



Education and Inspections Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 40

PART 8

INSPECTIONS

CHAPTER 3

INSPECTION OF FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING ETC.

Powers of entry etc.

131 Power of entry

- (1) This section applies to an inspection conducted by the Chief Inspector under this Chapter, other than one conducted under section 126(2).
- (2) When conducting such an inspection, the Chief Inspector may, at any reasonable time, enter—
 - (a) any premises on which the education or training inspected is provided;
 - (b) any premises of the provider of that education or training which are used in connection with its provision.
- (3) In respect of education or training provided by an employer in the workplace, the power of entry conferred by subsection (2) may be exercised only if the employer has been given reasonable notice in writing.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 131 applied (9.11.2015) by [The Children Act 2004 \(Joint Area Reviews\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1792\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. para. 2](#)

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Commencement Information

I1 S. 131 in force at 1.4.2007 by [S.I. 2007/935](#), [art. 5\(u\)](#)

132 Power to inspect documents, etc.

- (1) This section applies to any inspection conducted by the Chief Inspector under this Chapter, other than one conducted under section 126(2).
- (2) If the Chief Inspector considers it necessary or expedient for the purposes of the inspection, he may inspect, take copies of, or take away any documents relating to the education or training inspected which are on any premises in relation to which he exercises his power of entry under section 131.
- (3) The power in subsection (2) includes—
 - (a) power to require any person holding or accountable for any documents kept on the premises to produce them, and
 - (b) in relation to any such documents kept by means of a computer, power to require them to be produced in a form in which they are legible and can be taken away.
- (4) In connection with inspecting any such documents the Chief Inspector—
 - (a) may obtain access to, and inspect and check the operation of, any computer and associated apparatus or material which he considers is or has been in use in connection with the documents; and
 - (b) may require a person within subsection (5) to afford him such reasonable assistance as he may require for that purpose.
- (5) A person is within this subsection if he is—
 - (a) the person by whom or on whose behalf the computer is or has been used, or
 - (b) a person having charge of, or otherwise concerned with the operation of, the computer, apparatus or material.
- (6) The powers conferred by this section may be exercised by the Chief Inspector at reasonable times only; and a person may not be required to do anything in pursuance of any provision of this section otherwise than at a reasonable time.
- (7) Any person who without reasonable excuse—
 - (a) obstructs the exercise of any power conferred by section 131 or this section, or
 - (b) fails to comply with any requirement imposed under this section,
 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 S. 132 applied (9.11.2015) by [The Children Act 2004 \(Joint Area Reviews\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1792\)](#), [reg. 1\(1\)](#), [Sch. para. 2](#)

Commencement Information

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2006/2990 art. 4 by [S.I. 2008/54 art. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2007/935 art. 7(n) by [S.I. 2007/1271 art. 4](#)
- specified provision(s) transitional provisions for earlier commencing SI 2007/935 by [S.I. 2007/1271 art. 5](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11A inserted by [2010 c. 26 s. 7](#)
- s. 88(A1) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 16 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 93A inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 246](#)
- s. 93A(7) words inserted by [S.I. 2016/413 reg. 235](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day that section 93A of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40) comes into force. That provision is still prospective)
- s. 162(5A)(aa) inserted by [2010 nawm 1 Sch. 1 para. 20\(a\)](#)