



# Freedom of Information Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 36

### PART I **U.K.**

#### ACCESS TO INFORMATION HELD BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

#### *The Information Commissioner*<sup>F1</sup> . . .

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in cross-heading preceding s. 18 omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5(1), [Sch. 2 para. 67](#)

### **18 The Information Commissioner**<sup>F2</sup> . . . . **U.K.**

- (1) The Data Protection Commissioner shall be known instead as the Information Commissioner.
- (2)<sup>F3</sup> . . . . .
- (3) In this Act—
  - (a) the Information Commissioner is referred to as “the Commissioner”,<sup>F4</sup> . . .
  - (b)<sup>F4</sup> . . . . .
- (4) Schedule 2 (which makes provision consequential on subsections (1) and (2) and amendments of the <sup>M1</sup>Data Protection Act 1998 relating to the extension by this Act of the functions of the Commissioner and the Tribunal) has effect.
- (5) If the person who held office as Data Protection Commissioner immediately before the day on which this Act is passed remains in office as Information Commissioner at the end of the period of two years beginning with that day, he shall vacate his office at the end of that period.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not prevent the re-appointment of a person whose appointment is terminated by that subsection.

*Status: Point in time view as at 18/01/2010.*

*Changes to legislation: Freedom of Information Act 2000, Cross Heading: The Information Commissioner . . . is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 May 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. (See end of Document for details)*

- (7) In the application of paragraph 2(4)(b) and (5) of Schedule 5 to the <sup>M2</sup>Data Protection Act 1998 (Commissioner not to serve for more than fifteen years and not to be appointed, except in special circumstances, for a third or subsequent term) to anything done after the passing of this Act, there shall be left out of account any term of office served by virtue of an appointment made before the passing of this Act.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 18 heading omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5(1), **Sch. 2 para. 68(a)**
- F3** S. 18(2) omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5(1), **Sch. 2 para. 68(b)**
- F4** S. 18(3)(b) and preceding word omitted (18.1.2010) by virtue of [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), arts. 1(1), 5(1), **Sch. 2 para. 68(c)**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 18 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 18(4) in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent, see s. 87(1)(i); s. 18(1) wholly in force and s. 18(4) in force for certain further purposes at 30.1.2001, see s. 87(2)(a)(c); s. 18(2)(3)(5)-(7) in force and s. 18(4) in force for certain further purposes at 14.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1637, art. 2(a)(b); s. 18 otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by S.I. 2004/3122, **art. 2**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1998 c. 29.  
**M2** 1998 c. 29.

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