



Acquisition of Land Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 67

An Act to consolidate the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act 1946 and related enactments. [30th October 1981]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act applied (with modifications) by Housing Act 1985 (c. 68, SIF 61), **s. 578**, by Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40, SIF 41:1), **ss. 190(6)**, 201(6), by Housing Act 1988 (c. 50, SIF 61), **ss. 77(4)**, 78(1), **Sch. 10 Pt. I para. 1**, by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), **ss. 10(1)(2)**, 112(3), **Sch. 3 Pt. II para. 5**, **Sch. 17 para. 35(1)** and by National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19, SIF 113:2), **s. 1(2)**, **Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 26(2)(3)**
- C2** Act applied by Housing Associations Act 1985 (c. 69, SIF 61), **s. 88(3)(a)**, by Airports Act 1986 (c. 31, SIF 9), **s. 59(1)(a)**, by Gas Act 1986 (c. 44, SIF 44:2), **s. 9(3)**, **Sch. 3 Pt. II para. 4**, by Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4, SIF 81:1), **ss. 2(6)**, 23(2), 27(2), **Sch. 3 para. 44(4)**, by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), **s. 151(4)** (with **ss. 58(7)**, 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), **Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2)**, 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**), by Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8, SIF 123:1), **ss. 226(7)**, 228(7), 254(2) and by Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c.9, SIF 123:1), **ss. 47(2)**, 61(2)
- C3** Act extended by Airports Act 1986 (c. 31, SIF 9), **s. 58**, **Sch. 2 para. 1(1)**, by Gas Act 1986 (c. 44, SIF 44:2), **s. 67(1)(3)**, **Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(xlii)**, **Sch. 8 para. 33** and by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), **s. 190**, **Sch. 25 para. 1(2)(xxvii)** (with **ss. 58(7)**, 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), **Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2)**, 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**)
- C4** Act modified by Gas Act 1986 (c. 44, SIF 44:2), **s. 67(1)(3)**, **Sch. 7 para. 2(10)(d)**, by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), **s. 190**, **Sch. 25 para. 1(10)(ix)** (with **ss. 58(7)**, 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), **Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2)**, 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**) and by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), **s. 112(1)(3)**, **Sch. 16 para. 3(2)(h)**, **Sch. 17 paras. 33**, **35(1)**
- C5** Act amended by Water Act 1989 (c. 15, SIF 130), **s. 190**, **Sch. 25 para. 1(11)(v)** (with **ss. 58(7)**, 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), **Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2)**, 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**) and by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), **s. 112(1)(3)**, **Sch. 16 para. 2(2)(9)(g)**, **Sch. 17 paras. 33**, **35(1)** and extended (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, **s. 16(1)**, **Sch. 4 para. 2(1)(xxxi)**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**
- C6** Power to modify Act conferred (1.12.1991) by Land Drainage Act 1991 (c. 59, SIF 73:1), **ss. 62(5)(b)**, 76(2) (with **ss. 67(3)(5)(8)**)
- C7** Act applied (1.12.1991) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 155(4)**, 223(2) (with **ss. 82(3)**, 186(1), 222(1), **Sch. 14 para. 6**)

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- Act applied (with modifications) (1.12.1991) by Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57, SIF 130), **ss. 154(4), 225(2)** (with saving in s. 182 and with ss. 16(6), 179, 222(3), Sch. 22 para. 1, Sch. 23 para. 6)
- Act applied (1.12.1991) by Land Drainage Act 1991 (c. 59, SIF 73:1), **ss. 62(3), 76(2)**(with ss. 67(3)(5)(8), 72(6), 74(3)(4)) Act applied (with modifications) (6. 5. 1992) by Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13), **s. 40(6)**; S.I. 1992/831, art. 2, **Sch.1**
- Act applied (with modifications) (10.11.1993) by 1993 c. 28, ss. 162(4), 169, **Sch. 20 Pt. I**; S.I. 1993/2762, **art. 3**.
- Act applied (with modifications) (1.1.1994) by 1993 c. 35, **s. 42(6)** (with s. 155(11)); S.I. 1993/3106, art. 4, **Sch.**
- Act applied (1.4.1994) by 1993 c. 35, ss. 3, 4, 308(3), **Sch. 1 para. 2(2)**; S.I. 1994/507, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- Act applied (E.W.) (with modifications) (30.10.1994) by S.I. 1994/2716, **art. 98(3)**
- Act applied (with modifications) (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 16(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(11)(d)**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**
- Act applied (1.11.1996) by 1995 c. 45, ss. 20, 21, **Sch. 2 para. 3(2)**
- Act applied (1.11.1996) by 1996 c. 56, ss. 20, 21, 583(2), **Sch. 2 para. 3(2)** (with s. 1(4)) (which Sch. 2 is prospectively repealed by 1998 c. 31, **ss. 140(1)(3), 145(2)-(5)** Sch. 30 para. 185, Sch. 31)
- Act applied (with modifications) (1.11.1996) by 1996 c. 56, **ss. 205(6), 583(2)** (with s. 1(4)) (which s. 205 is prospectively repealed by 1998 c. 31, ss. 145(4)(5), 140(1)(3), Sch. 30 para. 70, **Sch. 31**)
- Act applied (18.12.1996) by 1996 c. 61, **s. 5(4)**
- Act applied (with modifications) (1.10.1998) by Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 c. 70, **Sch. 4 Pt. I para. 1(1)** (as inserted (1.10.1998) by 1998 c. 38, s. 127, **Sch. 13 para. 3** (with ss. 139(2), 143(2)); S.I. 1998/2244, **art. 4**
- Act applied (with modifications) (25.11.1998 for specified purposes and otherwise 3.7.2000) by 1998 c. 45, ss. 20(4)(5), 43, **Sch. 5 Pt. I**; S.I. 1998/2952, **art. 2**; S.I. 2000/1173, **art. 2(c)**
- Act applied (E.) (4.1.2000) and (W.) (prosp.) by 1977 c. 49, **Sch. 5A para. 19(2)** (as inserted (E.) (4.1.2000) and (W.) (prosp.) by 1999 c. 8, ss. 2(2), 67(1), **Sch. 1**; S.I. 1999/2342, art. 2(3)(a), **Sch. 2**)
- Act applied (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 156(8), **Sch. 11 para. 19(1)(2)** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(c), **Sch. Pt. 3**
- Act applied (28.7.2000) by 2000 c. 21, s. 131, **Sch. 8 para. 3(6)**
- Act: applied (with modifications) (E.) (2.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1368, **art. 8**
- C8** Act (except ss. 8(4), 32(6)): transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- C9** Act extended (26.3.2001) by 2000 c. 26, s. 95, **Sch. 5, Pt. II para. 4(1)**; S.I. 2000/2957, art. 2(3), **Sch. 3**
- C10** Act applied (26.7.2002) by Education Act 1996 (c. 56), Sch. 35A para. 3(6) (as inserted (26.7.2002) by Education Act 2002 (c. 32), s. 65, Sch. 7 Pt. 1 {para. 1} (with ss. 210(8), 214(4)); S.I. 2002/2002, **art. 2**)
- C11** Act applied (with modifications) (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), s. 411(2), **Sch. 4 para. 3(4)** (with Sch. 18); S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1(2), 2(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3) (as amended by S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1(3)); S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3(2) (with art. 11)
- C12** Act applied (1.4.2004) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), s. 199(1)(4), **Sch. 4 para. 46**; S.I. 2004/759, art. 2
- C13** Act applied by 1994 c. 21, s. 4C(4) (as inserted (1.4.2004) by Water Act 2003 (c. 37), **ss. 85(1), 105(3)**; S.I. 2004/641, art. 3(w) (with Sch. 3 para. 7))
- C14** Act applied (with modifications) (3.8.2005) by The Greater Manchester (Leigh Busway) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1918), **art. 22**
- C15** Act applied (coming into force in accordance with s. 208(4) of the amending Act) by National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42), **Sch. 3 para. 27** (with s. 19(3))
- C16** Act applied (coming into force in accordance with s. 208(4) of the amending Act) by National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42), **s. 159(5)** (with s. 19(3))
- C17** Act applied (coming into force in accordance with s. 208(4) of the amending Act) by National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42), **Sch. 2 para. 20(2)** (with s. 19(3))
- C18** Act applied (1.3.2007) by National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), **Sch. 3 para. 22(2)**
- C19** Act applied (1.3.2007) by National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), Sch. 4 para. 27(2)(3)

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- C20** Act applied (1.3.2007) by National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41), **s. 211(5)**
- C21** Act applied (with modifications) (16.5.2008) by The London Gateway Port Harbour Empowerment Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1261), **arts. 30, 33** (with arts. 41(1), 45, 54(2), 55, 56, 57, 58(6))
- C22** Act applied (22.7.2008) by Crossrail Act 2008 (c. 18), **s. 7(6)**
- C23** Act applied (with modifications) (1.12.2008) by Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17), s. 325(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1**; S.I. 2008/3068, art. 2(1)(d) (with arts. 6-13)
- C24** Act applied (1.4.2010) by The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/490), **reg. 34(5)** (with reg. 125)
- C25** Act applied by 2010 c. 32, Sch. 1 para. 5(6) (as substituted (1.2.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), s. 82(3), **Sch. 14 para. 1**; S.I. 2012/84, art. 3 (with art. 5))
- C26** Act applied (1.10.2014) by Mobile Homes (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 6), **ss. 56(9), 64(2)** (with Sch. 5 para. 7); S.I. 2014/11, art. 3(1)(e)
- C27** Act applied by 2004 c. 21, s. 4D(16) (as inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 5**; S.I. 2017/399, reg. 2, Sch. para. 38)
- C28** Act applied (23.2.2017) by High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 (c. 7), **s. 49(3)**
- C29** Act applied (30.11.2017) by The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1012), **reg. 36(6)** (with reg. 138(7))
- C30** Act applied (with modifications) (8.12.2017) by The Network Rail (Closure of Abbots Ripton Level Crossing) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1074), **art. 8(3)(4)**
- C31** Act applied (11.2.2021) by High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 (c. 2), **s. 45(3)**
- C32** Act: power to amend conferred (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), **ss. 132, 255(3)(a)** (with s. 247)

Commencement Information

- II** Act wholly in force at 30.1.1982, see s. 35(2)

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

- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 50\(13\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 137\(6\)](#)

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

- s. 7(4) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(1A)-(3) substituted for s. 26(1)(2) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(3\)](#)