



# Education (Wales) Act 2014

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## PART 2

### EDUCATION WORKFORCE

#### *Education Workforce Council*

#### **2 Education Workforce Council**

- (1) The body corporate established in pursuance of section 8 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30) and known as the General Teaching Council for Wales—
  - (a) is to continue to exist, but
  - (b) is to change its name to (and now be known as) the “Education Workforce Council” (in this Act referred to as “the Council”).
- (2) Schedule 1 (which makes provision about the constitution and powers of the Council) has effect.

#### **Annotations:**

#### **Commencement Information**

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| <b>I1</b> | S. 2 in force for specified purposes at 18.8.2014 by <a href="#">S.I. 2014/2162</a> , <b>art. 2(a)</b>         |
| <b>I2</b> | S. 2 in force at 16.1.2015 for specified purposes by <a href="#">S.I. 2015/29</a> , <b>art. 2(a)</b>           |
| <b>I3</b> | S. 2 in force at 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in force by <a href="#">S.I. 2015/29</a> , <b>art. 3(a)</b> |

#### **3 Aims of the Council**

The principal aims of the Council are—

- (a) to contribute to improving the standards of teaching and the quality of learning in Wales, and
- (b) to maintain and improve standards of professional conduct amongst teachers and persons who support teaching and learning in Wales.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Education (Wales) Act 2014, Cross Heading: Education Workforce Council. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Annotations:**

**Commencement Information**

**I4** S. 3 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.I. 2015/29, art. 3(b)

#### **4 Functions of the Council**

- (1) The Council's main functions are—
- (a) to provide advice on matters related to the persons which it regulates and teaching and learning in accordance with section 7;
  - (b) to undertake activities to promote careers in registrable professions in accordance with section 8;
  - (c) to establish and maintain a register in accordance with section 9;
  - (d) to keep itself informed about the induction of persons in accordance with section 17 and to hear appeals in relation to induction decisions in accordance with section 19;
  - (e) to review and revise the code which specifies standards of professional conduct and practice for registered persons in accordance with section 24;
  - (f) to investigate unacceptable professional conduct and professional incompetence and take appropriate action in respect of registered persons in accordance with section 26;
  - (g) to hold such information about persons as may be specified in accordance with section 33 and to provide information to such bodies as may be specified in accordance with section 35.
- (2) The Council also has the additional functions conferred on it by virtue of—
- (a) this Act;
  - (b) an order under section 5;
  - (c) any other enactment.
- (3) The functions conferred on the Council by or under this Part are exercisable by it only in relation to Wales.

**Annotations:**

**Commencement Information**

**I5** S. 4 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.I. 2015/29, art. 3(c)

#### **5 Power to add functions**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may by order confer or impose on the Council such additional functions as they consider appropriate.
- (2) Before making an order under subsection (1) the Welsh Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate.

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**Annotations:**

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**Commencement Information**

**16** S. 5 in force at 16.1.2015 by S.I. 2015/29, art. 2(b)

## **6 Directions**

- (1) The Council must comply with any direction (general or specific) given to it by the Welsh Ministers.
- (2) A direction may not be given in respect of—
  - (a) a specific application for registration under section 9;
  - (b) an appeal relating to such an application;
  - (c) a specific disciplinary case under section 26.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers must publish a direction given under this section in such manner as they consider appropriate.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may vary or revoke a direction (and subsection (3) applies in relation to any document varying or revoking a direction as it applies to a direction).

**Annotations:**

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**Commencement Information**

**17** S. 6 in force at 1.4.2015 by S.I. 2015/29, art. 3(d)

**Changes to legislation:**

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