



Education Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 44

PART VII

CAREERS EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE

43 [F1Provision of careers education in schools [F2in Wales]][F1Provision of careers education for certain persons: Wales]

[F1(1) A programme of careers education must be provided for—

- (a) each pupil who—
 - (i) is a registered pupil at a school in Wales listed in subsection (2), and
 - (ii) is of compulsory school age, or over compulsory school age, but under the age of 19;
- (b) each person who—
 - (i) is attending an institution in Wales within the further education sector (whether full or part time), and
 - (ii) is of compulsory school age, or over compulsory school age but under the age of 19;
- (c) each child or young person for whom arrangements are made under section 19A of the Education Act 1996 (exceptional provision of education in pupil referral units or elsewhere: Wales).

(2) The schools are—

- (a) community, foundation and voluntary schools;
- (b) community special schools (other than those established in hospitals).

(3) The following persons must secure that subsection (1) is complied with—

- (a) in the case of a pupil falling within subsection (1)(a), the head teacher of the school;
- (b) in the case of a person falling within subsection (1)(b), the principal or other head of the institution;
- (c) in the case of a child or young person falling within subsection (1)(c)—
 - (i) the local authority that makes the arrangements, and

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(ii) where the arrangements include the provision of education at a pupil referral unit maintained by a local authority in Wales, the teacher in charge of the unit.

(4) In this section—

“career” includes the undertaking of any training, employment or occupation or any course of education;

“careers education” means education designed to prepare persons for taking decisions about their careers and to help them implement such decisions.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 43 substituted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(7)**
- F2** Words in s. 43 heading inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(g)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F3** Words in s. 43(1) inserted (1.9.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(a)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F4** S. 43(2)(a) substituted (1.9.1999) by 1998 c. 31, s. 140(1), **Sch. 30 para. 217(a)** (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- F5** S. 43(2)(b) repealed (1.9.1999) by 1998 c. 31, s. 140(1)(3), Sch. 30 para. 217(b), **Sch. 31** (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- F6** S. 43(2)(c) substituted (1.9.1999) by 1998 c. 31, s. 140(1), **Sch. 30 para. 217(c)** (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- F7** Words in s. 43(2)(c) omitted (W.) (1.10.2013) by virtue of [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 100(4), **Sch. 5 para. 18(3)**; S.I. 2013/1800, art. 3(j)
- F8** S. 43(2)(d) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(b)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F9** S. 43(2A)(2B) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(c)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F10** Words in s. 43(3) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(d)(i)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F11** S. 43(3)(b) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(d)(ii)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F12** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 8(2)**
- F13** S. 43(4) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(e)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F14** Words in s. 43(6) substituted (1.9.2022) by [Education \(Careers Guidance in Schools\) Act 2022 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 2(1)**, 3(2); S.I. 2022/724, reg. 2
- F15** Words in s. 43(6) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 29(3)(f)(ii)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 43, 44 modified (1.8.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1987](#), reg. 2
- C2** S. 43: functions of a local education authority made exercisable (E.) (1.4.2002) by authorised persons by [Contracting Out \(Local Education Authority Functions\) \(England\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/928\)](#) art. 3, {Sch. 3(k)}
- C3** S. 43 extended (E.) (1.9.2004) by [Education \(Extension of Careers Education\) \(England\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/2645\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2

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C4 S. 43: power to modify conferred (temp.) (W.) by [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 7](#) (as amended (26.8.2020) by [The Curriculum Requirements \(Amendment of paragraph 7\(6\) of Schedule 17 to the Coronavirus Act 2020\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/891\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(2)**)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 43(3) words substituted by [2009 c. 22 s. 250\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)
- s. 43(6) words inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 250\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 24(2)(ga) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 24(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 9 repealed (31.5.2013) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2013/975, art. 2(c))
- s. 26A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 26A(1) by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(11\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 26A(4)(5) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(13\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 38(2B) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39(1)(b)(c) substituted for s. 39(1)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 43(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 250\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)