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EDUCATION, WALES

The Education (Inspection of Nursery Education) (Wales) Regulations 2015

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>5 August 2015</i> |
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The Welsh Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 122(1) and 138(7) and (8) of, and paragraphs 6B(1)(a) and 13B of Schedule 26 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998(1), and now vested in them make the following Regulations:

Title, commencement, application and revocation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Education (Inspection of Nursery Education) (Wales) Regulations 2015 and they come into force on 1 September 2015.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to nursery education provided in Wales.

(3) The following regulations are revoked—

- (a) the Education (Inspection of Nursery Education) (Wales) Regulations 1999(2);
- (b) regulation 23 of the Education Act 2002 (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2005(3);
- (c) regulation 2 of the Education (Amendments Relating to the Intervals for the Inspection of Education and Training) (Wales) Regulations 2010(4); and
- (d) regulation 2 of the Education (Amendments Relating to the Inspection of Education and Training) (Wales) Regulations 2014(5).

(1) 1998 c. 31. Section 122(1) was amended by paragraph 33(1) and (3) of Schedule 2 to the Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), and paragraph 6, as originally enacted, of Schedule 26 was substituted for paragraph 6B by paragraphs 8 and 12 of Part 2 of Schedule 7 to the Education Act 2005 (c. 18). The functions of the Secretary of State under section 138 and Schedule 26 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 virtue of paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).

(2) S.I. 1999/1441.

(3) S.I. 2005/2913 (W. 210).

(4) S.I. 2010/1436 (W. 127).

(5) S.I. 2014/1212 (W. 128).

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

- “the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
- “bank holiday” (“*gwyl banc*”) means a day which is a bank holiday in Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽⁶⁾;
- “Chief Inspector for Wales” has the meaning given to it in section 122(4) of the Act;
- “nursery school” (“*ysgol feithrin*”) has the meaning given to it in section 6 of the Education Act 1996⁽⁷⁾;
- “the registrar of independent schools” (“*y cofrestrydd ysgolion annibynnol*”) means the Welsh Ministers;
- “working day” (“*diwrnod gwaith*”) means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, a bank holiday or part of a holiday longer than a week taken by the school in question.

Inspection reports

3.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 13B(1) of Schedule 26 to the Act the period within which a report of an inspection under paragraph 6B of that Schedule is to be made is 45 working days from the day on which the inspection began.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 13B(2) of Schedule 26 to the Act the authorities and persons to whom a copy of the report of an inspection under paragraph 6B of that Schedule must be sent are—

- (a) in the case of nursery education provided at a school maintained by a local authority—
 - (i) the head teacher of the school;
 - (ii) the school’s governing body; and
 - (iii) the local authority;
- (b) in the case of nursery education provided at a school having foundation governors, the person who appoints those governors;
- (c) in the case of nursery education provided at an independent school—
 - (i) the head teacher of the school;
 - (ii) the proprietors of the school;
 - (iii) the registrar of independent schools; and
 - (iv) where the school is approved under section 347 of the Education Act 1996⁽⁸⁾ (approval of independent schools providing special education), a local authority which is paying the fees in respect of the attendance of a registered pupil at the school;
- (d) in the case of nursery education provided at a special school which is not maintained by a local authority—
 - (i) the head teacher of the school;
 - (ii) the proprietors of the school; and
 - (iii) a local authority which is paying fees in respect of the attendance of a registered pupil at the school;

⁽⁶⁾ 1971 c. 80.

⁽⁷⁾ 1996 c. 56.

⁽⁸⁾ 1996 c. 56.

- (e) in the case of nursery education provided by a local authority under section 18 of the Children Act 1989⁽⁹⁾, that local authority and the person in charge of the place at which the education is provided;
- (f) in the case of nursery education provided by a person registered by a local authority under sections 20 and 22 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010⁽¹⁰⁾, that person and the registering local authority;
- (g) in the case of nursery education provided by a person who would be required to be so registered if the Act applied to the Crown, that person and the Welsh Ministers⁽¹¹⁾; and
- (h) in the case of nursery education provided by a local authority at a home for children with special education needs, that local authority.

Inspection intervals

4.—(1) The Chief Inspector for Wales must secure that relevant nursery education is inspected under paragraph 6B(1)(a) of Schedule 26 to the Act—

- (a) where there has been no previous inspection under that paragraph, within 6 years of the date on which relevant nursery education was first provided at the premises concerned; and
- (b) in all other cases, at least once within a 6 year period beginning on 1 September 2015 and ending on 31 August 2021 and at least once within every subsequent 6 year period beginning on the expiry of the previous period.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation the date on which the last inspection was completed is the date of the report of the last inspection under paragraph 6B of Schedule 26 to the Act.

5 August 2015

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⁽⁹⁾ 1989 c. 41.

⁽¹⁰⁾ 2010 (nawm 1).

⁽¹¹⁾ The National Assembly for Wales was established by section 1 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38). All the functions of the Secretary of State relevant to these Regulations are transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672) and are now vested in the Welsh Ministers by virtue of paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations apply in relation to nursery education provision in Wales.

These Regulations largely replicate the Education (Inspection of Nursery Education) (Wales) Regulations 1999 (“the 1999 Regulations”). However, these Regulations do increase the time period prescribed for when the completion of an inspection report to 45 working days from the date on which the inspection began. The 1999 Regulations are revoked (regulation 1(3)).

These Regulations prescribe the period within which a report of an inspection of nursery education under Schedule 26 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 must be made; the authorities and persons to whom a copy of the report must be sent; and the intervals at which nursery education is to be inspected under that Schedule (regulations 3 and 4).

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.