



Education Reform Act 1988

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- 3 (1) In section 28 of that Act (special provisions as...
- 4 The word “education” shall be substituted for the word “instruction”—...
- 5 In section 77 of that Act (inspection of educational establishments)—...
- 6 In section 114(1) of that Act (interpretation) the word “education”...
- 7 (1) In Schedule 5 to that Act (procedure for preparing...

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Powers

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Chief officer

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Qualifications of members and tenure of office

6 (1) A person shall hold and vacate office as a...

7 (1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that a...

Salaries, allowances and pensions for members

8 (1) The Authority— (a) shall pay the members of the...

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10 (1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Secretary...

Finance

11 (1) The Secretary of State may make grants to the...

Committees

12 (1) The Authority may establish a committee for any purpose....

Delegation of functions

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Appointment of other teachers

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Discipline

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New county and voluntary schools: general

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Application of schemes in relation to new schools

- 2 (1) For the purposes of that Chapter, a new school...

New special schools

- 3 (1) In sections 43 and 50 of this Act—

Staff

- 4 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, section...

Financial delegation and statements apart from schemes

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Supplementary

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5 At any time on or after the date on which...
6 On and after the incorporation date in relation to a...

Transition from initial governing body to regulation by instrument of government

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8 Where the number of governors of any category for such...

Proceedings and tenure of office

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11 In relation to a member of the initial governing body...
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Preliminary

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Initial constitution

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4 (1) The initial nominee members of a corporation shall consist...

Initial appointments

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Determination of membership numbers

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Subsequent appointments

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Allowances to members

11 A corporation shall have power to pay to the members...

Election of chairman

12 (1) The members of a corporation shall elect a chairman...

Committees

13 (1) A corporation may establish a committee for any purpose....

Proceedings

14 The validity of any proceedings of a corporation or of...
15 In the event of an equality of votes at any...

Application of seal and proof of instruments

16 The application of the seal of the corporation shall be...
17 Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued...

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18 (1) It shall be the duty of each corporation—

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Membership

- 2 The instrument shall make provision for the membership of the...
3 (1) The corporation shall consist of— (a) not less than...

Numbers

- 4 (1) The corporation shall make a determination with respect to...

Appointments

- 5 (1) Subject to section 124C of this Act, no appointment...

Tenure of office etc.

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Officers

- 7 The instrument shall provide for one or more officers to...

Committees

- 8 The instrument may provide for the corporation to establish committees...

Allowances

- 9 The instrument may provide for the corporation to pay allowances...

Seal of corporation

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Preliminary

- 1 References below in this Schedule to the Corporation are references...

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Chief officer

- 3 (1) One of the members of the Corporation shall be...

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Qualifications of members and tenure of office

- 4 (1) A person shall hold and vacate office as a...
5 If the Secretary of State is satisfied that a member...

Salaries, allowances and pensions for members

- 6 (1) The Corporation— (a) shall pay to the members of...

House of Commons disqualification

- 7 In Part III of Schedule 1 to the House of...

Staff

- 8 (1) The Corporation may appoint such employees as the Corporation...

Committees

- 9 (1) The Corporation may establish a committee for any purpose....

Scottish and Welsh Committees of Universities Funding Council

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Delegation of Functions

- 11 The Corporation may authorise the chairman, the chief officer or...

Proceedings

- 12 Without prejudice to any other rights the Secretary of State...
13 The validity of any proceedings of the Corporation or of...
14 Subject to the preceding provisions of this Schedule, the Corporation...

Application of seal and proof of instruments

- 15 The application of the seal of the Corporation shall be...
16 Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued...

Accounts

- 17 (1) It shall be the duty of the Corporation—

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Full-time equivalent enrolment numbers

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Table for determining full-time equivalents for sandwich courses and part-time study

- 2 The following table applies for the purpose of determining the...

Interpretation of paragraphs 1 and 2

- 3 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(a) above a student...

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Exclusion of non-EEC students

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Identification of property, rights and liabilities

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Resolution of disputes

- 3 (1) The Education Transfer Council shall notify the Secretary of...

Right to production of documents of title

- 4 (1) Where a transfer to which this Schedule applies relates...

Proof of title by certificate

- 5 The Education Transfer Council may issue a certificate stating that...

Construction of agreements

- 6 (1) Where in the case of any transfer to which...
7 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 6 above,...
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Third parties affected by vesting provisions

- 9 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraphs 6 to...

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Tenure of office

- 2 (1) A person may at any time by notice in...

Duration

- 3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the Commissioners' duties and...

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Powers

4 The Commissioners shall have power to do anything which appears...

Remuneration

5 The Secretary of State may pay the Commissioners such remuneration...

Staff

6 (1) The Commissioners may appoint such employees as they think...

Expenses

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Proceedings

8 (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint one of the...

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- s. 156(3)(a)(i) words substituted by [S.I. 2009/1941 Sch. 1 para. 96\(4\)\(a\)](#)
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- s. 156(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2009/1941 Sch. 1 para. 96\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 190(6) words substituted by [2004 c. 5 Sch. 7 para. 14\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied.
S. 190 repealed (22.7.2004) by 2004 c. 14, Sch. 1 Pt. 5 Group 4)
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S. 201 repealed (22.7.2004) by 2004 c. 14, Sch. 1 Pt. 5 Group 4)
- s. 209 words substituted by [S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 4 para. 5\(1\)para. 5\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 218(1)(ab) added (prosp.) by [1998 c. 30 s. 18\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- s. 218(2C)-(2F) added (prosp.) by [1998 c. 30 s. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 218(9)(b) amended (prosp.) by [1998 c. 30 s. 18\(4\)](#)
- s. 218(14) added (prosp.) by [1998 c. 30 s. 18\(5\)](#)

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. 128(1)(b)(iib) omitted by [2011 c. 21 Sch. 16 para. 8](#)
- s. 128(1)(b)(iia) omitted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 14 para. 35](#)