



School Standards and Framework Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 31

PART III

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

CHAPTER I

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

[^{F1}Admission arrangements: England]

[^{F1}88A Prohibition on interviews

- (1) No admission arrangements for a maintained school [^{F2}in England] may require or authorise any interview with an applicant for admission to the school or his parents, where the interview is to be taken into account (to any extent) in determining whether the applicant is to be admitted to the school.
- (2) If the maintained school is one at which boarding accommodation is provided for pupils, subsection (1) does not apply in relation to any interview intended to assess the suitability of an applicant for a boarding place.
- (3) Where the admission arrangements for a maintained school [^{F3}in England] make provision for a permitted form of selection by aptitude, subsection (1) does not prevent the arrangements from requiring or authorising any audition or other oral or practical test to be carried out in relation to an applicant solely for the purpose of ascertaining the applicant's aptitude in accordance with the arrangements.
- (4) In this section, “permitted form of selection by aptitude” is to be read in accordance with section 99(4).]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 88A inserted (27.2.2007 for E., 30.6.2008 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 44**, 188(3); [S.I. 2006/3400](#), art. 6(c); [S.I. 2008/1429](#), art. 3(1), Sch. Pt. 1
- F2** Words in s. 88A(1) inserted (26.1.2009) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 151(3)**, 173(4); [S.I. 2008/3077](#), art. 4(d)
- F3** Words in s. 88A(3) inserted (26.1.2009) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 151(3)**, 173(4); [S.I. 2008/3077](#), art. 4(d)

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- Sch. 22 para. 5(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 235\(4\)](#)