
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2250 (C.63) (S.182)

EDUCATION, SCOTLAND

**The Education (Scotland) Act 1996
(Commencement) Order 1996**

Made - - - - 22nd August 1996

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 37(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 (Commencement) Order 1996.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Education (Scotland) Act 1996.

Day appointed

2. 18th September 1996 is the day appointed for the coming into force of all the provisions of the Act other than those specified in article 3 below.

3. The provisions of the Act referred to in article 2 above are—

- (a) sections 2 to 8;
- (b) paragraphs 6 to 9 of Schedule 5; and
- (c) Schedule 6 insofar as it provides for the repeal of section 129 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(2).

St Andrew’s House,
Edinburgh
22nd August 1996

Raymond S. Robertson
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish
Office

(1) 1996 c. 43.
(2) 1980 c. 44.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the commencement of certain provisions in the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 on 18th September 1996.

In Part I of the Act (which relates to the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)) all provisions are commenced other than those conferring substantive functions on SQA.

SQA is to be established by order of the Secretary of State on 18th September 1996 but will not take up its substantive functions immediately. The property, rights, liabilities and obligations of the Scottish Examination Board and the Scottish Vocational Education Council will be transferred to SQA as their successor at a future date to be appointed by the Secretary of State, and the provisions conferring substantive functions will be commenced then.

Parts II (education for children under school age) and III (school boards) of the Act are commenced entirely on 18th September 1996. Part IV is also commenced on that date except for certain minor consequential amendments and repeal of section 129 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.