



Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 33

PART VII

POWER TO ARREST, SEARCH AND FINGERPRINT

Use of force

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- (1) An immigration officer exercising any power conferred on him by [^{F1}the Immigration Acts] may, if necessary, use reasonable force.
- [^{F2}(2) A person exercising a power under any of the following may if necessary use reasonable force—
- (a) section 28CA, 28FA or 28FB of the 1971 Act (business premises: entry to arrest or search),
 - [^{F3}(aa) paragraph 25CA, 25CB or 25CC of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act (powers to search for and seize driving licences),]
 - (b) section 141 or 142 of this Act, and
 - (c) regulations under section 144 of this Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 146(1) substituted (28.7.2014) by [Immigration Act 2014 \(c. 22\), s. 75\(3\), Sch. 1 para. 5](#); [S.I. 2014/1820, art. 3\(y\)](#)
- F2** S. 146(2) substituted (8.1.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\), s. 153\(2\)](#) (with s. 159); [S.I. 2002/2811, art. 2, Sch.](#)
- F3** [S. 146\(2\)\(aa\)](#) inserted (31.7.2017 for specified purposes) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\), ss. 43\(4\), 94\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2017/799, reg. 2](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 146 partly in force; s. 146(1) in force at Royal Assent, see s. 170(3)(o)

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Point in time view as at 31/07/2017.

Changes to legislation:

Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Cross Heading: Use of force is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 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.