

# **A Study of Age Appropriate and No Detention provisions under Right to Education Act, 2009**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Elementary education lays down the foundation for the overall and holistic development of a child in various areas viz. intellectual, emotional and physical. It equips the child with the analytical skills, confidence and competencies which help pave the way for a successful future for the child. Hence, it is imperative to focus on providing quality elementary education to all the persons, especially to the underprivileged sections of the society and empower the masses with a quality education that can enable them to break the shackles of poverty.

## **The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009**

The Constitution (Eighty-sixth Amendment) Act, 2002 inserted Article 21-A in the Constitution of India to provide free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years as a Fundamental Right in such a manner as the State may, by law, determine. The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, which represents the consequential legislation envisaged under Article 21-A, means that every child has a right to full time elementary education of satisfactory and equitable quality in a formal school which satisfies certain essential norms and standards

### **Meaning of the word 'Free Education' and 'Compulsory Education'**

'Free education' means that no child, other than a child who has been admitted by his or her parents to a school which is not supported by the appropriate Government, shall be liable to pay any kind of fee or charges or expenses which may prevent him or her from pursuing and completing elementary education.

'Compulsory education' casts an obligation on the appropriate Government and local authorities to provide and ensure admission, attendance and completion of elementary education by all children in the 6-14 age group.

### **Objectives of The Act :**

1. Right of children to free and compulsory education till completion of elementary education in a neighbourhood school.