



# Water Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 37

### PART II

#### FUNCTIONS OF WATER AUTHORITIES

**[<sup>F1</sup>9 Transfer to water authorities of functions of river authorities.**

Subject of Part IV of Schedule 5 to this Act and to the provisions of any instrument under this Act, the functions which immediately before 1st April 1974 are exercisable by river authorities as respects their respective areas under any enactment or instrument shall be exercisable by water authorities as respects water authority areas and accordingly, but subject to any such provision, in any enactment or instrument—

- (a) any reference to a river authority or any reference which falls to be construed as a reference to a river authority shall, except where it is a reference to a specified river authority or is to be construed as such, be construed as a reference to a water authority; and
- (b) any reference to a river authority area or any reference which falls to be construed as a reference to a river authority area shall, except where it is a reference to a specified area or is to be construed as such, be construed as a reference to water authority area.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 9 repealed (E.W.) by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58)

10— ..... <sup>F2</sup>  
13.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 10–13 repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58)

- 14** (1) ..... **F3**
- (4) ..... **F4**
- (5) ..... **F3**

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** S. 14(1)–(3)(5)–(8) repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58)

**F4** S. 14(4) repealed by Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60, SIF 130), s. 3, **Sch. 3 Pt. I** (with s. 2, Sch. 2 paras. 10, 14(1), 15)

- 15**— ..... **F5**
- 17.**

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Ss. 15–17 repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58) (and subject to savings for s. 16(5)(10) as mentioned in s. 190(2), Sch. 26 para. 14(1)(5) )

- 18** ..... **F6**

**Textual Amendments**

**F6** S. 18 repealed by Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 (c. 51, SIF 52:2), s. 42, **Sch. 5**

- 19** ..... **F7**

**Textual Amendments**

**F7** S. 19 repealed by Land Drainage Act 1976 (c. 70, SIF 73:1), **Sch. 8**

- 20**— ..... **F8**
- 22.**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F8** Ss. 20–22 repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58)

**23** ..... **F9**

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** S. 23 repealed by Water Act 1983 (c. 23, SIF 130), Sch. 2 para. 3(1), **Sch. 5 Pt. I**

**24,** ..... **F10**  
**24A.**

**Textual Amendments**

**F10** S. 24 and s. 24A (which was inserted by Water Act 1983 (c. 23, SIF 130), ss. 3(3), 7, **Sch. 2 para. 3(1)**) repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58)

**25** ..... **F11**

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** S. 25 repealed by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), ss. 1, 102(2)(3), **Sch. 17**

**26** (1) ..... **F12**  
(2) ..... **F13**

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** S. 26(1) repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58)  
**F13** S. 26(2)–(4) repealed by Water Act 1983 (c. 23, SIF 130), Sch. 2 para. 3(1), **Sch. 5 Pt. I**

**27, 28.** ..... **F14**

**Textual Amendments**

**F14** Ss. 27–31 repealed by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, **Sch. 27 Pt. I** (with ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 41(1), 57(6), 58) (and subject to a saving for s. 30 as mentioned in s. 190(2), Sch. 26 para. 16(4) )

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Water Act 1973, Part II.