



Education Reform Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 40

PART II

HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION

CHAPTER IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

161 Interpretation of Part II.

- (1) In this Part of this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—
- (a) references to courses of advanced further education shall be read in accordance with section 121(4);
 - ^[F1](b) references to the further or higher education functions of a ^[F2]local authority are references to the functions of the authority (except in so far as they relate to secondary education) under sections ^[F3]15ZA, 15A and 15B of the Education Act 1996 (post-16 education) and section 120 of this Act (higher education);
 - ^[F4](ba) “further education corporation in England” means a further education corporation established to conduct an institution whose activities are carried on, or principally carried on, in England;
 - (bb) “further education corporation in Wales” means a further education corporation established to conduct an institution whose activities are carried on, or principally carried on, in Wales;
 - ^{F5}(c)
 - (d) “governing body” includes, in relation to any institution, a board of governors of the institution or any persons responsible for the management of the institution (but not formally constituted as such a body or board).
 - ^[F6](e) “higher education corporation in England” means a higher education corporation established to conduct an institution whose activities are carried on, or principally carried on, in England;

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- (f) “higher education corporation in Wales” means a higher education corporation established to conduct an institution whose activities are carried on, or principally carried on, in Wales.]
- (2) References in this Part of this Act to the total full-time equivalent enrolment number of any institution at any time are references to the aggregate of its full-time equivalent enrolment numbers at that time for courses of all descriptions then offered by that institution.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part of this Act the full-time equivalent enrolment number at any time of any institution for courses of any description shall be determined in accordance with Schedule 9 to this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 161(1)(b) substituted (28.7.2000 insofar as consequential on ss. 130, 131, **Sch. 8** of the amending Act and otherwise 1.4.2001) by 2000 c. 21, s. 149, **Sch. 9 para. 17**; S.I. 2001/654, art. 2(2), **Sch. Pt. II**; S.I. 2001/1274, art. 2(1), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F2** 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. 4(2)**
- F3** Word in s. 161(1)(b) inserted (1.4.2010) by The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Consequential Amendments) (England and Wales) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1080), art. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 17** (with art. 2(3))
- F4** S. 161(1)(ba)(bb) inserted (1.8.2019) by Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (c. 29), s. 124(5), **Sch. 8 para. 20(a)**; S.I. 2018/1226, reg. 4(o)
- F5** S. 161(1)(c) repealed (1. 4. 1993) by Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13), s. 93, Sch. 8 Pt. I para. 42, **Sch.9**; S.I. 1992/831, art. 2, **Sch.3**.
- F6** S. 161(1)(e)(f) inserted (1.8.2019) by Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (c. 29), s. 124(5), **Sch. 8 para. 20(b)**; S.I. 2018/1226, reg. 4(o)

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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. 120(4A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 124A(9A)(9B) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 137\(3\)](#)
- s. 125(8)(9) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 138\(2\)](#)
- 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](#)
- s. 128(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 139\(3\)](#)
- s. 128(7)-(10) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 139\(6\)](#)
- s. 232(4ZA)-(4ZC) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 138\(3\)\(b\)](#)