



Nationality and Borders Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 36

PART 4

AGE ASSESSMENTS

53 Regulations about age assessments

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations about age assessments under section 50 or 51, which may in particular include provision about—
 - (a) the processes to be followed, including—
 - (i) the information and evidence that must be considered and the weight to be given to it,
 - (ii) the circumstances in which an abbreviated age assessment may be appropriate,
 - (iii) protections or safeguarding measures for the age-disputed person, and
 - (iv) where consent is required for the use of a specified scientific method, the processes for assessing a person’s capacity to consent, for seeking consent and for recording the decision on consent;
 - (b) the qualifications or experience necessary for a person to conduct an age assessment;
 - (c) where an age assessment includes use of specified scientific methods—
 - (i) the qualifications or experience necessary for a person to conduct tests in accordance with those methods, and
 - (ii) the settings in which such tests must be carried out;
 - (d) the content and distribution of reports on age assessments;
 - (e) the communication of decisions to the age-disputed person and any other person affected by the decision, and notification of appeal rights (see section 54); and
 - (f) the consequences of a lack of co-operation with the assessment by the age-disputed person, which may include damage to the person’s credibility.
- (2) The regulations may also include provision about—

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- (a) referrals under section 50(1) or (3)(a), including the process for making such a referral and about the withdrawal of a referral;
 - (b) how and when a local authority must inform the Secretary of State as mentioned in section 50(3)(b) and (c);
 - (c) evidence that the Secretary of State may require as mentioned in section 50(4).
- (3) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.