



Further and Higher Education Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 13

PART I

FURTHER EDUCATION

CHAPTER III

GENERAL

55 Inspection etc. of [^{F1}local authority] institutions, other than schools, and advice to Secretary of State.

^{F2}(1)

^{F2}(2)

^{F2}(3)

(4) In relation to any [^{F1}local authority] institution maintained or assisted by them, a [^{F1}local authority]—

(a) shall keep under review the quality of education provided, the educational standards achieved and whether the financial resources made available are managed efficiently, and

(b) may cause an inspection to be made by persons authorised by them.

(5) A [^{F1}local authority] shall not authorise any person to inspect any institution under this section unless they are satisfied that he is suitably qualified to do so.

(6) A person who wilfully obstructs any person authorised to inspect an institution under or by virtue of this section in the exercise of his functions shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

(7) In this section—

^{F3}(a)

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- ^{F3}(b)
- (c) “[^{F1}local authority] institution” means an educational institution, other than a school, maintained or assisted by a [^{F1}local authority].

Textual Amendments

- F1** 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. 5(2)**
- F2** S. 55(1)-(3) repealed (1.4.2001) by [2000 c. 21, ss. 149, 153, Sch. 9 para. 32](#), **Sch. 11**; [S.I. 2001/654, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II](#) (with transitional provisions in art. 3); [S.I. 2001/1274, art. 2, Sch. Pt. I](#)
- F3** S. 55(7)(a)(b) repealed (1.4.2001) by [2000 c. 21, ss. 149, 153, Sch. 9 para. 32](#), **Sch. 11**; [S.I. 2001/654, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II](#) (with transitional provisions in art. 3); [S.I. 2001/1274, art. 2, Sch. Pt. I](#)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S.55: 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**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 55 wholly in force; s. 55 not in force at Royal assent see s. 94(3); s. 55(1)-(3) (as respects England only) and s. 55(4)-(6)(7)(a)(c) in force at 1.4.1993 by [S.I. 1992/831, art. 2, Sch. 3](#); s. 55(1)(2)(3)(7)(b) in force at 1.8.1996 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1996/1897, art. 3](#)

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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. 16(6) inserted by [2007 c. 25 s. 14\(4\)](#)
- s. 17(2)(aa) inserted by [2007 c. 25 s. 14\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 27(3A)(3B) inserted by [2007 c. 25 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 27(9) inserted by [2007 c. 25 s. 15\(7\)](#)
- s. 51(1)-(2A) substituted for s. 51(1)(2) by [2007 c. 25 s. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 76(8)(9) inserted by [2017 c. 29 s. 52\(4\)](#)
- s. 85D inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 247](#)
- s. 85D(7) words inserted by [S.I. 2016/413 reg. 140](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day that section 85D of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13) comes into force. That provision is still prospective.)