



Education and Skills Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 25

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL

168 General interpretation

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;
 - “regulations” means regulations made by the Secretary of State under this Act.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) and the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (3) are to be construed as if those provisions were contained in that Act.
- (3) The provisions of this Act referred to in subsection (2) are—
 - (a) Part 1 (other than section 9 and sections 37 to 39);
 - (b) Chapter 1 of Part 4;
 - (c) section 148;
 - (d) section 173(10).
- (4) Where an expression is given for the purposes of any provision falling within subsection (3) a meaning different from that given to it for the purposes of the Education Act 1996, the meaning given for the purposes of that provision is to apply instead of the one given for the purposes of that Act.

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- (5) Sections 561 and 562 of the Education Act 1996 (Act not to apply to persons in service of the Crown or persons detained under order of a court) do not apply for the purposes of Part 1.
- (6) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to a community, foundation or voluntary school or a community or foundation special school is to such a school within the meaning of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).

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- s. 91(3)(c) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 22\(3\)](#)