



# Education Act 1944 (repealed 1.11.1996)

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## PART I

### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

#### 1 †Appointment of Minister in charge of education and establishment of Ministry of Education.

(1) [<sup>F1</sup>It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State for Education and Science] to promote the education of the people of England and Wales and the progressive development of institutions devoted to that purpose, and to secure the effective execution by local authorities, under his control and direction, of the national policy for providing a varied and comprehensive educational service in every area.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) The Secretary of State for Education and Science shall for all purposes be a corporation sole under the name of Secretary of State for Education and Science.]

(3) ..... <sup>F2</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words and s. 1(2) substituted by [S.I. 1964/490, Sch. Pt. I](#)  
**F2** [S. 1\(3\)\(4\)](#) repealed by [S.I. 1964/490, Sch. Pt. II](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Unreliable marginal note.

#### 2 Transfer of property and functions to Minister and construction of Acts and documents.

(1) All property which, immediately before the date declared by His Majesty in Council to be the date on which the first appointment under this Act of a Minister of Education took effect, was held by the Board of Education constituted under the <sup>M1</sup>Board of Education Act 1899 and all functions exercisable by that Board or the President

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thereof immediately before that date, and all rights and liabilities, whether vested or contingent, to which that Board or the President thereof were entitled or subject immediately before that date, shall, by virtue of this Act, be transferred to the Minister; and, except where the context otherwise requires, references in any enactment or other document to the Board of Education, the President of the Board of Education, the Education Department, or the Department of Science and Art shall be construed as references to the Minister, or, where the case so requires, as references to the Ministry of Education.

(2) ..... F3

<b>Textual Amendments</b>
F3 S. 2(2) repealed by Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1948 (c. 40), Sch. 2
<b>Modifications etc. (not altering text)</b>
C2 S. 2(1) amended by S.I. 1964/490, art. 3(2)
<b>Marginal Citations</b>
M1 1899 c. 33.

3 †Seal and acts of Minister.

- (1) [F4The Secretary of State for Education and Science] shall have an official seal which shall be authenticated by the signature of [F4the Secretary of State for Education and Science] or of a secretary to [F4the Department of the Secretary of State] or of any person authorised by [F4the Secretary of State for the Education and Science] to authenticate the seal.
- (2) The seal of [F4the Secretary of State for Education and Science] shall be officially and judicially noticed, and every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by [F4the Secretary of State for Education and Science] and either to be sealed with the seal of [F4the Secretary of State for Education and Science] authenticated in the manner provided by this section, or to be signed by a secretary to [F4the Department of the Secretary of State] or by any other officer of [F4the Department of the Secretary of State] authorised to sign it, shall in any legal proceedings be deemed to be so made or issued without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.
- (3) A certificate signed by [F4the Secretary of State for Education and Science] certifying that any instrument purporting to be made or issued by him was so made or issued shall be conclusive evidence of the fact certified.
- (4) ..... F5

<b>Textual Amendments</b>
F4 Words substituted by S.I. 1964/490, Sch. Pt. I
F5 S. 3(4) repealed except in relation to documents issued before 1.4.1964 by S.I.1964/490, Sch. Pt. II
<b>Modifications etc. (not altering text)</b>
C3 Unreliable marginal note.

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**4** <sup>F6</sup> .....

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**Textual Amendments**

**F6** S. 4 repealed by Education (No.2) Act 1986 (c. 61, SIF 41:1), ss. 59, 67(6), **Sch. 6**

**5** <sup>F7</sup> .....

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**Textual Amendments**

**F7** S. 5 repealed by Education (No.2) Act 1986 (c. 61, SIF 41:1), ss. 60(1), 67(6), **Sch. 6**

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