



# Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021

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### *Duties to ensure period products obtainable free of charge*

- 2 Education providers to ensure period products obtainable free of charge by pupils and students**
- (1) Each education provider must ensure that period products are obtainable free of charge (in accordance with arrangements established and maintained by the education provider) by the persons mentioned in subsection (5).
  - (2) An education provider is to do so by providing period products, or securing their provision, in such locations within each institution in Scotland managed by the education provider as are specified in arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1).
  - (3) The locations specified in the arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1) for an institution must include at least one location in each building which is normally used by pupils or, as the case may be, students at the institution.
  - (4) But where the education provider considers, having consulted under section 7, that a building of the type mentioned in subsection (3) is not a suitable place for the provision of period products, no location in the building need be specified in the arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1).
  - (5) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are persons who—
    - (a) need to use period products, and
    - (b) are—
      - (i) pupils at a school managed by the education provider, or
      - (ii) students undertaking, in Scotland, a course (or part of a course) of education at a further education institution or higher education institution managed by the education provider.
  - (6) The period products obtainable free of charge by a pupil or, as the case may be, a student under the arrangements established and maintained under subsection (1) are to be sufficient products to meet—
    - (a) in the case of a school, the pupil's needs during the school's term times,

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- (b) in the case of a higher education institution or further education institution, the student's needs during the term times for the course of education that the student is undertaking.
- (7) In this Act, “institution” (except in the terms “higher education institution” and “further education institution” and in the definitions of those terms in section 10) means—
- (a) a school,
  - (b) a higher education institution,
  - (c) a further education institution.
- (8) The Period Products in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (S.S.I. 2020/183) are revoked.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 2 in force at 15.8.2022 by S.S.I. 2022/208, **reg. 2(b)**

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