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Section 33D: Conversion of sixth form college corporations into further education corporations

347. Under this new section, the Secretary of State may, by order, convert a sixth form college corporation into a FE corporation. This is the opposite of the process under section 33B for the designation of a sixth form college. The governing body of the sixth form college must apply to the Secretary of State and he must be satisfied that it is no longer appropriate for the college to remain a sixth form college. So that change does not destabilise colleges, subsection (3) prevents a sixth form college from seeking to convert for two years from the date that it is designated or established as a sixth form college. The order may, as with designation or establishment orders, ensure the continuity of governance from sixth form college status to FE college status.