



# Water Resources Act 1963

## 1963 CHAPTER 38

An Act to provide for the establishment of river authorities and a Water Resources Board, to confer on them, and on the Minister of Housing and Local Government, new functions in relation to water resources in England and Wales, and to provide for the transfer to river authorities of functions previously exercisable by river boards and other bodies; to make further provision for controlling the abstraction and impounding of water, for imposing charges in respect of licences to abstract or impound water, and for securing the protection and proper use of inland waters and water in underground strata; to enable corresponding provision to be made in relation to the Thames and Lee catchment areas and certain other areas in or adjacent to London; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

[31st July 1963]

### Extent Information

**E1** For the extent of this Act see [s. 137\(2\)\(3\)](#)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act extended by [S.I. 1972/971, Sch. 1](#) Pt. A
- C2** The base date version of this Act is as revised to 1.12.1991 and takes into account the effects (if any) on it of consolidating legislation which came into force at that date.
- C3** Act modified by [S.I. 1974/607, art. 13\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- C4** Act modified by [Channel Tunnel Act 1987 \(c. 53, SIF 102\), s. 6, Sch. 2 Pt. II para. 5\(4\)](#) (with [s. 45, Sch. 7 Pt. VI para. 2](#))
- C5** Act amended (E.W.) by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\), ss. 128, 190, Sch. 13 para. 1\(1\), Sch. 26 para. 30\(6\)](#) (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160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58) (which Sch. 26 para. 30 is repealed (1.12.1991) by [Water Consolidation \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 60, SIF 130\), ss. 3\(1\), 4\(2\), Sch. 3 Pt. I](#) (with Sch. 2 paras. 10, 14(1), 15))
- C6** Act extended (with modifications) (E.W.) by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\), s. 190, Sch. 26 para. 30\(8\)](#) (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160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 193(1), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58) (which Sch. 26 para. 30 is repealed (1.12.1991) by [Water Consolidation \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 60, SIF 130\), ss. 3\(1\), 4\(2\), Sch. 3 Pt. I](#) (with Sch. 2 paras. 10, 14(1), 15))

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- C7** Act applied (E.W.) by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 190, Sch. 26 para. 31(2)(3)(4) (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), 57(6), 58) (which Sch. 26 para. 31 is repealed (1.12.1991) by Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60, SIF 130), ss. 3(1), 4(2), Sch. 3 Pt. I (with Sch. 2 paras. 10, 14(1), 15))
- C8** Act saved (26.6.1991) by S.I. 1991/1619, art. 12

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Act wholly in force at Royal Assent.

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