



# Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

## CHAPTER 22

### PUBLIC HEALTH (CONTROL OF DISEASE) ACT 1984

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#### PART II

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### *General*

- 10 Notifiable diseases.
- 11 Cases of notifiable disease and food poisoning to be reported.
- 12 Fees for certificates under s. 11.
- 13 Regulations for control of certain diseases.
- 14 Application of s. 13 to aerodromes.
- 15 Contravention of regulations under s. 13.
- 16 Power of local authority to direct that other diseases notifiable.
- 17 Exposure of persons and articles liable to convey notifiable disease.
- 18 Information to be furnished by occupier in case of notifiable disease or food poisoning.
- 19 Trading etc. by person with notifiable disease.
- 20 Stopping of work to prevent spread of disease.

### *Children*

- 21 Exclusion from school of child liable to convey notifiable disease.
- 22 List of day pupils at school having case of notifiable disease.
- 23 Exclusion of children from places of entertainment or assembly.

### *Infected articles*

- 24 Infected articles not to be taken or sent to be washed or cleaned.
- 25 Library books.
- 26 Infectious matter not to be placed in dustbins.
- 27 Provision of disinfecting stations.

### *Infected premises*

- 28 Prohibition of certain work on premises where notifiable disease exists.
- 29 Letting of house or room after recent case of notifiable disease.
- 30 Duty on ceasing to occupy house after recent case of notifiable disease.
- 31 Disinfection of premises.
- 32 Removal of person from infected house.

### *Public conveyances*

- 33 Use of public conveyance by person with notifiable disease.
- 34 Duty of owner, driver or conductor of public conveyance.

### *Infectious persons*

- 35 Medical examination.
- 36 Medical examination of group of persons believed to comprise carrier of notifiable disease.
- 37 Removal to hospital of person with notifiable disease.
- 38 Detention in hospital of person with notifiable disease.

### *Common lodging-houses*

- 39 Keeper of common lodging-house to notify case of infectious disease.
- 40 Medical examination of inmates of common lodging-house.
- 41 Removal to hospital of inmate of common lodging-house with notifiable disease.
- 42 Closure of common lodging-house on account of notifiable disease.

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*Death of person suffering from notifiable disease*

- 43 Person dying in hospital with notifiable disease.
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**PART IV**

*Canal Boats*

- 49 Regulations as to canal boats.

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- 50 Power to enter and inspect canal boats.
- 51 Duties of local authorities and port health authorities under Part IV.
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- 59 Authentication of documents.
- 60 Service of notices and other documents.
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- 63 Offence of wilful obstruction.
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- 64A Time limits for prosecutions
- 65 Daily penalties for continuing offences.
- 66 General
- 67 Applications to, and appeals from magistrates' courts.
- 68 Judges and justices not to be disqualified by liability to rates.
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### Schedule 1 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

#### *Port health districts and port health authorities*

- 1 Any area and any body which immediately before the commencement...
- 2 (1) No repeal contained in this Act shall affect the...

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*Notifiable diseases*

- 3 (1) Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of section 147...

*Unlawful expenditure*

- 4 Transitional Provisions and Savings

*Amendment and repeal of Acts etc.*

- 5 Any power that is exercisable by virtue of—  
6 Sections 252 and 254 of the Local Government Act 1972...

Schedule 2 — Consequential Amendments

*Public Health Act 1936*

- 1 In section 6(1) of the Public Health Act 1936, after...  
2 Consequential Amendments  
3 In section 326(1) of that Act, after “ 1875,” there...  
4 In section 327(1) of that Act, after “ this Act”...  
5 In section 343(1) of that Act, in the definition of...

*Local Authority Social Services Act 1970*

- 6 In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act...

*National Health Service Act 1977*

- 7 Consequential Amendments

*Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980*

- 8 There shall be inserted at the end of section 159(1)...

Schedule 3 — Repeals  
— TABLE OF DERIVATIONS

*Note: The following abbreviations are used in this Table:—*

1875 = Public Health Act 1875 (c. 55).  
1936 = Public Health Act 1936 (c. 49).  
1946 c. 36 = Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (c. 36)....  
1946 c. 81 = National Health Service Act 1946 (c....  
1948 = National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29).  
S.I. 1949 = Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) (Substitution) Order  
1949...  
1955 c. 16 = Food and Drugs Act 1955 (4...  
1956 c. 52 = Clean Air Act 1956 (c. 52)....  
1956 c. 73 = Crown Estate Act 1956 (c. 73)....  
1961 = Public Health Act 1961 (c. 64).  
1961 c. 55 = Crown Estate Act 1961 (c. 55)....  
1963 = London Government Act 1963 (c. 33)  
1965 c. xxxix = City of London (Various Powers) Act...  
1966 c. 42 = Local Government Act 1966 (c. 42)....  
1967 c. 9 = General Rate Act 1967 (c. 9)....  
1967 c. 80 = Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80)....

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1968 = Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 (c....  
1969 c. 19 = Decimal Currency Act 1969 (c. 19)....  
1971 c. 23 = Courts Act 1971 (c. 23).  
1972 = Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)  
1973 c. 32 = National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973...  
1973 c. 38 = Social Security Act 1973 (c. 38)....  
1974 c. 3 = Slaughterhouses Act 1974 (c. 3).  
1974 c. 40 = Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c....  
1975 c. 18 = Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975...  
1975 c. 37 = Nursing Homes Act 1975 (c. 37)....  
1975 c. 78 = Airports Authority Act 1975 (c. 78)....  
1976 c. 44 = Drought Act 1976 (c. 44)  
1976 c. 57 = Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976...  
1977 c. 45 = Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45)...  
1977 c. 49 = National Health Service Act 1977 (c....  
1978 c. 30 = Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30).  
1979 c. 2 = Customs and Excise Management Act 1979...  
1980 c. 53 = Health Services Act 1980 (c. 53)....  
1982 = Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982  
(c. 30)....  
1982 c. 16 = Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16)....  
1982 c. 32 = Local Government Finance Act 1982 (c....  
1982 c. 48 = Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48)....  
1983 c. 41 = Health and Social Services and Social...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 7(4)(l) repealed by [1999 c. 24 Sch. 3](#)
- s. 29(1) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 32\(2\)](#)
- s. 30(1) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 32\(3\)](#)
- s. 62(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 32\(4\)](#)