



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART I

PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE AND ITS EXERCISE

[^{F1} Entitlement to registration]

6 Residence: merchant seamen.

At any time when a merchant seaman is not resident in the United Kingdom and would have been resident there but for the nature of his occupation, he shall be entitled to be treated for the purposes of [^{F1}section 4 above]as resident—

- (a) at any place at which he would have been resident but for the nature of his occupation; or
- (b) at any hostel or club providing accommodation for merchant seamen at which he commonly stays in the course of his occupation.

For this purpose “merchant seaman” means any person not having a service qualification whose employment or the greater part of it is carried out on board seagoing ships, and includes any such person while temporarily without employment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 6 substituted (29.1.2001 for certain purposes and 16.2.2001 otherwise) by 2000 c. 2, s. 8(a), **Sch. 1 para. 2**; S.I. 2001/116, **art. 2(1)(2)** (with art. 2(4))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 5, 6, 7(1) applied by **Representation of the People Act 1985** (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 27(2)
- C2** Ss. 5–7 extended (N.I.) (with modifications) by **Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989** (c. 3, SIF 42), ss. 2, 13(5)(6), **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (as amended (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 2, s. 8, **Sch. 3 para. 3(4)**; S.I. 2001/116, **art. 2(1)** (with art. 2(4)))
- C3** Ss. 5, 6, 7(1) applied (17.2.1994) by S.I. 1994/342, **regs. 1(2)(3), 2(2), 7(4)**

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C4 S. 6 applied (with modifications) (9.4.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1184, reg. 9, Sch. Pt. I](#) (as substituted (17.3.2009) by [S.I. 2009/726, regs. 1\(1\), 2\(3\)\(4\), Sch.](#))

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