

School Education Amendment Bill 2012

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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *School Education Act 1999* and to make consequential amendments to the *School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997*.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Short title

This is the *School Education Amendment Act 2012*.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation as follows —

- (a) sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 — on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent;
- (b) the rest of the Act — on 1 January 2013.

1 **Part 2 — School Education Act 1999 amended**

2 **3. Act amended**

3 This Part amends the *School Education Act 1999*.

4 **4. Section 4 amended**

5 (1) In section 4 delete the definition of *year 11* and *year 12*.

6 (2) In section 4 insert in alphabetical order:

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8 *final years of compulsory education* for a child means
9 the final 2 years of the compulsory education period for
10 the child;

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12 (3) In section 4 in the definition of *teaching staff* delete
13 “section 236(2),” and insert:

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15 section 236(2).

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17 **5. Sections 5 and 6 replaced**

18 Delete sections 5 and 6 and insert:

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20 **5. Pre-compulsory education period**

21 The pre-compulsory education period for a child is as
22 follows —

23 (a) until 31 December 2012 —

24 (i) from the beginning of the year in which
25 the child reaches the age of 4 years and
26 6 months; and

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- 1 (ii) until the end of the year in which the
2 child reaches the age of 5 years and
3 6 months;
- 4 (b) from 1 January 2013 —
- 5 (i) from the beginning of the year in which
6 the child reaches the age of 4 years and
7 6 months; and
- 8 (ii) until the end of that year.
- 9 **6. Compulsory education period**
- 10 (1) The compulsory education period for a child is as
11 follows —
- 12 (a) until 31 December 2012 —
- 13 (i) from the beginning of the year in which
14 the child reaches the age of 6 years and
15 6 months; and
- 16 (ii) until the end of the year in which the
17 child reaches the age of 17;
- 18 (b) from 1 January 2013 until
19 31 December 2013 —
- 20 (i) from the beginning of the year in which
21 the child reaches the age of 5 years and
22 6 months; and
- 23 (ii) until the end of the year in which the
24 child reaches the age of 17;
- 25 (c) from 1 January 2014 —
- 26 (i) from the beginning of the year in which
27 the child reaches the age of 5 years and
28 6 months; and
- 29 (ii) until —
- 30 (I) the end of the year in which the
31 child reaches the age of
32 17 years and 6 months; or

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(II) the child reaches the age of 18,
whichever happens first.

(2) If a child satisfies the minimum requirements for graduation from secondary school established under the *School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997* before the end of the compulsory education period under subsection (1), this Act applies in respect of the child as if the compulsory education period for the child ended when the requirements were satisfied.

6. Part 2 Division 1 heading replaced

Delete the heading to Part 2 Division 1 and insert:

Division 1 — Compulsory education with alternatives in final years of compulsory education

7. Section 10 amended

In section 10(2) delete “year 11 or year 12” and insert:

either of the final years of compulsory education

8. Part 2 Division 1 Subdivision 1A heading replaced

Delete the heading to Part 2 Division 1 Subdivision 1A and insert:

Subdivision 1A — Alternatives to the operation of section 9 in final years of compulsory education

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1 **9. Section 11B amended**

2 In section 11B(1) delete “year 11 and year 12” and insert:

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4 the final years of compulsory education

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6 **10. Section 11M amended**

7 (1) In section 11M(1)(b) delete “year 11 and year 12.” and insert:

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9 the final years of compulsory education.

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11 (2) In section 11M(2)(a) delete “year 11 or year 12” and insert:

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13 either of the final years of compulsory education

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15 **11. Section 192 amended**

16 In section 192(a) delete “the first year of” .

17 **12. Section 199 amended**

18 In section 199(1)(a) delete “the first year of” .

19 Note: In the note under section 9(1a) delete “year 11 or 12” and insert “either
20 of the final years of compulsory education”.

1 **Part 3 — *School Curriculum and Standards Authority***
2 ***Act 1997* amended**

3 **13. Act amended**

4 This Part amends the *School Curriculum and Standards*
5 *Authority Act 1997*.

6 **14. Section 3 amended**

7 In section 3 delete the definition of *compulsory education*
8 *period* and insert:

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10 *compulsory education period* has the meaning given in
11 the School Education Act section 6(1);
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13 **15. Section 19A amended**

14 (1) In section 19A(1) insert in alphabetical order:

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16 *final years of compulsory education* has the meaning
17 given in the School Education Act section 4;
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19 (2) In section 19A(1) in the definition of *student* paragraph (a)
20 delete “the 11th or 12th year of the compulsory education period”
21 and insert:

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23 either of the final years of compulsory education
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1 **16. Section 19M amended**

2 In section 19M(5)(b)(i) delete “the 11th or 12th year of the
3 compulsory education period” and insert:

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5 either of the final years of compulsory education

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