



Academies Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 32

General

17 Interpretation of Act

(1) In this Act—

- “EA 1996” means the Education Act 1996;
- “SSFA 1998” means the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
- “EA 2002” means the Education Act 2002;
- “EA 2005” means the Education Act 2005;
- “EIA 2006” means the Education and Inspections Act 2006;
- “ASCLA 2009” means the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009;
- “CSFA 2010” means the Children, Schools and Families Act 2010.

(2) In this Act—

- “the Academy”, in a case in which an Academy order is made, has the meaning given by section 6(2);
- “the conversion date” has the meaning given by section 6(2);
- [^{F1}“federated school” has the meaning given by section 24(2) of EA 2002;]
- “the local authority” in relation to a maintained school, means the authority by which the school is maintained;
- “maintained school” means—
 - (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school, or
 - (b) a community or foundation special school.

(3) Section 4(3) (when a maintained school is “converted into” an Academy) applies for the purposes of this Act.

(4) EA 1996 and sections 1 to 13, 15 and 16 of this Act are to be read as if those sections were contained in EA 1996.

(5) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference in this Act to—

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- (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school, or
 - (b) a community or foundation special school,
- is to such a school within the meaning of SSFA 1998.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 17(2) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 57(5)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, [art. 2](#)

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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):

- Sch. 1 para. 9A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 235\(1\)](#)