

APPRENTICESHIPS, SKILLS, CHILDREN AND LEARNING ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4: the Chief Executive of Skills Funding

Chapter 1: Establishment and main duties

Education and training for persons aged 19 or over etc.

Schedule 5: Learning aims for persons aged 19 or over

268. The Schedule sets out the learning aims for people aged 19 or over, that is the broad categories from which qualifications may be specified as ones for which the Chief Executive must secure proper facilities (section 87) or pay for tuition fees (section 88).
269. These categories are:
- a specified qualification in literacy (at the level of attainment in literacy at which an adult's skills are the minimum required to operate in day-to-day life);
 - a specified qualification in numeracy (at the level of attainment in numeracy at which an adult's skills are the minimum required to operate in day-to-day life);
 - level 2 (as demonstrated by 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above);
 - level 3 (as demonstrated by 2 A-levels).
270. The Secretary of State may by regulations specify particular qualifications or descriptions of qualifications which are to fall within scope of the duties. The Government intends that the qualifications specified will be drawn from either the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) or the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). However, not all qualifications in either framework will necessarily be specified.
271. Qualifications which might be specified in regulations include the following:
- Literacy
 - level 1 certificate in Adult Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - entry level 3 certificate in Adult Numeracy
 - Level 2
 - level 2 National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs)
 - Vocationally Related Qualifications (VRQs) at level 2

These notes refer to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009

- Level 3
 - Two or more A-levels
 - One or more A-level double Award
 - level 3 NVQs
 - level 3 Diplomas
 - International Baccalaureate
 - Access to HE certificate/diploma
272. The Secretary of State may amend the Schedule by order to specify that a particular category of qualification is no longer within scope of the duties or to add a new category of qualification. Any such amendment will be subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.