



Acquisition of Land Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 67

PART I

GENERAL

Compulsory purchase

2 Procedure for authorisation.

- (1) The authorisation of a compulsory purchase shall be conferred by an order (in this Act called a “compulsory purchase order”).
- (2) A compulsory purchase order authorising a compulsory purchase by an authority other than a Minister shall be made by that authority and submitted to and confirmed by the confirming authority in accordance with Part II of this Act.
- (3) A compulsory purchase order authorising a compulsory purchase by a Minister shall be made by the Minister in accordance with Schedule 1 to this Act.

3 Minerals.

Schedule 2 to this Act (exception of minerals from purchases etc.) shall have effect.

4 Assessment of compensation.

- (1) In relation to a compulsory purchase the ^{M1}Land Compensation Act 1961 shall have effect subject to the provisions of this section.
- (2) The Lands Tribunal shall not take into account any interest in land, or any enhancement of the value of any interest in land, by reason of any building erected, work done or improvement or alteration made, whether on the land purchased or on any other land with which the claimant is, or was at the time of the erection, doing or making of the building, works, improvement or alteration, directly or indirectly concerned, if the Lands Tribunal is satisfied that the creation of the interest, the erection of the building,

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the doing of the work, the making of the improvement or the alteration, as the case may be, was not reasonably necessary and was undertaken with a view to obtaining compensation or increased compensation.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 4 applied (with modifications) by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 155(3)(4)(7), **Sch. 20 para. 6(1)(b)(c)** (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)
- C2** S. 4 applied by [Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988](#) (c. 20, SIF 59), ss. 2(2), 19, **Sch. 2 Pt. II para. 6**
S. 4 applied (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 42](#), s. 5, **Sch. 4 para. 4** (with s. 30(1), Sch. 2 para. 9).
- C3** S. 4 modified (13. 2. 1992) by [Severn Bridges Act 1992](#) (c. 3), s. 2(6), **Sch. 2 Pt. II para.5**
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- C4** S. 4 applied (with modifications) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), ss. 167, 223(2), **Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(b)** (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 222(1), Sch. 14 para. 6)
S. 4 applied (with modifications) (1.12.1991) by [Water Resources Act 1991](#) (c. 57, SIF 130), ss. 168, 225(2), **Sch. 19 para. 6(1)(b)** (with ss. 16(6), 179, 222(3), Sch. 22 para. 1, Sch. 23 para. 6)
- C5** S. 4 extended (18.12.1996) by [1996 c. 61](#), s. 4, **Sch. 4 Pt. III para. 16**
- C6** S. 4 applied (12.8.2002) by [The Channel Tunnel Rail Link \(Thames Tunnel Approach\) Order 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/1943), **art. 7**

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