



School Standards and Framework Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 31

PART III

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

CHAPTER I

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Code [F1 for school admissions]

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- (1) The Secretary of State shall issue, and may from time to time revise, [F2 a code for school admissions containing such provision] as he thinks appropriate in respect of the discharge by—
 - (a) [F3 local authorities],
 - (b) the governing bodies of maintained schools,
 - [F4 (ba) admission forums,]
 - (c) appeal panels, and
 - (d) adjudicators,of their respective functions under this Chapter.
- (2) The code may [F5 impose requirements, and may include guidelines setting out aims, objectives and other matters,] in relation to the discharge of their functions under this Chapter by [F3 local authorities] and such governing bodies.
- (3) It shall be the duty of—

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- (a) each of the bodies and persons mentioned in subsection (1) when exercising functions under this Chapter, and
- (b) any other person when exercising any function for the purposes of the discharge by a ^{F6}local authority], or the governing body of a maintained school, of functions under this Chapter,
- ^{F7}to act in accordance with] any relevant provisions of the code.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall publish the code as for the time being in force.
- (5) The Secretary of State may under subsection (1)—
- (a) make separate provision (by means of separate codes ^{F8}...) in relation to different functions under this Chapter of the bodies and persons mentioned in that subsection;
- (b) make different provision for England and for Wales (whether or not by means of separate codes ^{F8}...);
- and references in this section to “the code” or to functions under this Chapter shall have effect, in relation to any such separate code ^{F8}..., as references to that code or to functions under this Chapter to which it relates (as the case may be).
- (6) In this Chapter—
- “admission arrangements” and “the admission authority” have the meaning given by section 88;
- ^{F9}“admission forum” means a forum established under section 85A, including a joint admission forum established in pursuance of regulations under subsection (3)(c) of that section;]
- “appeal panel” means a panel constituted ^{F10}in accordance with regulations under section 94(5) or 95(3)] for the purpose of hearing an appeal under this Chapter;
- ^{F11}“child” includes a person who has not attained the age of 19, except in sections 96 and 97 in so far as those sections apply in relation to Wales;]
- “maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school;
- ^{F12}...
- ^{F13}(7) In this Chapter, references to a child who is looked after by a local authority are to be read—
- (a) in relation to a local authority in England, in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989;
- (b) in relation to a local authority in Wales, in accordance with section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 84 heading substituted (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 40(7)**, 188(3); S.I. 2006/2990, **art. 2(a)** (with **arts. 3, 4**) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, **arts. 1(1), 2**); S.I. 2008/1429, **art. 3(3)**, **Sch. Pt. 3** (with **art. 4**)
- F2** Words in s. 84(1) substituted (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 40(2)(a)**, 188(3); S.I. 2006/2990, **art. 2(a)** (with **arts. 3, 4**) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, **arts. 1(1), 2**); S.I. 2008/1429, **art. 3(3)**, **Sch. Pt. 3** (with **art. 4**)
- F3** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **art. 1**, **Sch. 2 para. 10(3)** (with **Sch. 2 para. 10(4)**)

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- F4** S. 84(1)(ba) inserted (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), **ss. 40(2)(b)**, 188(3); S.I. 2006/2990, art. 2(a) (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, arts. 1(1), 2); S.I. 2008/1429, art. 3(3), Sch. Pt. 3 (with art. 4)
- F5** Words in s. 84(2) substituted (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), **ss. 40(3)**, 188(3); S.I. 2006/2990, art. 2(a) (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, arts. 1(1), 2); S.I. 2008/1429, art. 3(3), Sch. Pt. 3 (with art. 4)
- F6** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 10(2)** (with Sch. 2 para. 10(4))
- F7** Words in s. 84(3) substituted (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), **ss. 40(4)**, 188(3); S.I. 2006/2990, art. 2(a) (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, arts. 1(1), 2); S.I. 2008/1429, art. 3(3), Sch. Pt. 3 (with art. 4)
- F8** Words in s. 84(5) repealed (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), **ss. 40(5)**, 188(3), **Sch. 18 Pt. 6**; S.I. 2006/2990, art. 2(a)(k) (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, arts. 1(1), 2); S.I. 2008/1429, art. 3(3), Sch. Pt. 3 (with art. 4)
- F9** Words in s. 84(6) inserted (12.12.2006 for E., 1.9.2008 for W.) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), **ss. 40(6)**, 188(3); S.I. 2006/2990, art. 2(a) (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (17.1.2008) by S.I. 2008/54, arts. 1(1), 2); S.I. 2008/1429, art. 3(3), Sch. Pt. 3 (with art. 4)
- F10** Words in s. 84(6) substituted (20.1.2003 for E., 31.5.2005 for W.) by Education Act 2002 (c. 32), s. 216(4), **Sch. 4 para. 2** (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2952, art. 2 (with art. 3, Sch. para. 3); S.I. 2005/1395, art. 4, Sch. (with art. 5(3)(4))
- F11** Words in s. 84(6) substituted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), **ss. 43(2)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/303, art. 3, Sch. 2
- F12** Words in s. 84(6) repealed (1.10.2002 for E., 1.2.2006 for W.) by Education Act 2002 (c. 32), s. 216(4), **Sch. 22 Pt. 3** (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)) and S.I. 2006/173, reg. 5; S.I. 2002/2439, art. 3 (with art. 4, Sch. paras. 3, 5); S.I. 2006/172, art. 4, Sch.
- F13** S. 84(7) substituted (6.4.2016) by The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/413), regs. 2(1), **159**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 84 modified (temp.)(22.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/1064, **reg.2**.
S. 84 applied (with modifications) (18.10.1999) by S.I. 1999/2666, reg. 8, Sch. paras. 1(c), **2-8**.
S. 84 applied (with modifications) (1.9.1999) by S.I. 1999/2800, reg. 7, Sch. paras. 1, **2-8**.
- C2** S. 84 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)**
- C3** S. 84 applied (with modifications) (1.2.2006) by The New School (Admissions) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/175), regs. 1(1), 9, **Sch.** (with reg. 2(2))
- C4** S. 84(3) modified (E.) (18.7.2013) by The Lawrence Sheriff School (Pupil Premium Admissions Priority) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1553), arts. 1(2), **3, 4**
- C5** S. 84(6) modified (6.1.1999) by S.I. 1998/3130, **reg.2**

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