



# Children Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 44

An Act to secure that the minimum age at which children may be employed is not affected by any further change in the school-leaving age. [27th July 1972]

### 1 Minimum age of employment.

<sup>F1</sup>(1) .....

(2) Accordingly in each of those sections for subsection (1)(a) there shall be substituted the paragraph—

“(a) so long as he is under the age of thirteen years”;

and in subsection (2) (which allows the general rules in subsection (1) to be modified by local authority bye-laws) for paragraph (a)(i) there shall be substituted the sub-paragraph—

“(i) the employment of children under the age of thirteen years (notwithstanding anything in paragraph (a) of the last foregoing subsection) by their parents or guardians in light agricultural or horticultural work”.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 1(1) omitted (4.8.1998) by virtue of S.I. 1998/276, reg. 17(1)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** The text of ss. 1(2), 2(2), Sch. is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

### 2 Short title, repeal and extent.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Children Act 1972.

(2) The enactments mentioned in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in column 3 of the Schedule.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Children Act 1972. (See end of Document for details)*

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(3) Nothing in this Act extends to Northern Ireland.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C2** The text of ss. 1(2), 2(2), Sch. is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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## SCHEDULE

### ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C3** The text of ss. 1(2), 2(2), Sch. is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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ENACTMENTS REPEALED

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of repeal
7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31.	The Education Act 1944.	In Schedule 8, the entry relating to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, section 18.
8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 37.	The Education (Scotland) Act 1945.	In Schedule 4, so much of the entry for the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 as relates to section 28 of that Act.
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 40.	The Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1948.	In Part II of Schedule 1 the entry relating to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 section 18(1)(c).
1963 c. 37.	The Children and Young Persons Act 1963.	In Schedule 3, paragraph 29(1).

**Changes to legislation:**

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