



Education Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 44

PART VII

CAREERS EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE

45 Provision of careers information at schools and other institutions.

- (1) Persons attending an educational institution to which this section applies must be provided with access to both—
- (a) guidance materials, and
 - (b) a wide range of up-to-date reference materials, relating to careers education and career opportunities.

- (2) This section applies to—
- (a) the schools ^{F1}in Wales listed in section 43(2) ^{F2}(a) and (c)]; ^{F3}and]
 - ^{F4}(aa) pupil referral units maintained by local authorities in Wales; and]
 - (b) institutions within the further education sector.

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^{F6}(2A)

^{F6}(2B)

- ^{F7}(3) It is the duty of each of the following to secure that subsection (1) is complied with—
- (a) the governing body of the school or institution;
 - (b) its head teacher, principal or other head.]

^{F8}(3A) In the case of children within subsection (1), it is the duty of the local authority concerned to secure that subsection (1) is complied with.]

- (4) The persons who under subsection (3) above are responsible for discharging that duty in relation to an institution shall seek assistance with discharging it from a body providing services in pursuance of arrangements made or directions given under section 10 of the ^{M1}Employment and Training Act 1973.

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(5) In this section “career” [F9 and “careers education”] have the same meaning as in section 43.

(6) Nothing in this section applies to any primary school.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 45(2)(a) substituted (1.9.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), **ss. 29(5)(a)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F2** Words in s. 45(2)(a) omitted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by virtue of The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) (Primary Legislation) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/744), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(9)(a)(i)**
- F3** Word in s. 45(2) omitted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by virtue of The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) (Primary Legislation) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/744), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(9)(a)(ii)**
- F4** S. 45(2)(aa) inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) (Primary Legislation) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/744), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(9)(a)(iii)**
- F5** Words in s. 45(2) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of Education Act 2011 (c. 21), **ss. 29(5)(b)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F6** S. 45(2A)(2B) omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of Education Act 2011 (c. 21), **ss. 29(5)(c)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F7** S. 45(3) substituted (1.9.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), **ss. 29(5)(d)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3
- F8** S. 45(3A) inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by The Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (Consequential Amendments) (Primary Legislation) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/744), reg. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(9)(b)**
- F9** Words in s. 45(5) substituted (1.9.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), **ss. 29(5)(e)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 45 modified (1.9.2013) by The Operation of the Local Curriculum (Wales) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1793), **regs. 1(1)**, 3(d), 7(b)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1973 c. 35.

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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. 24(2)(ga) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 24(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 9 repealed (31.5.2013) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22 Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2013/975, art. 2(c))
- s. 26A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 26A(1) by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(11\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 26A(4)(5) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 161\(13\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 161(3)(4)(11)-(13) repealed (1.4.2010 for E., 1.11.2010 for W.) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 22, Sch. 16 Pt. 4; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1; S.I. 2010/2413, art. 2)
- s. 38(2B) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39(1)(b)(c) substituted for s. 39(1)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 43(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 250\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)