



# Education Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 56

### PART X

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### CHAPTER VI

#### GENERAL

#### *Construction*

#### **578 Meaning of “the Education Acts”.**

In this Act “the Education Acts” means this Act together with the following Acts—

F1  
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F2  
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the <sup>M1</sup>Education Act 1973;

the <sup>M2</sup>Education Act 1980;

the <sup>M3</sup>Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983;

the <sup>M4</sup>Further Education Act 1985 (except sections 4 and 5);

the <sup>M5</sup>Education Act 1986;

the <sup>M6</sup>Education (No. 2) Act 1986;

the <sup>M7</sup>Education Reform Act 1988;

F1  
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the <sup>M8</sup>Further and Higher Education Act 1992;

the <sup>M9</sup>Education Act 1994;

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[<sup>F5</sup>the <sup>M10</sup>Education Act 1997;]  
 [<sup>F6</sup>the <sup>M11</sup> Education (Schools) Act 1997;]  
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 [<sup>F8</sup>the <sup>M12</sup>Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998;]  
 [<sup>F9</sup>the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31);]  
 [<sup>F10</sup>the Education Act 2002 (c. 32)].  
 [<sup>F11</sup>the Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8)]  
 [<sup>F12</sup>the Education Act 2005 (c. 18)]  
 [<sup>F13</sup>the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40)]  
 [<sup>F14</sup>the Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25)]  
 [<sup>F15</sup>Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 (nawm 2)]  
 [<sup>F16</sup>Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009 (nawm 3)]  
 [<sup>F17</sup>Academies Act 2010 (c. 32)]  
 [<sup>F18</sup>Education (Wales) Measure 2011]  
 [<sup>F19</sup>Education Act 2011]  
 [<sup>F20</sup>School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013]  
 [<sup>F21</sup>Children and Families Act 2014, Pt. 3 and s. 100]  
 [<sup>F22</sup>Education (Wales) Act 2014]  
 [<sup>F23</sup>Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015]  
 [<sup>F24</sup>Qualifications Wales Act 2015]  
 [<sup>F25</sup>Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018]  
 [<sup>F26</sup>Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Entries in s. 578 repealed (1.1.1999) by 1998 c. 30, s. 44(2), **Sch. 4** (with s. 42(8)); S.I. 1998/3237, **art. 2(1)** (subject to arts. 3, 4)
- F2** Entries in s. 578 repealed (1.4.2003 for E.; 2.1.2008 for W.) by Education Act 2002 (c. 32), s. 216(4), **Sch. 22 Pt. 3** (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2003/124, art. 4; S.I. 2007/3611, art. 4(1), Sch.
- F3** Words in s. 578 repealed (1.8.2003) by Education Act 2002 (c. 32), s. 216(2), Sch. 21 para. 56, **Sch. 22 Pt. 3** (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2003/1667, art. 2
- F4** Words in s. 578(1) omitted (1.9.2005 for E., 1.9.2006 for W.) by virtue of Education Act 2005 (c. 18), s. 125(4), **Sch. 9 para. 9**; Sch. 19 Pt. 1; S.I. 2005/2034, art. 4; S.I. 2006/1338, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F5** Entry in s. 578 added (14.6.1997) by virtue of 1997 c. 44, ss. 57(1), 58(2), **Sch. 7 para. 42**; S.I. 1997/1468, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- F6** Entry in s. 578 inserted (31.7.1997) by 1997 c. 59, ss. 6(2), 7(2)(3)
- F7** Entry in s. 578 (as inserted (27.1.1998) by 1998 c. 1, ss. 6(1), 7(2)) repealed (1.1.1999) by 1998 c. 30, s. 44(2), **Sch. 4** (with s. 42(8)); S.I. 1998/3237, **art. 2(1)** (subject to arts. 3, 4)
- F8** Entry in s. 578 inserted (1.10.1998) by 1998 c. 30, ss. 44(1), 46(2), **Sch. 3 para. 15** (with s. 42(8)); S.I. 1998/2215, **art. 2**
- F9** Entry in s. 578 inserted (1.2.1999) by 1998 c. 31, s. 140(1), **Sch. 30 para.182** (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/120, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
- F10** Entry in s. 578 inserted (24.7.2002) by virtue of Education Act 2002 (c. 32), ss. 216(1), **217(2)** (with ss. 210(8), 214(4))
- F11** S. 578 entry added (1.7.2004) by Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8), ss. 52(1), **54(2)**
- F12** S. 578 entry added (7.4.2005) by Education Act 2005 (c. 18), ss. 125(1)(c), **128(2)**
- F13** S. 578 entry added (8.11.2006) by Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), ss. 188(1), **191(2)**
- F14** S. 578 entry added (26.11.2008) by Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), ss. 173(1)(f), **174(2)**
- F15** S. 578 entry added (10.2.2009) by Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 (nawm 2), ss. 28(1), **29(2)**

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- F16** S. 578 entry added (15.10.2009) by [Healthy Eating in Schools \(Wales\) Measure 2009 \(nawm 3\)](#), s. 12(2)(4)
- F17** S. 578 entry added (27.7.2010) by [Academies Act 2010 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 19(1), **20(2)**
- F18** S. 578 entry added (10.7.2011) by [Education \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(nawm 7\)](#), ss. 33(1)(c), **34(2)**
- F19** S. 578 entry added (15.11.2011) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), ss. 82(1)(h), **83(2)**
- F20** S. 578 entry added (4.3.2013) by [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 1\)](#), ss. 100(1), **101(2)**
- F21** S. 578 entry added (13.3.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), ss. 139(1), **140(2)**
- F22** S. 578 entry added (12.5.2014) by [Education \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 5\)](#), ss. **45**, 50(1)(b)
- F23** S. 578 entry added (12.3.2015) by [Higher Education \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 1\)](#), ss. 59(1)(g), **60(2)**
- F24** S. 578 entry added (5.8.2015) by virtue of [Qualifications Wales Act 2015 \(anaw 5\)](#), ss. 60(1)(f), 61(2)
- F25** S. 578 entry added (25.1.2018) by [Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal \(Wales\) Act 2018 \(anaw 2\)](#), ss. 100(1), **101**
- F26** S. 578 entry added (30.4.2021) by [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), ss. **72**, 84(1)

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### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1973 c. 16.
- M2** 1980 c. 20.
- M3** 1983 c. 40.
- M4** 1985 c. 47.
- M5** 1986 c. 40.
- M6** 1986 c. 61.
- M7** 1988 c. 40.
- M8** 1992 c. 13.
- M9** 1994 c. 30.
- M10** 1997 c. 44.
- M11** 1997 c. 59.
- M12** 1998 c. 30.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 578 entry added by [2022 asc 1 s. 149\(2\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(2)(ba) substituted for s. 13(2)(aa)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 15A(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 15B(3)(c) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/1012 art. 12\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/863 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/865 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2016/653 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A-17D inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 45](#)
- s. 17B-17D applied by [2009 c. 22 s. 86\(8\)](#)
- s. 457(4)(i)-(iia) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 457(4)(iii) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 508(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(7\)](#)
- s. 537AA inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- s. 548(7A)(7B) inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 578(1) words repealed by [2005 c. 18 Sch. 19 Pt. 1](#)