



Immigration Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 77

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An Act to amend and replace the present immigration laws, to make certain related changes in the citizenship law and enable help to be given to those wishing to return abroad, and for purposes connected therewith. [28th October 1971]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act amended by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 7\(3\)](#)
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 8](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#)) (which S.I. was revoked (with saving) (30.4.2006) by [S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 31, Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 4](#)))
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 59](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, s. 65\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
Act amended (2.10.2000) by [1999 c. 33, ss. 69, 70](#); [S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 3, Sch. 2 para. 2](#))
- C2** Act excluded (10.6.1991) by [Criminal Justice \(International Co-operation\) Act 1990 \(c. 5, SIF 39:1\), s. 6\(6\)](#); [S.I. 1991/1072, art. 2, Sch. Pt. I](#)
- C3** Act modified (10.6.1991) by [Criminal Justice \(International Co-operation\) Act 1990 \(c. 5, SIF 39:1\), s. 6\(6\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 1991/1072, art. 2, Sch. Pt. I](#)
Act modified (7.7.2000) by [S.S.I. 2000/200, art. 2\(3\)](#)
Act modified (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, regs. 24\(2\), 25\(2\)](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#)) (which S.I. was revoked (with saving) (30.4.2006) by [S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 31, Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 4](#)))
Act modified (1.9.2001) by [2001 c. 17, s. 32\(7\)](#) (with [ss. 27\(3\), 39, 78](#)); [S.I. 2001/2161, art. 2](#)
Act modified (18.7.2001) by [S.I. 2001/2590, art. 4\(2\)](#)
Act modified (25.2.2002) by [S.I. 2002/195, reg. 2\(3\)](#)
Act modified (30.4.2006) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1003\), reg. 30, Sch. 2 paras. 1, 2](#)
- C4** Act restricted (20.7.1994) by [Immigration Act 1988 \(c. 14, SIF 62\), s. 7\(1\)](#); [S.I. 1994/1923, art. 2](#)
Act restricted (2.10.2000) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 14](#) (with [regs. 9, 28](#)) (as amended (1.6.2002) by [S.I. 2002/1241 reg. 2\(3\), Sch. para. 8](#)) ([S.I. 2000/2326](#) was revoked (with saving) (30.4.2006) by [S.I. 2006/1003, reg. 31, Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 4](#)))

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- C5** Act extended (with modifications) by S.I. 1994/1405, art. 7 (the amendment coming into force in accordance with art. 1 of the amending S.I.) (as amended (2.1.2008) by S.I. 2007/3579, art. 3(c)); and as further amended (16.4.2015) by S.I. 2015/856, arts. 1, 6
- C6** Act extended (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2818), art. 11(1)(a), Sch. 2 para. 1 (as amended (31.3.2021) by The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/311), arts. 1(2), 2(7)(a))
- C7** Act: power to amend conferred (10.2.2003 for certain purposes) by 1999 c. 33, s. 53; S.I. 2003/2, art. 2, Sch.
- C8** Act applied (with modifications) (1.4.2006) by The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments to Designated Staff of SOCA) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/987), art. 6, Sch. 2
- C9** Act applied (1.8.2008 for certain purposes) by UK Borders Act 2007 (c. 30), ss. 36(4), 59; S.I. 2008/1818, art. 2(a), Sch.
- C10** Act applied (prosp.) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 133(7)(8), 153(7) (with Sch. 27 para. 36)
- C11** Act applied (with modifications) (4.8.2014) by The Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Application and Modification of Certain Enactments) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1704), art. 7, Sch. 2
- C12** Act extended in part (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the amending S.I.) by The Immigration (Jersey) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/1281), art. 3, Sch. 1, Sch. 1A (with art. 16)
- C13** Act: power to amend conferred (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 28.6.2022 in so far as not already in force) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 82(1)(2)(a)(3)-(6), 87(1)(4)(i); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 29
- C14** Act excluded (25.4.2024) by Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024 (c. 8), ss. 2(5)(a), 5, 10(1) (with ss. 4, 10(2))

Commencement Information

- I1** Act partly in force at Royal Assent see ss. 34(1), 35(1)-(3); Act wholly in force at 1 January 1973.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by [2008 c. 4 s. 133\(7\)\(8\)](#)

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

- s. 10(1A)(1B) inserted by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 24(1)(fa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 24C-24F inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(2\)](#)
- s. 26A(1)(b)(ia) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 25](#)
- s. 27(1)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 27(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 28CA(1)(bb) substituted for word in s. 28CA(1)(b) by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 27B(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 19 s. 16](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 26(4) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 74\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 13](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 11A inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(4\)](#)