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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 2550**

**The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Appeals Against Permanent Exclusion) (England) Regulations 2002**

**Citation, commencement and application**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Appeals Against Permanent Exclusion) (England) Regulations 2002(1) and shall come into force on 4th November 2002.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“the 1996 Act” means the Education Act 1996;

“the 1998 Act” means the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(2);

“the 2002 Act” means the Education Act 2002;

“relevant decision” means any decision made after 31st August 1994 by the teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit to exclude a pupil permanently (which includes a decision that any exclusion of a pupil for a fixed period should be made permanent), pursuant to paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the 1996 Act or paragraph 7 of Schedule 18 to the Education Act 1993(3);

“relevant person” means—

- (a) in relation to a pupil under the age of 18, a parent of his;
- (b) in relation to a pupil who has attained that age, the pupil himself.

**Appeal against permanent exclusion from a pupil referral unit**

3.—(1) This regulation prescribes for the purposes of section 52(7) of the 2002 Act the person who may appeal to an appeal panel against a decision to permanently exclude a pupil from a pupil referral unit.

(2) The person prescribed is the relevant person in relation to any pupil who is the subject of a relevant decision.

**Action to be taken by the teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit**

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where the teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit excludes any pupil permanently on or after the day on which these Regulations come into force, the teacher in charge shall forthwith—

- (a) give the relevant person notice in writing referring to that decision and stating the following matters—

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(1) By virtue of section 212(1) of the Education Act 2002 the powers conferred by these provisions are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.  
(2) 1998 c. 31.  
(3) 1993 c. 35.

- (i) the reasons for the decision,
  - (ii) his right to appeal against the decision,
  - (iii) the person to whom he should give any notice of appeal,
  - (iv) that any notice of appeal must contain the grounds of appeal, and
  - (v) the last day on which an appeal may be made.
- (b) inform the local education authority that the pupil is being permanently excluded and the reasons for it.
- (2) This regulation shall not apply to any relevant decision made before the day on which these Regulations come into force.

### **Arrangements for appeals against permanent exclusion of pupils**

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a local education authority shall make arrangements in accordance with these Regulations for enabling a relevant person to appeal against any relevant decision.

(2) No appeal may be made in relation to any relevant decision to which regulation 4(2) applies unless notice in writing setting out the grounds of appeal is given by the relevant person to the local education authority no later than 30 school days after the day on which these Regulations come into force.

### **Application of existing legislation**

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), Schedule 18 to the 1998 Act<sup>(4)</sup> shall apply with the modifications prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations in relation to any appeal against a relevant decision pursuant to arrangements made under regulation 5.

(2) In relation to any relevant decision made before the day on which these Regulations come into force, paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 18 to the 1998 Act as modified by these Regulations shall not apply.

### **Decision of appeal panel to be binding**

7. The decision of an appeal panel on an appeal pursuant to arrangements made under regulation 5 shall be binding on the relevant person, the teacher in charge and the local education authority.

### **Direction to reinstate a pupil**

8. Where on an appeal pursuant to these Regulations an appeal panel determines that the pupil in question should not have been permanently excluded, the appeal panel shall either—

- (a) direct that he is to be reinstated (either immediately or by a date specified in the direction); or
- (b) in cases where it would not be practical to give a direction requiring his reinstatement, determine that it would otherwise have been appropriate to give such a direction.

### **Regard to guidance**

9. A teacher in charge of a pupil referral unit, a local education authority or an appeal panel discharging any function conferred by or under these Regulations and the 1998 Act (as modified by these Regulations) shall have regard to guidance given by the Secretary of State.

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(4) Schedule 18 was amended in relation to England by S.I.2001/2086.

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