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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1970**

**EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Education (School Leaving Date) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - - *8th August 1997*  
*Laid before Parliament* *11th August 1997*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st September 1997*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 8(4) of the Education Act 1996<sup>(1)</sup>, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, hereby make the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Education (School Leaving Date) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 1st September 1997.
2. The school leaving date for 1998 and for successive years shall be the last Friday in June.

31st July 1997

*Stephen Byers*  
Minister of State,  
Department for Education and Employment

8th August 1997

*Peter Hain*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the  
Welsh Office

**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).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

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the school leaving date for 1998 and successive years to be the last Friday in June. This date applies for the purpose of determining, in accordance with section 8(3) of the Education Act 1996, when a person ceases to be of compulsory school age.