

*These notes refer to the Education Act 2011 (c.21)
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011*

EDUCATION ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE ACT

Part 7: Post-16 education and training

36. This Part abolishes a further arm's length body, the Young People's Learning Agency for England (YPLA); it provides for the relevant functions of the YPLA to be transferred to the Secretary of State, and gives the necessary powers to make schemes for the transfer of staff from this body to the Secretary of State.
37. This Part replaces the duty on the Chief Executive of Skills Funding to secure an apprenticeship place for certain young people with a duty to fund apprenticeship training (through securing the provision of proper facilities) for certain groups who have secured an apprenticeship place. It also places a new duty on the Chief Executive of Skills Funding to make reasonable efforts to ensure employers participate in Apprenticeship training. This Part makes changes to the law relating to the issue of apprenticeship certificates.
38. This Part makes changes to the skills entitlements.
39. This Part gives a power to the Secretary of State to direct the Chief Executive of Skills Funding to consult with specified people or descriptions of persons on matters associated with the performance of the Chief Executive's functions.
40. **Part 7** also retains the commencement of raising the participation age legislation in 2013 (to age 17) and 2015 (to age 18) whilst removing the requirement to commence enforcement procedures on young people, parents and employers in relation to raising the participation age on a certain date.