



# Broadcasting Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 42

An Act to make new provision with respect to the provision and regulation of independent television and sound programme services and of other services provided on television or radio frequencies; to make provision with respect to the provision and regulation of local delivery services; to amend in other respects the law relating to broadcasting and the provision of television and sound programme services and to make provision with respect to the supply and use of information about programmes; to make provision with respect to the transfer of the property, rights and liabilities of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and the Cable Authority and the dissolution of those bodies; to make new provision relating to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission; to provide for the establishment and functions of a Broadcasting Standards Council; to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Acts 1949 to 1967 and the Marine, &c., Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967; to revoke a class licence granted under the Telecommunications Act 1984 to run broadcast relay systems; and for connected purposes. [1st November 1990]

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:—

### Extent Information

**E1** For extent see s. 204(3)-(5)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** Act: specified provisions extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (13.2.1991) and further specified provisions extended (Guernsey) (1.4.1991) by [S.I. 1991/191, art. 3, Sch.](#)  
Act: specified provisions extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (13.2.1991) and further specified provisions extended (Jersey) (1.4.1991) by [S.I. 1991/193, art. 3, Sch.](#)  
Act: specified provisions extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (1.8.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1709, art. 3, Sch.](#)

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- Act: specified provisions extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (1.8.1991) by S.I. 1991/1710, art. 3, **Sch.**
- C2** Act: definition of "relevant programme" applied (E.W.) (1.10.1992) by Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 53(5), **Sch. 6 para 6(13)**; S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch.2**
- C3** By Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 101(1), **Sch. 12 para. 23**; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), **Sch.1** it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C4** Act amended (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 55, s. 124(3); S.I.1997/1005, **art. 4**
- C5** Act to be construed with specified provisions of 1996 c. 55 (1.10.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by virtue of s. 147(2) of that 1996 Act; S.I. 1996/2120, art. 4, **Sch. 1**; S.I. 1997/1005, **art. 4**
- C6** Act: power to modify conferred (18.9.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 407, 411(2)** (with **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/1900, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**
- C7** Act applied (with modifications) (20.7.2004) by The Community Radio Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1944), **art. 4, Sch.** (as amended (22.1.2010) by S.I. 2010/118, arts. 3-4 and (27.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/1000, arts. 3-8)

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