

These notes refer to the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 24 January 2018

ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS AND EDUCATION TRIBUNAL (WALES) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS OF THE ACT

Part 2 – Additional Learning Needs

Chapter 1 – Key Terms, Code and Participation

Key terms

Section 2 - Additional learning needs

12. **Section 2** defines the term ‘additional learning needs’ (ALN) for the purposes of the Act. This definition is very similar to the definition of ‘special educational needs’ (ALN) under the 1996 Act but is not limited to children and registered pupils of a school below the age of 19, as in the case of the definition of ALN. A person has ALN if the person has a “learning difficulty or disability” (see subsections (2) – (3) for the meaning of this) which calls for additional learning provision (see section 3 for the definition of this).
13. Subsection (1) clarifies that a learning difficulty or disability may, but need not, arise from a medical condition. Also, a person is not considered to have ALN because their home language is different to the language in which they are taught (subsection (4)).