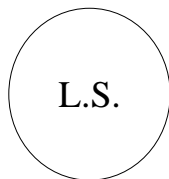


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EDUCATION ORDINANCE 2008

EDUCATION (SCHOOL ATTENDANCE) REGULATIONS 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Education Ordinance 2008, the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2025.

School attendance

2. (1) The number of days in a school year which are to be school days is 192.

(2) Children of compulsory school age are required to attend school between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm on each school day.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt: where a public holiday falls on a day which would otherwise be a school day, that day is not a school day and cannot be counted in the total number of school days provided for in paragraph (1).

Functions of attendance officers

3. The functions of attendance officers appointed under section 32 of the Ordinance are, in addition to the functions prescribed by Part V of the Ordinance—
 - (a) to receive and investigate any report that a child of compulsory school age has, without reasonable excuse failed to attend school as required by that Part or these Regulations,
 - (b) to receive and investigate any report that a child of compulsory school age has been employed during school hours in contravention of section 63 of the Ordinance,
 - (c) to report to the Director, in writing, the results of any such investigations, and
 - (d) with the approval of the Director, in writing, to take appropriate action, including legal proceedings against any person who appears to the officer to have contravened Part V of the Ordinance.

Revocation

4. The Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2008 are revoked.

Dated this 26th day of March 2025.

Nigel Phillips CBE
Governor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2025 (“the Regulations”). It does not form part of the Regulations; it has been drafted to assist the reader and should be read in conjunction with the Regulations.
2. The Regulations provide for the total number of school days that must take place in a school year and the functions of attendance officers.
3. The Regulations replace the Education (School Attendance) Regulations 2009 (“the 2009 Regulations”) as there was a lack of clarity caused by the interaction between the 2009 Regulations and customary practice. The 2009 Regulations provided for 197 school days, and it was customary practice that this included any public holidays that fell on what would otherwise be school days.
4. The Regulations set out the number of school days and provides that this number remains unchanged by any public holidays. The practice of school age children receiving 192 days of schooling in a school year remains unchanged by the Regulations.