



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 6

EDUCATION

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS BODIES

97 Interpretation

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of section 96.
- (2) A qualifications body is an authority or body which can confer a relevant qualification.
- (3) A relevant qualification is an authorisation, qualification, approval or certification of such description as may be prescribed—
 - (a) in relation to conferments in England, by a Minister of the Crown;
 - (b) in relation to conferments in Wales, by the Welsh Ministers;
 - (c) in relation to conferments in Scotland, by the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) An authority or body is not a qualifications body in so far as—
 - (a) it is the responsible body of a school to which section 85 applies,
 - (b) it is the governing body of an institution to which section 91 applies,
 - (c) it exercises functions under the Education Acts, or
 - (d) it exercises functions under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.
- (5) A qualifications body does not include an authority or body of such description, or in such circumstances, as may be prescribed.
- (6) A reference to conferring a relevant qualification includes a reference—
 - (a) to renewing or extending the conferment of a relevant qualification;
 - (b) to authenticating a relevant qualification conferred by another person.

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- (7) A reference in section 96(8), (10) or (11) to a qualification is a reference to a relevant qualification.
- (8) Subsection (11) of section 96 applies for the purposes of subsection (3) of this section as it applies for the purposes of subsection (10) of that section.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 97](#) wholly in force; [s. 97](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 216](#); [s. 97](#) in force for certain purposes at 6.7.2010 by [S.I. 2010/1736](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#); [s. 97](#) in force at 1.10.2010 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(6\)\(d\)](#) (with [art. 15](#))

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

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)