



# Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 22

### PART 13

#### GENERAL

#### 264 General interpretation of Act

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
  - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;
  - “regulations” means regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) and the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (3) are to be construed as if those provisions were contained in that Act.
- (3) The provisions are—
  - (a) Parts 3, 4 and 5;
  - (b) Parts 7 and 8;
  - (c) Chapter 4 of Part 10;
  - (d) sections 248, 251 and 252.
- (4) Section 562 of the Education Act 1996 (Act not to apply to certain persons detained under order of a court) does not apply to functions of the Secretary of State under Part 4.
- (5) If—
  - (a) an expression is given a meaning for the purposes of a provision within subsection (3) (its “local meaning”), and
  - (b) that meaning is different from the meaning given to it for the purposes of the Education Act 1996 (its “1996 Act meaning”),the expression's local meaning applies instead of its 1996 Act meaning.

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- (6) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference in this Act to—
- (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school, or
  - (b) a community or foundation special school,
- is to such a school within the meaning of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).

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**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009**

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/3341 art. 2](#) commences (2009 c. 22)
- [S.I. 2010/2413 art. 2](#) commences (2009 c. 22)
- [S.I. 2011/829 art. 2](#) commences (2009 c. 22)
- [S.I. 2011/882 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2010/303 art. 7 Sch. 6