



# Airports Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 31

**U.K.**

An Act to provide for the dissolution of the British Airports Authority and the vesting of its property, rights and liabilities in a company nominated by the Secretary of State; to provide for the reorganisation of other airport undertakings in the public sector; to provide for the regulation of the use of airports and for the imposition of economic controls at certain airports; to make other amendments of the law relating to airports; to make provision with respect to the control of capital expenditure by local authority airport undertakings; and for connected purposes. [8th July 1986]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**Changes to legislation:**

Airports Act 1986, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

- Act saved (6.5.1999) by [1998 c. 46 s. 30 Sch. 5 Pt. 2 s. E4\(f\)](#)
- Act textual by [S.I. 2001/2237 art. 2](#)

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

- s. 12(1) (defn. of "principal council") para. (aa) added (prosp.) by [1994 c. 19 s. 66\(6\)Sch. 16 para. 77](#)
- s. 12(1) (defns. "local authority""principal council") para. (b) amended (S) by [1994 c. 39 Sch. 13 para. 147](#)
- s. 12(1) (defn. of "principal council") para. (a) repealed in part (prosp.) by [1994 c. 19 s. 66\(6\)\(8\)Sch. 16 para. 77Sch. 18](#)
- s. 74(3)(z) inserted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 30 para. 7\(b\)](#)