



Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 41

PART 4

DETENTION AND REMOVAL

Removal

[^{F1}78A Restriction on removal of children and their parents etc

- (1) This section applies in a case where—
 - (a) a child is to be removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) an individual who—
 - (i) is a parent of the child or has care of the child, and
 - (ii) is living in a household in the United Kingdom with the child,is also to be removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom (a “relevant parent or carer”).
- (2) During the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the relevant appeal rights are exhausted—
 - (a) the child may not be removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) a relevant parent or carer may not be removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom if, as a result, no relevant parent or carer would remain in the United Kingdom.
- (3) The relevant appeal rights are exhausted at the time when—
 - (a) neither the child, nor any relevant parent or carer, could bring an appeal under section 82 (ignoring any possibility of an appeal out of time with permission), and

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- (b) no appeal brought by the child, or by any relevant parent or carer, is pending within the meaning of section 104.
- (4) Nothing in this section prevents any of the following during the period of 28 days mentioned in subsection (2)—
- (a) the giving of a direction for the removal of a person from the United Kingdom,
 - (b) the making of a deportation order in respect of a person, or
 - (c) the taking of any other interim or preparatory action.
- (5) In this section—
- “child” means a person who is aged under 18;
 - references to a person being removed from or required to leave the United Kingdom are to the person being removed or required to leave in accordance with a provision of the Immigration Acts.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 78A inserted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 2, 75(3)**; S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 **Ss. 78-79** applied (with modifications) (31.1.2020) by [The Immigration \(Citizens Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/61\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 paras. 1-3** (as amended (8.5.2023) by [The Immigration \(Citizens’ Rights Appeals\) \(EU Exit\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/441\)](#), **reg. 7(2)**)

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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- s. 18(1)(1A) substituted for s. 18(1) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 31\(2\)](#)
- s. 22A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(7\)](#)
- s. 27(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(10\)](#)
- s. 51(2)(d) and word inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(6\)](#)
- s. 55(2)(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(7\)](#)
- s. 62(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 11\(8\)](#)
- s. 80A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(8\)](#)
- s. 82A inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 23\(1\)](#)
- s. 94(6B) inserted by [2006 c. 13 s. 13](#)
- s. 106(2)(ua) inserted by [2007 c. 30 s. 19\(3\)](#)
- s. 107(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- s. 126(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 12\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 12(2)(3) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(ga) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(2\)](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), Sch. 1 para. 3(a))
- Sch. 3 para. 1(2A) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(4\)](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), Sch. 1 para. 3(b))
- Sch. 3 para. 1A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(1)(ca) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A-3C inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 6](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 7B7C and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 9](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 10](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), Sch. 1 para. 3(c))
- Sch. 3 para. 15(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 15(d)-(f) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 7C(1)(c) word substituted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 12\(5\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 12(5)(a)(c)(d) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2)(a), 48)
- Sch. 5 para. 3(1) Sch. 5 para. 3 renumbered as Sch. 5 para. 3(1) by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407(5))
- Sch. 5 para. 3(2)-(4) inserted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407(5))
- Sch. 5 para. 3(1) words inserted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 407\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The "original amending provision" is already fully in force, see Sch. 4 paras. 361, 407(5))