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2024 No. 1002 (W. 171)

EDUCATION, WALES

**The Education (Amendments
Relating to the Co-ordination of
School Admission Arrangements)
(Wales) Regulations 2024**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Part 3 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) (“the 1998 Act”) makes provision in relation to arrangements for school admissions. In particular, section 89B of Part 3 of the 1998 Act enables the Welsh Ministers to make regulations requiring a local authority in Wales to formulate a qualifying scheme for co-ordinating the arrangements for the admission of pupils to community, voluntary controlled, voluntary aided and foundation schools in its area (“qualifying schemes”).

The Education (Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/698 (W. 96)) (“the 2024 Regulations”) make provision in respect of qualifying schemes. Regulation 2(2) of these Regulations makes corrections to regulations 2(1) and 7(3)(a) of the 2024 Regulations.

The 2024 Regulations inserted a new paragraph 5A into Schedule 2 to the School Information (Wales) Regulations 2011 (“the 2011 Regulations”) in relation to qualifying schemes. Regulation 2(3) of these Regulations substitute a new sub-paragraph (2) in paragraph 5A of Schedule 2 to the 2011 Regulations. The new sub-paragraph (2) contains a number of corrections.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was

considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.

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Made 7 October 2024

Laid before Senedd Cymru 9 October 2024

Coming into force 4 November 2024

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 89B(1), 89C(2) and 92 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(1), and now vested in them(2), make the following Regulations.

Title and coming into force

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Education (Amendments Relating to the Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2024.

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- (1) 1998 c. 31; see section 90ZA for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”. Section 89B was inserted by the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), section 48 and amended by the Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), Schedule 1, paragraphs 53, 59(1) and (2), and S.I. 2010/1158; there are other amendments but none are relevant to these Regulations. Section 89C was inserted by the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), section 48 and amended by the Education and Skills Act 2008 (c. 25), Schedule 1, paragraphs 53, 60(1), (2) and (3), the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 1), Schedule 5, paragraph 4(1) and (5) and S.I. 2010/1158; there are other amendments but none are relevant to these Regulations. Section 92 was substituted by the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), Schedule 4, paragraph 7 and amended by S.I. 2010/1158.
- (2) The functions of the Secretary of State under these sections of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31) were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672) and then to the Welsh Ministers by the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), Schedule 11, paragraph 30.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 4 November 2024.

Amendments to the Education (Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024

2.—(1) The Education (Co-ordination of School Admission Arrangements and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1)—

- (a) in the definition of “Welsh Minister scheme”, for “subsection” substitute “section”, and
- (b) omit the definition of “working day”.

(3) In regulation 7(3)(a), for “578(1)” substitute “578”.

Amendments to the School Information (Wales) Regulations 2011

3. In the School Information (Wales) Regulations 2011⁽²⁾, for sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 5A of Schedule 2 substitute—

“(2) In this paragraph—

“application” (“*cais*”) has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the 2024 Regulations;

“common application form” (“*ffurflen gais gyffredin*”) has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the 2024 Regulations;

“normal admission round” (“*cylch derbyn arferol*”) has the meaning given in regulation 2(2) of the 2024 Regulations;

“the scheme for co-ordinating admission arrangements of the local authority” (“*y cynllun ar gyfer cydlynu trefniadau derbyn yr awdurdod lleol*”) means—

- (a) a scheme adopted by a local authority pursuant to regulation 4(1) of the 2024 Regulations, or
- (b) a scheme imposed on the local authority by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to section 89B(2) of the 1998 Act.”

(1) S.I. 2024/698 (W. 96).

(2) S.I. 2011/1944 (W. 211), amended by S.I. 2024/698 (W. 96); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant to these Regulations.

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