

Retaining a quarter or hiring for educational reasons

Families who have children reaching critical examination periods may apply for retention for up to four months (one academic term) leading to the final public examination. Also, where it is not possible for the child to transfer schools whilst within two years of public examinations (because of school availability, regional syllabus differences or Continuous Assessment Work), then retention is possible up to the public examination. The term public examination only includes GCSE, A / S Level, A Level and/or other nationally recognised, full-time, higher and further education courses up to and including Degree Level. It may be important to know that the child must live permanently in Service Families' Accommodation (SFA) and be under 25, unmarried and in full time education.

If you have a child undergoing statementing for Additional Needs, then a quarter may be retained for two academic terms or until the end of the academic year. If you have a child not statemented but with special educational needs, then you can still be considered for retention on welfare/medical grounds, providing that consultation between the Local Service Commander and the relevant welfare, medical and educational agencies is undertaken. Retention will be for a specific period, after which a further application may be made if required.