



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 6

#### EDUCATION

### CHAPTER 3

#### GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS BODIES

#### 97 Interpretation

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of section 96.
- (2) A qualifications body is an authority or body which can confer a relevant qualification.
- (3) A relevant qualification is an authorisation, qualification, approval or certification of such description as may be prescribed—
  - (a) in relation to conferments in England, by a Minister of the Crown;
  - (b) in relation to conferments in Wales, by the Welsh Ministers;
  - (c) in relation to conferments in Scotland, by the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) An authority or body is not a qualifications body in so far as—
  - (a) it is the responsible body of a school to which section 85 applies,
  - (b) it is the governing body of an institution to which section 91 applies,
  - (c) it exercises functions under the Education Acts, or
  - (d) it exercises functions under the [Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980](#).
- (5) A qualifications body does not include an authority or body of such description, or in such circumstances, as may be prescribed.
- (6) A reference to conferring a relevant qualification includes a reference—
  - (a) to renewing or extending the conferment of a relevant qualification;
  - (b) to authenticating a relevant qualification conferred by another person.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (7) A reference in section 96(8), (10) or (11) to a qualification is a reference to a relevant qualification.
- (8) Subsection (11) of section 96 applies for the purposes of subsection (3) of this section as it applies for the purposes of subsection (10) of that section.