



Education Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 44

PART VIII

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Definition of “school”

51 Definition of “school”.

In section 4 of the Education Act 1996 (definition of “school”), for subsection (1) there shall be substituted—

“(1) In this Act “school” means an educational institution which is outside the further education sector and the higher education sector and is an institution for providing—

- (a) primary education,
- (b) secondary education, or
- (c) both primary and secondary education,

whether or not the institution also provides part-time education suitable to the requirements of junior pupils or further education.”

Changes to legislation:

Education Act 1997, Cross Heading: Definition of “school” is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 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.

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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. 24(2)(ga) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 24(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 9 repealed (31.5.2013) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2013/975, art. 2(c))
- s. 26A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 26A(1) by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(11\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 26A(4)(5) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(13\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 38(2B) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39(1)(b)(c) substituted for s. 39(1)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 43(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 250\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)