



# Education (Schools) Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 59

### *Assisted places in England and Wales*

#### **1 Abolition of assisted places scheme in England and Wales**

- (1) The following provisions of the Education Act 1996 shall cease to have effect—
  - (a) section 479 (duty of the Secretary of State to operate the assisted places scheme);
  - (b) sections 480 and 481 (supplementary provisions about the scheme); and
  - (c) Schedule 35 (termination of participation agreements).
- (2) Accordingly any participation agreement in force immediately before the commencement of this section shall also cease to have effect.
- (3) Nothing in this Act affects the operation of—
  - (a) any participation agreement,
  - (b) the assisted places scheme, or
  - (c) (without prejudice to paragraph (b)) any regulations made under section 480 or 481 of the Education Act 1996,in relation to the 1996-97 school year or any previous school year.