



Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 22

PART 1

APPRENTICESHIPS, STUDY AND TRAINING

[^{F1}CHAPTER A1

APPRENTICESHIPS [^{F1}AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION]: ENGLAND

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[^{F1}] [^{F2}A11] **Only statutory apprenticeships to be described as apprenticeships**

- (1) A person (“P”) providing or offering any course or training that is, or is to be, undertaken (wholly or partly) in England commits an offence if—
 - (a) in the course of business P describes the course or training as an apprenticeship, and
 - (b) the course or training is not a statutory apprenticeship.
- (2) No offence is committed under subsection (1) where the course or training is, or is to be, provided to an individual under or in pursuance of a contract of employment between the individual and P.
- (3) In subsection (1) “statutory apprenticeship” means any course or training that is, or is to be, provided under—
 - (a) an approved English apprenticeship;
 - (b) an apprenticeship agreement within the meaning given in section 32;
 - (c) an arrangement to undertake any other kind of working—
 - (i) in relation to which alternative English completion conditions apply under section 1(5), and

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- (ii) in connection with which training is to be provided in accordance with an apprenticeship framework within the meaning given in section 12; or
- (d) arrangements made under—
 - (i) section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973,
 - (ii) section 17B(1)(a) of the Jobseekers Act 1995,
 - (iii) section 2(3) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990, or
 - (iv) section 1 of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950,
 that are identified by the person making the arrangements as arrangements for the provision of apprenticeships.
- (4) The reference to section 32 in subsection (3)(b) includes a reference to that section as it applies in relation to England by virtue of provision made under section 115(9) of the Deregulation Act 2015; and a reference to a section in subsection (3)(c) is a reference to the section as it so applies.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine.
- (6) Where an offence under this section committed by a body corporate—
 - (a) is committed with the consent or connivance of an officer of the body corporate, or
 - (b) is attributable to neglect on the part of an officer of the body corporate, the officer also commits the offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
- (7) Every local weights and measures authority in England—
 - (a) has a duty to enforce the provisions of this section within their area;
 - (b) must make to the Secretary of State, whenever he or she so directs, a report on the exercise of the authority's functions under this section.

A report under paragraph (b) must be in such form, and contain such particulars, as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (8) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be instituted only—
 - (a) by or on behalf of a local weights and measures authority in England,
 - (b) by or on behalf of the Secretary of State, or
 - (c) with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (9) In this section—
 - “contract of employment” has the same meaning as in the Employment Rights Act 1996 (see section 230(2) of that Act);
 - “offering”, in relation to any course or training, includes offering or marketing it to the public generally or to any section of the public;
 - “officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means—
 - (a) a director, manager, secretary or similar officer of the body, or a person purporting to act in such capacity;
 - (b) a governor of an educational institution conducted by the body.

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- (10) The reference in subsection (1) to describing any course or training as an apprenticeship includes a reference to describing an individual who undertakes it as an apprentice.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. A9, A10 inserted (4.7.2016) by [Enterprise Act 2016 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 24(1)**, 44(2)(c)
F2 S. A11 inserted (1.4.2017) by [Enterprise Act 2016 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 25(1)**, 44(5); S.I. 2017/346, reg. 2(c)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 7-12 omitted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 24\(2\)\(b\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/3341 art. 2](#) commences [\(2009 c. 22\)](#)
- [S.I. 2010/2413 art. 2](#) commences [\(2009 c. 22\)](#)
- [S.I. 2011/829 art. 2](#) commences [\(2009 c. 22\)](#)
- [S.I. 2011/882 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing [SI 2010/303 art. 7 Sch. 6](#)