup>F16</sup>—
  - (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.

<sup>F17</sup>(7) .....

<sup>F17</sup>(8) .....

<sup>F18</sup>(9) .....

#### 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.

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- 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 <sup>[F19]</sup>(“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.
- <sup>[F20]</sup>(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 <sup>[F21]</sup>an application for an order] , the qualifying body shall—
- (a) in the case of an Education Action Forum, consult each <sup>[F11]</sup>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,
  - <sup>[F22]</sup>(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 <sup>[F11]</sup>local authority] who maintain the school,]
  - <sup>[F23]</sup>(b) in the case of the governing body of a maintained school, consult—
    - (i) the <sup>[F11]</sup>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 of 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.

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- 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—
- prepare a report on all the orders made by him under that section in that academic year, and
  - 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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## 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 [<sup>F11</sup>local authority] in England, any provision of the National Curriculum for England, and
    - (b) in relation to a maintained school maintained by a [<sup>F11</sup>local authority] in Wales, any [<sup>F24</sup>provision of the National Curriculum for Wales][<sup>F24</sup>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 <sup>F11</sup>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 [<sup>F11</sup>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 [<sup>F11</sup>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 [<sup>F11</sup>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 [<sup>F26</sup>the Companies Act 2006] as a company limited by shares or a company limited by guarantee;  
“relevant [<sup>F11</sup>local authority] functions”, in relation to a company, means [<sup>F27</sup>the education functions] of any [<sup>F11</sup>local authority]<sup>F28</sup>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 [<sup>F29</sup>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](#))

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- 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:**

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- 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. 45Sch. 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](#)