



# Education Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 21

### PART 6

#### ACADEMIES

##### *Academy orders*

#### **55 Academy orders: involvement of religious bodies etc**

(1) Section 4 of AA 2010 (Academy orders) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) Before making an Academy order under subsection (1)(b) in respect of a foundation or voluntary school that has a foundation, the Secretary of State must consult—

- (a) the trustees of the school,
- (b) the person or persons by whom the foundation governors are appointed, and
- (c) in the case of a school which has a religious character, the appropriate religious body.”

(3) In subsection (4)—

- (a) at the end of paragraph (a), omit “and”;
- (b) at the end insert “, and
- (c) in the case of a foundation or voluntary school that has a foundation—
  - (i) the trustees of the school,
  - (ii) the person or persons by whom the foundation governors are appointed, and
  - (iii) in the case of a school which has a religious character, the appropriate religious body.”

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

---

(4) In subsection (5)—

- (a) at the end of paragraph (a), omit “and”;
- (b) at the end insert “, and
- (c) in the case of a foundation or voluntary school that has a foundation—
  - (i) the trustees of the school,
  - (ii) the person or persons by whom the foundation governors are appointed, and
  - (iii) in the case of a school which has a religious character, the appropriate religious body.”

(5) At the end, insert—

- “(8) In this section, “the appropriate religious body”, in relation to a school, means—
- (a) in the case of a Church of England school or a Roman Catholic school, the appropriate diocesan authority;
  - (b) in any other case, such body or person representing the specified religion or religious denomination as is prescribed under section 88F(3)(e) of SSFA 1998.
- (9) In the case of a school in relation to which there is more than one religion or religious denomination specified, references to “the appropriate religious body” are to be read as references to both or all of the bodies concerned.
- (10) In subsections (8) and (9), “specified” means specified in the order under section 69(3) of SSFA 1998 relating to the school.
- (11) Expressions used in this section and SSFA 1998 have the same meaning as in that Act.”