



Learning and Skills Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 21

PART II

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WALES

Main duties

31 Education and training for persons aged 16 to 19

- (1) The Council must secure the provision of proper facilities for—
 - (a) education (other than higher education) suitable to the requirements of persons who are above compulsory school age but have not attained the age of 19,
 - (b) training suitable to the requirements of such persons,
 - (c) organised leisure-time occupation connected with such education, and
 - (d) organised leisure-time occupation connected with such training.
- (2) Facilities are proper if they are—
 - (a) of a quantity sufficient to meet the reasonable needs of individuals, and
 - (b) of a quality adequate to meet those needs.
- (3) In performing the duty imposed on it by subsection (1) the Council must—
 - (a) take account of the places where facilities are provided, the character of facilities and the way they are equipped;
 - (b) take account of the different abilities and aptitudes of different persons;
 - (c) take account of the education and training required in different sectors of employment for employees and potential employees;
 - (d) take account of facilities whose provision the Council thinks might reasonably be secured by other persons;
 - (e) make the best use of the Council's resources and in particular avoid provision which might give rise to disproportionate expenditure.
- (4) Provision is not to be considered as giving rise to disproportionate expenditure only because that provision is more expensive than comparable provision.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) education includes both full-time and part-time education;
 - (b) training includes both full-time and part-time training;
 - (c) training includes vocational, social, physical and recreational training;
 - (d) higher education is education provided by means of a course of any description mentioned in Schedule 6 to the Education Reform Act 1988.

32 Education and training for persons over 19

- (1) The Council must secure the provision of reasonable facilities for—
- (a) education (other than higher education) suitable to the requirements of persons who have attained the age of 19,
 - (b) training suitable to the requirements of such persons,
 - (c) organised leisure-time occupation connected with such education, and
 - (d) organised leisure-time occupation connected with such training.
- (2) Facilities are reasonable if (taking account of the Council's resources) the facilities are of such a quantity and quality that the Council can reasonably be expected to secure their provision.
- (3) In performing the duty imposed on it by subsection (1) the Council must—
- (a) take account of the places where facilities are provided, the character of facilities and the way they are equipped;
 - (b) take account of the different abilities and aptitudes of different persons;
 - (c) take account of the education and training required in different sectors of employment for employees and potential employees;
 - (d) take account of facilities whose provision the Council thinks might reasonably be secured by other persons;
 - (e) make the best use of the Council's resources and in particular avoid provision which might give rise to disproportionate expenditure.
- (4) Provision is not to be considered as giving rise to disproportionate expenditure only because that provision is more expensive than comparable provision.
- (5) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) education includes both full-time and part-time education;
 - (b) training includes both full-time and part-time training;
 - (c) training includes vocational, social, physical and recreational training;
 - (d) higher education is education provided by means of a course of any description mentioned in Schedule 6 to the Education Reform Act 1988.
- (6) References in this Part to post-16 education are to—
- (a) education falling within section 31(1)(a) or subsection (1)(a) above, and
 - (b) organised leisure-time occupation connected with such education.
- (7) References in this Part to post-16 training are to—
- (a) training falling within section 31(1)(b) or subsection (1)(b) above, and
 - (b) organised leisure-time occupation connected with such training.

33 Encouragement of education and training

The Council must—

- (a) encourage individuals to undergo post-16 education and training;
- (b) encourage employers to participate in the provision of post-16 education and training;
- (c) encourage employers to contribute to the costs of post-16 education and training.