



Immigration Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 22

PART 1

REMOVAL AND OTHER POWERS

Biometrics

12 Meaning of “biometric information”

- (1) Section 15 of the UK Borders Act 2007 (biometric immigration documents: interpretation) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), omit paragraphs (b) and (c).
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
 - “(1A) For the purposes of section 5 “biometric information” means—
 - (a) information about a person's external physical characteristics (including in particular fingerprints and features of the iris), and
 - (b) any other information about a person's physical characteristics specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.
 - (1B) An order under subsection (1A)(b)—
 - (a) may specify only information that can be obtained or recorded by an external examination of a person;
 - (b) must not specify information about a person's DNA.
 - (1C) Section 6(6) applies to an order under subsection (1A)(b) as it applies to regulations under section 5(1).”
- (4) Schedule 2 (which amends other enactments) has effect.

Changes to legislation: Immigration Act 2014, Section 12 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 12 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Immigration \(Guernsey\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1560\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5, Sch. 4, **Sch. 4A**
- C2** S. 12 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) by [S.I. 2008/680](#), art. 22, **Sch. 9A** (as amended: (14.3.2019) by [S.I. 2019/562](#), arts. 1, 9, 18; (31.12.2020) by [S.I. 2020/1214](#), arts. 1, 5, 12; (11.11.2021) by [S.I. 2021/1277](#), arts. 1(2), 6)
- C3** S. 12(4) extended (with modifications) (Jersey) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Immigration \(Biometric Registration\) \(Jersey\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/619\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3, **Sch. 2**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 12 in force at 28.7.2014 by [S.I. 2014/1820](#), art. 3(k)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2014/2771 by [S.I. 2015/371 art. 78](#)
- specified provision(s) savings for earlier commencing SI 2014/2771 by [S.I. 2014/2928 art. 2](#) (Amendment already reflected in Appended Commentary in EXTOES for 2014 SI2771.)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- s. 27(7) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- s. 70A(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 21\(7\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 21(7) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1309, regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- Sch. 3 para. 8A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 16](#)