
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The School Governance (Constitution)
(England) Regulations 2007**

Part 5

Instrument of Government

Duty to make instrument of government and procedure for making the instrument

31.—(1) The governing body must prepare a draft of the instrument of government and submit it to the local education authority which will make it in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Where the school has foundation governors, the governing body must not submit the draft to the local education authority unless it has been approved by—

- (a) the foundation governors;
- (b) the trustees of any foundation relating to the school;
- (c) in the case of a Church of England school or Roman Catholic Church school, the appropriate diocesan authority; and
- (d) in the case of any other school designated under section 69(3) of SSFA 1998 as having a religious character, the appropriate religious body.

(3) On receiving the draft, the local education authority must consider whether it complies with all applicable statutory provisions, and if—

- (a) they are content that the draft so complies, or
- (b) there is agreement between it, the governing body and (if the school has foundation governors) the persons mentioned in paragraph (2) that the draft should be revised to any extent, and the revised draft complies with all the applicable statutory provisions,

the instrument of government must be made by them in the form of the draft or (as the case may be) in the form of the revised draft.

(4) If neither of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (3) applies in the case of a school which does not have foundation governors, the local education authority must—

- (a) inform the governing body of the reasons why they are not content with the draft instrument of government, and
- (b) give the governing body a reasonable opportunity to reach agreement with them on revising the draft,

and the instrument of government must be made by them either in the form of a revised draft agreed between them and the governing body or (in the absence of such agreement) in such form as they think fit having regard, in particular, to the category of school to which the school belongs and, where the school has a foundation, to its relationship with its foundation as specified in accordance with regulation 30(1)(b).