



# School Standards and Framework Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 31

### PART III

#### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

#### CHAPTER I

##### ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

*Nursery and special schools, etc: children with statements*

**98 Admission for nursery education or to nursery or special school: children with statements of special educational needs.**

- (1) Children admitted to a school for nursery education and subsequently transferred to a reception class at the school shall be regarded for the purposes of this Chapter as admitted to the school (otherwise than for nursery education) on being so transferred.
- [<sup>F1</sup>(2) The admission of children to a school for nursery education shall be disregarded—
  - (a) for the purposes of any determination under section 89 of the number of pupils in any relevant age group that it is intended to admit to a primary school in a school year, and
  - (b) in determining for the purposes of section 89A what is a relevant age group in relation to a primary school.]
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), nothing in this Chapter [<sup>F2</sup>apart from subsections (4A) and (4B)] applies in relation to—
  - (a) nursery schools, or
  - (b) children who will be under compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission.

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- (4) Where the arrangements for the admission of pupils to a maintained school provide for the admission to the school of children who will be under compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission, this Chapter shall apply in relation to the admission of such pupils to the school otherwise than for nursery education.
- <sup>F3</sup>[(4A) The person responsible for admitting, or refusing to admit, children to a maintained school for nursery education shall be the person who (by virtue of section 88(1)) is the admission authority for the school.
- (4B) Regulations may make provision as to the person who is to be responsible for admitting, or refusing to admit, children to maintained nursery schools.]
- (5) Regulations may make provision in connection with the arrangements for the admission of pupils to community or foundation special schools, and for the allocation between the local education authority and the governing body of such a school of functions in connection with such arrangements.
- (6) Apart from section [<sup>F4</sup>92(c) and (d)] and subsection (5) above, nothing in this Chapter applies in relation to special schools.
- (7) Subject to subsections (8) and (9), nothing in this Chapter applies in relation to children for whom statements of special educational needs are maintained under section 324 of the <sup>M1</sup>Education Act 1996.
- (8) Any provision made by, or (as the case may be) by virtue of, section 84 or [<sup>F5</sup>92(c) and (d)] or this section [<sup>F6</sup>, apart from subsections (4A) and (4B),] applies, or (as the case may be) may be made so as to apply, in relation to such children.
- [<sup>F7</sup>(9) Such children shall, in addition, be taken into account for the purposes of—
- (a) the references in section 86(5), (5B) and (9) to a number of pupils, and
  - (b) any determination under section 89 of the number of pupils in a relevant age group that it is intended to admit, or to admit either as boarders or otherwise than as boarders, to a school in a school year.]

(10) In subsection (8) the reference to any provision made by this section includes a reference to subsection (4) only so far as it has effect for the purposes mentioned in subsection (9).

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 98(2) substituted (20.1.2003 for E., 1.2.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\), s. 216\(4\), Sch. 4 para. 12\(2\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4) and S.I. 2006/173, reg. 7); S.I. 2002/2952, art. 2 (with art. 3, Sch. para. 2); S.I. 2006/172, art. 4, Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 98(3) inserted (20.1.2003 for E., 31.3.2004 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\), s. 216\(4\), Sch. 4 para. 12\(3\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2952, art. 2 (with art. 3, Sch. para. 3); S.I. 2004/912, art. 4, Sch. Pt. 1 (with art. 7)
- F3** S. 98(4A)(4B) inserted (20.1.2003 for E., 31.3.2004 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\), s. 216\(4\), Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)](#) (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2952, art. 2 (with art. 3, Sch. para. 4); S.I. 2004/912, art. 4, Sch. Pt. 1 (with art. 7)
- F4** Words in s. 98(6) substituted: (E.) (20.1.2003) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Modification of Provisions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2953\), reg. 4](#); and (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/173\), regs. 1\(1\), 10](#)

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- F5** Words in s. 98(8) substituted: (E.) (20.1.2003) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Modification of Provisions\) \(No. 2\) \(England\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2953\)](#), [reg. 4](#); and (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/173\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 10](#)
- F6** Words in s. 98(8) inserted (20.1.2003 for E., 31.3.2004 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), [s. 216\(4\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 12\(5\)](#) (with [ss. 210\(8\)](#), [214\(4\)](#)); [S.I. 2002/2952](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch. para. 5](#)); [S.I. 2004/912](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. Pt. 1](#) (with [art. 7](#))
- F7** S. 98(9) substituted (20.1.2003 for E., 1.2.2006 for W.) by [Education Act 2002 \(c. 32\)](#), [s. 216\(4\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 12\(6\)](#) (with [ss. 210\(8\)](#), [214\(4\)](#)); [S.I. 2002/2952](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch. para. 6](#)); [S.I. 2006/172](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)

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

- C1** S. 98 modified (*temp.*) (22.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1064](#), [reg.7](#).
- C2** S. 98 applied (with modifications) (18.10.1999) by [S.I. 1999/2666](#), [reg. 8](#), [Sch. paras. 1\(c\)](#), [2-8](#).  
S. 98 applied (with modifications) (1.9.1999) by [S.I. 1999/2800](#), [reg. 7](#), [Sch. paras. 1](#), [2-8](#).
- C3** [Ss. 95-99](#) applied (with modifications) (E.) (8.5.2003) by [The New School \(Admissions\) \(England\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1041\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [9](#), [Sch. para. 1\(b\)](#)
- C4** S. 98(2) transitional provisions for effects of 2002 c. 32, [Sch. 4 para. 12\(2\)](#) (W.) (1.2.2006) by [The Education Act 2002 \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/173\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [8](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 98 wholly in force at 1.4.1999; s. 98 not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 145\(3\)](#); [s. 98\(5\)](#) and [\(8\)-\(10\)](#) in force for certain purposes at 1.10.1998 by [S.I. 1998/2212](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#); s. 98 in force at 1.4.1999 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1999/1016](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [arts. 3-6](#), [Sch. 4](#)).

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- M1** [1996 c. 56](#).

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