



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART I

#### ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

##### *Police areas*

#### **1 Police areas**

- (1) England and Wales shall be divided into police areas.
- (2) The police areas referred to in subsection (1) shall be—
  - (a) those listed in Schedule 1 (subject to any amendment made to that Schedule by an order under section 32 below, section 58 of the Local Government Act 1972, or section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992),
  - (b) the metropolitan police district, and
  - (c) the City of London police area.
- (3) References in Schedule 1 to any local government area are to that area as it is for the time being, but excluding any part of it within the metropolitan police district.