



Education Act 1996

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GENERAL

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THE STATUTORY SYSTEM OF EDUCATION

Compulsory education

VALID FROM 01/09/1997

8 Compulsory school age.

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply to determine for the purposes of any enactment whether a person is of compulsory school age.
- (2) A person begins to be of compulsory school age when he attains the age of five.
- (3) A person ceases to be of compulsory school age at the end of the day which is the school leaving date for any calendar year—
 - (a) if he attains the age of 16 after that day but before the beginning of the school year next following,
 - (b) if he attains that age on that day, or
 - (c) (unless paragraph (a) applies) if that day is the school leaving date next following his attaining that age.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order determine the day in any calendar year which is to be the school leaving date for that year.

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/11/1996. This version of this provision is not valid for this point in time.

Changes to legislation:

Education Act 1996, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 12 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.