



School Standards and Framework Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 31

PART II

NEW FRAMEWORK FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY

New arrangements for organisation of schools

25 Adjudicators.

- (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint for England such number of persons to act as adjudicators for the purposes of this Act as he considers appropriate.
 - (2) Any matter which by virtue of this Act [^{F1}or Part 2 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006] is required to be referred to “the adjudicator” shall be referred to such person appointed under this section as may be determined in accordance with regulations under Schedule 5.
 - (3) Accordingly in this Act “the adjudicator”, in relation to any such matter, means the person mentioned in subsection (2).
- [^{F2}(3A) When asked to do so by the Secretary of State, an adjudicator must give advice to the Secretary of State on such matters relating to the admission of pupils to relevant schools as the Secretary of State may specify.
- (3B) The adjudicator may, for the purposes of providing such advice to the Secretary of State, request any of the following persons to provide him with such information held by them as the adjudicator may specify—

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- (a) the admission authority (within the meaning of Chapter 1 of Part 3) of a community, foundation or voluntary school;
 - (b) the proprietor of any other relevant school.
- (3C) A person so requested by the adjudicator to provide information must comply with the request.
- (3D) In subsections (3A) and (3B), “relevant school” means a school in England falling within any of paragraphs (a) to (f) of section 5(2) of the Education Act 2005.]
- (4) Schedule 5 has effect in relation to adjudicators.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 25(2) substituted (25.5.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), s. 188(3), **Sch. 3 para. 16**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 7(o)
- F2** S. 25(3A)-(3D) inserted (8.1.2007) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), **ss. 163, 188(3)**; S.I. 2006/3400, art. 3(f)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 25(2) words inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 235\(2\)](#)

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. 14(3)(aa) inserted by [2011 nawm 7 s. 16\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#) - s.16(02) of 2011 nawm007 omitted by 2013 nawm001 s. 100(4), Sch. 5 para. 13(2); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3) prior to commencement)
- s. 18B inserted by [2011 nawm 7 s. 16\(3\)](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#) - s.16(02) of 2011 nawm007 omitted by 2013 nawm001 s. 100(4), Sch. 5 para. 13(2); S.I. 2014/178, art. 2(f) (with art. 3) prior to commencement)
- Sch. 22 para. 5(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 235\(4\)](#)