



# Employment And Training Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 50

### *<sup>F1</sup> Careers services*

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Ss. 8-10 substituted (30.11.1993) by 1993 c. 19, s. 45; S.I. 1993/2503, art. 2(2), Sch.2.

#### **8 Duty of Secretary of State to ensure provision of careers services for school and college students.**

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to secure the provision of relevant services for assisting persons undergoing relevant education to decide—
- (a) what employments, having regard to their capabilities, will be suitable for and available to them when they cease undergoing such education, and
  - (b) what training or education is or will be required by and available to them in order to fit them for those employments,
- and for assisting persons ceasing to undergo relevant education to obtain such employments, training and education.
- (2) In subsection (1) of this section and section 9 of this Act “relevant services” means—
- (a) giving of assistance by collecting, or disseminating or otherwise providing, information about persons seeking, obtaining or offering employment, training and education,
  - (b) offering advice and guidance, and
  - (c) other services calculated to facilitate the provision of any services specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.
- (3) In this section and section 9 of this Act “relevant education” means—
- (a) education involving full-time attendance at any educational institution in Great Britain, other than an educational institution within the higher education sector, and
  - (b) education involving part-time attendance at any educational institution in Great Britain, other than an educational institution within the higher education

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sector, which is education of a description commonly undergone by persons in order to fit them for employment.

(4) The references in subsection (3) of this section to an educational institution within the higher education sector shall be construed—

- [ as respects England, as references to a registered higher education provider<sup>F2</sup>(za) within the meaning given by section 3(10) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017, other than a provider which is also an institution within the further education sector within the meaning given by section 91(3) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992,]
- (a) as respects<sup>F3</sup>... Wales, in accordance with section 91(5) of the<sup>M1</sup>Further and Higher Education Act 1992 or, if this section is in force at any time before section 65 of that Act comes into force, in accordance with section 61(3)(a) of that Act until that section comes into force, and
- (b) as respects Scotland, in accordance with section 56(2) of the<sup>M2</sup>Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 8(4)(za) inserted (1.8.2019) by [The Higher Education and Research Act 2017 \(Further Implementation etc.\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1027\)](#), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F3** Words in s. 8(4)(a) omitted (1.8.2019) by virtue of [The Higher Education and Research Act 2017 \(Further Implementation etc.\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1027\)](#), regs. 1, **2(3)**
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#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1992 c. 13.
- M2** 1992 c. 37.

<sup>F4</sup> **9 Power of Secretary of State to arrange for provision of careers services for others.**

The Secretary of State shall have power to secure the provision of relevant services, or any description of relevant services, for assisting persons other than those undergoing relevant education, or any description of such persons, to decide—

- (a) what employments, having regard to their capabilities, are or will be suitable for and available to them, and
- (b) what training or education is or will be required by and available to them in order to fit them for those employments,

and for assisting those persons to obtain such employments, training and education.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F4** Ss. 8-10 substituted (30.11.1993) by [1993 c. 19, s.45; S.I. 1993/2503, art. 2\(2\), Sch.2.](#)
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#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 9 functions made exercisable concurrently (12.10.2007) by [Transfer of Functions \(Equality\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2914\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(4)(a)**

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**<sup>F5</sup> 10 Provision of services.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may perform the duty imposed on him by section 8 of this Act, and exercise the power conferred on him by section 9 of this Act, by making arrangements with—
  - (a) [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] or (in Scotland) education authorities,
  - (b) persons of any other description, or
  - (c) [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] or education authorities and persons of any other description acting jointly,under which they undertake to provide, or arrange for the provision of, services in accordance with the arrangements; and in doing so the Secretary of State shall have regard to the requirements of disabled persons.
- (2) The Secretary of State may also perform the duty imposed on him by section 8 of this Act, and exercise the power conferred on him by section 9 of this Act, by giving directions to [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] or education authorities requiring them to provide, or arrange for the provision of, services in accordance with the directions; and in doing so the Secretary of State shall have regard to the requirements of disabled persons.
- (3) Directions given under this section may require [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] and education authorities—
  - (a) to provide services themselves or jointly with other authorities or persons,
  - (b) to arrange for the provision of services by other authorities or persons, or
  - (c) to consult and co-ordinate in the provision, or in arranging for the provision, of services with other authorities or persons.
- (4) Arrangements made, and directions given, under this section may include provision for the making of payments by the Secretary of State, whether by way of grant or loan or otherwise, to the persons with whom they are made or to whom they are given.
- (5) Arrangements made, and directions given, under this section in exercise of the power conferred by section 9 of this Act may include provision permitting the making of charges for the provision of the services to which they relate.
- (6) Arrangements made, and directions given, under this section shall require the person with whom they are made or to whom they are given—
  - (a) to provide, or arrange for the provision, of services in accordance with such guidance of a general character as the Secretary of State may give, and
  - (b) to furnish the Secretary of State, in such manner and at such times as he may specify in the arrangements or directions or in guidance given under paragraph (a) of this subsection, with such information and facilities for obtaining information as he may so specify.
- (7) The Secretary of State may give directions to [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] and education authorities requiring them to transfer (on such terms as may be specified in the directions) to any persons who are providing, or are to provide, services in accordance with arrangements made, or directions given, under this section any records of the authorities which may be relevant in the provision of the services.
- (8) [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] and education authorities shall have power—
  - (a) to provide services or arrange for the provision of services in accordance with arrangements made, or directions given, under this section (including services provided outside their areas) by any such means (including by the formation of companies for the purpose) as they consider appropriate, and

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- (b) to employ officers and provide facilities for and in connection with the provision of the services or arranging for the provision of the services; but, where directions are given to [<sup>F6</sup>local authorities] and education authorities, the power conferred on them by this subsection shall be exercised in accordance with the directions.
- (9) Where services are being provided in pursuance of arrangements made, or directions given, under this section, the authority with whom the arrangements are made or to whom the directions have been given shall have power, with the consent of the Secretary of State, to provide, or arrange for the provision of, more extensive (relevant) services than the arrangements authorise or the directions require and to employ more officers and provide more facilities accordingly.
- (10) Nothing in sections 8 and 9 and this section shall make it unlawful for a [<sup>F7</sup>local authority] or education authority to defray the cost of exercising their powers under this section from resources other than payments of the Secretary of State.
- (11) A direction given under this section may be revoked or varied by another direction so given.
- (12) Nothing in this section shall be taken to limit the arrangements which may be made under section 2 of this Act.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F5** Ss. 8-10 substituted (30.11.1993) by 1993 c. 19, s.45; S.I. 1993/2503, art. 2(2), Sch.2.
- F6** Words in s. 10(1)-(8) substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 28(2)(a)**
- F7** Words in s. 10(10) substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 28(2)(b)**

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**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. 9A inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 140](#)