

These notes refer to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009

APPRENTICESHIPS, SKILLS, CHILDREN AND LEARNING ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Apprenticeships, Study and Training

Chapter 1: Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship Frameworks: England

Section 13: English issuing authority

54. This section enables the Secretary of State to designate a person to issue recognised English apprenticeship frameworks relating to a particular sector. However, this would still allow Sector Skills Councils and other sector bodies to issue frameworks over more than one sector. A person designated under this section is referred to as “the English issuing authority”. *Subsection (2)* provides that there is to be only one person authorised to issue frameworks for a particular apprenticeship sector. The Government’s intention is that, in England, frameworks will be issued by Sector Skills Councils working in partnership with Standard Setting Bodies. *Subsection (3)* requires a person authorised to issue apprenticeship frameworks to comply with directions and guidance given by the Secretary of State in carrying out this function.