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Participation of Young People Statutory Guidance - Advice.

Annex 2 – Duties on other organisations in relation to Raising the Participation Age.

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Duties on Schools

1. From September 2012, schools have been under a duty to secure access to independent and impartial careers guidance¹ for their pupils in years 9-11 on the full range of post-16 options, including Apprenticeships. Academies and Free Schools opening from September 2012 are subject to an equivalent requirement in their funding agreements and we are taking action to encourage all existing Academies to adopt this provision.
2. From September 2013, the careers duty will be extended to years 8-13 and an equivalent requirement will be applied to 16-18 year olds in colleges through funding agreements. Schools are expected to engage, as appropriate, in partnership with external, expert careers providers² but are otherwise free to make arrangements that fit the needs and circumstances of their students. In fulfilling their new duty, schools should secure access to independent face-to-face careers guidance where it is the most suitable support for young people to make successful transitions, particularly children from disadvantaged backgrounds or those who have special educational needs, learning difficulties or disabilities.

Duties on sixth forms, colleges and other training providers

3. Providers of education or training for 16 and 17 year olds will be under two duties in relation to RPA. They must:
 - Promote good attendance of 16 and 17 year olds³; and

¹ The Education Act 2011 inserted a duty, section 42A, into Part VII of the Education Act 1997,

² <http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/s/statutory%20guidance%20for%20schools%20on%20careers%20guidance.pdf>

³ Section 11 Education and Skills Act 2008

- Inform local authority support services if a young person (aged 16 or 17) has dropped out of learning⁴. This is so the young person can be contacted swiftly and offered support to help them re-engage.

Duties on Employers

4. The Education and Skills Act 2008 places duties on employers to take certain actions in respect of young people who meet the duty by combining work with education/ training⁵. However, these duties will not be brought into force at this stage, and the possibility of commencing them will be kept under review.



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⁴ Section 13 Education and Skills Act 2008

⁵ Section 19-39 Education and Skills Act 2008