



Education Act 1996

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PART I

GENERAL

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THE STATUTORY SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

Compulsory education

7 Duty of parents to secure education of children of compulsory school age.

The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable—

- (a) to his age, ability and aptitude, and
- (b) to any special educational needs [^{F1}(in the case of a child who is in the area of a local authority in England) or additional learning needs (in the case of a child who is in the area of a local authority in Wales)] he may have,

either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 7(b) inserted (1.9.2021 for specified purposes, 1.1.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2022 for specified purposes) by [Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018](#) (anaw 2), s. 100(3), [Sch. 1 para. 4\(2\)](#); S.I. 2021/373, arts. 3, 4, 6, 7 (as amended by S.I. 2021/938, [art. 2](#)); S.I. 2021/1243, [art. 3](#) (with arts. 4-23) (as amended by S.I. 2021/1428, [art. 2](#)); S.I. 2021/1244, [art. 3](#) (with arts. 4-21) (as amended by S.I. 2021/1428, [art. 3](#)); S.I. 2021/1245, arts. 3, 4 (with art. 1(4)); S.I. 2022/891, [art. 3](#) (with arts. 4-25); S.I. 2022/892, arts. 2, 3 (with arts. 4-18); S.I. 2022/893, [art. 4](#); S.I. 2022/894, [art. 3](#); S.I. 2022/895, arts. 3, 4; S.I. 2022/896, [art. 3](#) (with arts. 1(7), 4-22); S.I. 2022/897, [art. 3](#) (with arts. 1(8), 4-21); S.I. 2022/898, arts. 2, 3

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

Education Act 1996, Section 7 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.