



# Transport Act 1968

## CHAPTER 73

### TRANSPORT ACT 1968

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4 The chairman and other members of each of the new...  
5 In appointing the chairman and other members of any of...  
6 The provisions of Part I of Schedule 1 to the...

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2 For the purposes of any period between the day appointed...  
3 Without prejudice to section 53(5) of this Act, the Minister...  
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5 In the application of this Schedule or section 39(6) and...

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- 2 (1) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect where...

#### *Right to production of documents of title*

- 3 Where on any transfer to which this Schedule applies the...

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- 4 Where in the case of any transfer to which this...

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- 5 In the case of any transfer to which this Schedule...

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- 6 If the Minister is satisfied on the representation of the...

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- 7 Where in the case of any transfer to which the...  
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9 On and after the transfer date for any transfer to...  
10 Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of paragraphs...



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- 11 If, in the case of any transfer to which this...
- 12 (1) References in paragraphs 7 to 11 of this Schedule...

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- 13 (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraphs 7 to...

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- 1 The Authority established for a designated area under an order...
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- 3 A person may be appointed as a member of the...
- 4 A person who at the date of his appointment as...
- 5 If at any time not less than three months after...

Part II

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- 1 The first persons to be appointed as the Director General...
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- 5 .....

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- 4 The terms on which and period for which the members...
- 5 The payment of allowances to, or to any class of,...
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- 7 The establishment by the Authority and the Executive respectively of...
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- 9 The authentication of documents of the Authority and the Executive...
- 10 The appointment by, or provision by the Executive for, the...
- 11 Provision— (a) for treating the Authority or any subsidiary of...
- 12 The provision of accommodation for the Authority by the Authority...
- 13 Provision applying, with or without modifications, to the Authority or...
- 14 The making of reports and the furnishing of information by...
- 15 Any particular matters to be dealt with in the annual...
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- 3A In the case of a proposed order under section 105(3A)...
- 4 In the case of a proposed order under section 112...

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- 4 (1) The power to make bylaws conferred by subsection 2...
- 5 (1) . . . . .
- 6 . . . . .
- 7 (1) The references to be substituted— (a) as mentioned in...
- 8 (1) In the Harbours Act 1964— (a) in section 30(1),...
- 9 In the Building Control Act 1966, in the Schedule, for...
- 10 . . . . .
- 11 . . . . .
- 12 . . . . .

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- 2 . . . . .
- 3 In section 135(4)(b), for the reference to a tribunal established...
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- s. 20(1) words inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 4 para. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 20(1) was repealed by Transport Act 1985 (c. 67, SIF 126), ss. 57(3), 139(3), Sch. 8)
- s. 38 repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 42 repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 44(1)(b)(iv) words repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 49(4) words repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 49(4)(a) repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 49(4)(b) words repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 50(1) words repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 61A inserted by [1994 c. 40 s. 42\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 42 repealed (1.1.1996) without ever being in force by 1995 c. 23, Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (with ss. 54, 55); S.I. 1995/2181, art. 2 (with Sch.))
- s. 97(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453 reg. 35\(5\)\(d\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 35(5)(d) omitted (24.10.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1379, regs. 1, 8(b))
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- s. 98(2A)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453 reg. 37\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 37(a) omitted (24.10.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1379, regs. 1, 9)
- s. 99ZA(7)(a)(i)(ii) substituted for words by [S.I. 2019/453 reg. 38](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 37(a) omitted (24.10.2019) by virtue of S.I. 2019/1379, regs. 1, 10)
- s. 135(1)(b) words repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 137(8) words repealed by [2000 c. 38 Sch. 31 Pt. 4](#)
- Sch. 8A inserted by [1994 c. 40 s. 50\(2\)Sch. 12](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 50 and Sch. 12 repealed (1.1.1996) without ever being in force by 1995 c. 23, Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (with ss. 54, 55); S.I. 1995/2181, art. 2 (with Sch.))

**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. 97(1)(a)(i) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/453 reg. 35\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 35(2) substituted (24.10.2019) by S.I. 2019/1379, regs. 1, 8(a))
- s. 97(1)(a)(ii) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453 reg. 35\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 35(2) substituted (24.10.2019) by S.I. 2019/1379, regs. 1, 8(a))