



Education (Wales) Act 2014

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PART 2

EDUCATION WORKFORCE

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- (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.

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.

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;

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- (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.

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.

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).