



Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 41

PART 5

IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM APPEALS

Exceptions and limitations

88 Ineligibility

- (1) This section applies to an immigration decision of a kind referred to in section 82(2) (a), (b), (d) or (e).
- (2) A person may not appeal under section 82(1) against an immigration decision which is taken on the grounds that he or a person of whom he is a dependant—
 - (a) does not satisfy a requirement as to age, nationality or citizenship specified in immigration rules,
 - (b) does not have an immigration document of a particular kind (or any immigration document),
 - [^{F1}(ba) has failed to supply a medical report or a medical certificate in accordance with a requirement of immigration rules,]
 - (c) is seeking to be in the United Kingdom for a period greater than that permitted in his case by immigration rules, or
 - (d) is seeking to enter or remain in the United Kingdom for a purpose other than one for which entry or remaining is permitted in accordance with immigration rules.
- (3) In subsection (2)(b) “immigration document” means—
 - (a) entry clearance,
 - (b) a passport,

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- (c) a work permit or other immigration employment document within the meaning of section 122, and
 - (d) a document which relates to a national of a country other than the United Kingdom and which is designed to serve the same purpose as a passport.
- (4) Subsection (2) does not prevent the bringing of an appeal on any or all of the grounds referred to in section 84(1)(b), (c) and (g).

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 88(2)(ba) inserted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), **ss. 5, 62**; [S.I. 2006/2226](#), **art. 3**, **Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 4](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), **arts. 3, 4** (with transitional provisions in [arts. 3, 4](#), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

[^{F2}88A Entry clearance

- (1) A person may not appeal under section 82(1) against refusal of an application for entry clearance unless the application was made for the purpose of—
- (a) visiting a person of a class or description prescribed by regulations for the purpose of this subsection, or
 - (b) entering as the dependant of a person in circumstances prescribed by regulations for the purpose of this subsection.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular—
- (a) make provision by reference to whether the applicant is a member of the family (within such meaning as the regulations may assign) of the person he seeks to visit;
 - (b) provide for the determination of whether one person is dependent on another;
 - (c) make provision by reference to the circumstances of the applicant, of the person whom the applicant seeks to visit or on whom he depends, or of both (and the regulations may, in particular, include provision by reference to—
 - (i) whether or not a person is lawfully settled in the United Kingdom within such meaning as the regulations may assign;
 - (ii) the duration of two individuals' residence together);
 - (d) make provision by reference to an applicant's purpose in entering as a dependant;
 - (e) make provision by reference to immigration rules;
 - (f) confer a discretion.
- (3) Subsection (1)—
- (a) does not prevent the bringing of an appeal on either or both of the grounds referred to in section 84(1)(b) and (c), and
 - (b) is without prejudice to the effect of section 88 in relation to an appeal under section 82(1) against refusal of entry clearance.]

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Textual Amendments

F2 S. 88A substituted for ss. 88A, 90, 91 (1.4.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 4(1), 62(1)(2)**; [S.I. 2008/310](#), **art. 3(a)** (with **art. 4**) (as amended (9.7.2012) by [S.I. 2012/1531](#), **art. 2** (with **art. 3**))

[^{F3}89 Refusal of leave to enter

- (1) A person may not appeal under section 82(1) against refusal of leave to enter the United Kingdom unless—
- (a) on his arrival in the United Kingdom he had entry clearance, and
 - (b) the purpose of entry specified in the entry clearance is the same as that specified in his application for leave to enter.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the bringing of an appeal on any or all of the grounds referred to in section 84(1)(b), (c) and (g).]

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 89 substituted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 6, 62**; [S.I. 2006/2226](#), **art 3, Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in **art. 4**)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), **arts. 3, 4** (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, **Sch. 2** (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

^{F2}90 Non-family visitor

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Textual Amendments

F2 S. 88A substituted for ss. 88A, 90, 91 (1.4.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 4(1), 62(1)(2)**; [S.I. 2008/310](#), **art. 3(a)** (with **art. 4**) (as amended (9.7.2012) by [S.I. 2012/1531](#), **art. 2** (with **art. 3**))

^{F2}91 Student

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Textual Amendments

F2 S. 88A substituted for ss. 88A, 90, 91 (1.4.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 4(1), 62(1)(2)**; [S.I. 2008/310](#), **art. 3(a)** (with **art. 4**) (as amended (9.7.2012) by [S.I. 2012/1531](#), **art. 2** (with **art. 3**))

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92 Appeal from within United Kingdom: general

- (1) A person may not appeal under section 82(1) while he is in the United Kingdom unless his appeal is of a kind to which this section applies.
- (2) This section applies to an appeal against an immigration decision of a kind specified in section 82(2)(c), (d), (e), (f) [^{F4}, (ha)] and (j).
- [^{F5}(3) This section also applies to an appeal against refusal of leave to enter the United Kingdom if—
- (a) at the time of the refusal the appellant is in the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) on his arrival in the United Kingdom the appellant had entry clearance.
- (3A) But this section does not apply by virtue of subsection (3) if subsection (3B) or (3C) applies to the refusal of leave to enter.
- (3B) This subsection applies to a refusal of leave to enter which is a deemed refusal under paragraph 2A(9) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77) resulting from cancellation of leave to enter by an immigration officer—
- (a) under paragraph 2A(8) of that Schedule, and
 - (b) on the grounds specified in paragraph 2A(2A) of that Schedule.
- (3C) This subsection applies to a refusal of leave to enter which specifies that the grounds for refusal are that the leave is sought for a purpose other than that specified in the entry clearance.
- (3D) This section also applies to an appeal against refusal of leave to enter the United Kingdom if at the time of the refusal the appellant—
- (a) is in the United Kingdom,
 - (b) has a work permit, and
 - (c) is any of the following (within the meaning of the British Nationality Act 1981 (c. 61))—
 - (i) a British overseas territories citizen,
 - (ii) a British Overseas citizen,
 - (iii) a British National (Overseas),
 - (iv) a British protected person, or
 - (v) a British subject.]

(4) This section also applies to an appeal against an immigration decision if the appellant—

 - (a) has made an asylum claim, or a human rights claim, while in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) is an EEA national or a member of the family of an EEA national and makes a claim to the Secretary of State that the decision breaches the appellant's rights under the [^{F6}EU] Treaties in respect of entry to or residence in the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Word in s. 92(2) inserted (1.4.2008) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), [ss. 47\(7\)](#), [62\(1\)\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2008/310](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)
- F5** S. 92(3)-(3D) substituted (1.10.2004) for s. 92(3) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), [ss. 28](#), [48\(1\)-\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2004/2523](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

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F6 Words in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), arts. 2, 3, 6 (with arts. 3(2)(3), 4(2), 6(4)(5))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), arts. 3, 4 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

93 Appeal from within United Kingdom: “third country” removal

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Textual Amendments

F7 S. 93 repealed (1.10.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), ss. 33(3)(b), 47, 48(1)-(3), [Sch. 4](#); [S.I. 2004/2523](#), [art. 2](#), Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), arts. 3, 4 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

94 Appeal from within United Kingdom: unfounded human rights or asylum claim

(1) This section applies to an appeal under section 82(1) where the appellant has made an asylum claim or a human rights claim (or both).

[^{F8}(1A) A person may not bring an appeal against an immigration decision of a kind specified in section 82(2)(c), (d) [^{F9}(e) or (ha)] in reliance on section 92(2) if the Secretary of State certifies that the claim or claims mentioned in subsection (1) above is or are clearly unfounded.]

(2) A person may not bring an appeal to which this section applies [^{F10}in reliance on section 92(4)(a)] if the Secretary of State certifies that the claim or claims mentioned in subsection (1) is or are clearly unfounded.

(3) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that an asylum claimant or human rights claimant is entitled to reside in a State listed in subsection (4) he shall certify the claim under subsection (2) unless satisfied that it is not clearly unfounded.

(4) Those States are—

- (a) ^{F11}
- (b) ^{F11}
- (c) ^{F11}
- (d) ^{F11}
- (e) ^{F11}
- (f) ^{F11}
- (g) ^{F11}
- (h) ^{F11}
- (i) ^{F11}
- (j) ^{F11}

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- [^{F12}(k) the Republic of Albania,
 - (l) ^{F13}
 - (m) ^{F14}
 - (n) Jamaica,
 - (o) Macedonia,
 - (p) the Republic of Moldova, and
 - (q) ^{F13}]
 - [^{F15}(r) ^{F16}
 - (s) Bolivia,
 - (t) Brazil,
 - (u) Ecuador,
 - (v) ^{F17}
 - (w) South Africa, and
 - (x) Ukraine.]
 - [^{F18}(y) India.]
 - [^{F19}(z) Mongolia,
 - (aa) Ghana (in respect of men),
 - (bb) Nigeria (in respect of men).]
 - [^{F20}(cc) Bosnia-Herzegovina,
 - (dd) Gambia (in respect of men),
 - (ee) Kenya (in respect of men),
 - (ff) Liberia (in respect of men),
 - (gg) Malawi (in respect of men),
 - (hh) Mali (in respect of men),
 - (ii) Mauritius,
 - (jj) Montenegro,
 - (kk) Peru,
 - (ll) Serbia,
 - (mm) Sierra Leone (in respect of men).]
 - [^{F21}(nn) Kosovo,
 - (oo) South Korea.]
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order add a State, or part of a State, to the list in subsection (4) if satisfied that—
- (a) there is in general in that State or part no serious risk of persecution of persons entitled to reside in that State or part, and
 - (b) removal to that State or part of persons entitled to reside there will not in general contravene the United Kingdom’s obligations under the Human Rights Convention.
- [^{F22}(5A) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the statements in subsection (5) (a) and (b) are true of a State or part of a State in relation to a description of person, an order under subsection (5) may add the State or part to the list in subsection (4) in respect of that description of person.
- (5B) Where a State or part of a State is added to the list in subsection (4) in respect of a description of person, subsection (3) shall have effect in relation to a claimant only if

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the Secretary of State is satisfied that he is within that description (as well as being satisfied that he is entitled to reside in the State or part).

(5C) A description for the purposes of subsection (5A) may refer to—

- (a) gender,
- (b) language,
- (c) race,
- (d) religion,
- (e) nationality,
- (f) membership of a social or other group,
- (g) political opinion, or
- (h) any other attribute or circumstance that the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

[In deciding whether the statements in subsection (5) (a) and (b) are true of a State or
^{F23}(5D) part of a State, the Secretary of State –

- (a) shall have regard to all the circumstances of the State or part (including its laws and how they are applied), and
- (b) shall have regard to information from any appropriate source (including other member States and international organisations).]

[^{F24}(6) The Secretary of State may by order amend the list in subsection (4) so as to omit a State or part added under subsection (5); and the omission may be—

- (a) general, or
- (b) effected so that the State or part remains listed in respect of a description of person.]

[^{F25}(6A) Subsection (3) shall not apply in relation to an asylum claimant or human rights claimant who—

- (a) is the subject of a certificate under section 2 or 70 of the Extradition Act 2003 (c. 41),
- (b) is in custody pursuant to arrest under section 5 of that Act,
- (c) is the subject of a provisional warrant under section 73 of that Act,
- (d) is the subject of an authority to proceed under section 7 of the Extradition Act 1989 (c. 33) or an order under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1 to that Act, or
- (e) is the subject of a provisional warrant under section 8 of that Act or of a warrant under paragraph 5(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to that Act.]

(7) A person may not bring an appeal to which this section applies in reliance on section 92(4) if the Secretary of State certifies that—

- (a) it is proposed to remove the person to a country of which he is not a national or citizen, and
- (b) there is no reason to believe that the person's rights under the Human Rights Convention will be breached in that country.

(8) In determining whether a person in relation to whom a certificate has been issued under subsection (7) may be removed from the United Kingdom, the country specified in the certificate is to be regarded as—

- (a) a place where a person's life and liberty is not threatened by reason of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, and

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- (b) a place from which a person will not be sent to another country otherwise than in accordance with the Refugee Convention.
- (9) Where a person in relation to whom a certificate is issued under this section subsequently brings an appeal under section 82(1) while outside the United Kingdom, the appeal shall be considered as if he had not been removed from the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

- F8** S. 94(1A) inserted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 27(2)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F9** Words in s. 94(1A) substituted (1.4.2008) by Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), **ss. 47(8)**, 62(1)(2); S.I. 2008/310, art. 3(c)
- F10** Words in s. 94(2) substituted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 27(3)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F11** S. 94(4)(a)-(j) repealed (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 27(4)**, 47, 48(1)-(3), **Sch. 4**; S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F12** S. 94(4)(k)-(q) added (1.4.2003) by The Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/970), **art. 3**
- F13** S. 94(4)(l)(q) omitted (1.1.2007) by virtue of The Asylum (Designated States) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3215), **art. 2**
- F14** S. 94(4)(m) omitted (27.7.2007) by virtue of The Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2221), **art. 3** (with art. 1)
- F15** S. 94(4)(r)-(x) added (23.7.2003) by The Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1919), **art. 2**
- F16** S. 94(4)(r) omitted (22.4.2005) by virtue of The Asylum (Designated States) (Amendment) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1016), **art. 2**
- F17** S. 94(4)(v) omitted (13.12.2006) by virtue of The Asylum (Designated States) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3275), **art. 2**
- F18** S. 94(4)(y) added (15.2.2005) by The Asylum (Designated States) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/330), **art. 2** (with art. 1)
- F19** S. 94(4)(z)-(bb) added (2.12.2005) by The Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3306), **art. 2**
- F20** S. 94(4)(cc)-(mm) added (27.7.2007) by The Asylum (Designated States) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2221), **art. 2** (with art. 1)
- F21** S. 94(4)(nn)(oo) inserted (3.3.2010) by The Asylum (Designated States) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/561), **arts. 2, 3** (with art. 2)
- F22** S. 94(5A)-(5C) inserted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 27(5)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F23** S. 94(5D) inserted (1.12.2007) by The Asylum (Procedures) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3187), **reg. 3**
- F24** S. 94(6) substituted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 27(6)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F25** S. 94(6A) inserted (1.10.2004) by Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19), **ss. 27(7)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.

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- C5** Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/754), **arts. 3, 4** (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2003/1040, S.I. 2003/1339 and S.I. 2003/2993))

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Commencement Information

- II** S. 94 wholly in force at 1.4.2003; s. 94 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 162(2); s. 94(5) in force for certain purposes at 10.2.2003 by [S.I. 2003/249](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#); s. 94 in force at 1.4.2003 insofar as not already in force by virtue of [S.I. 2003/754](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)

[^{F26}94A European Common List of Safe Countries of Origin

- (1) The Secretary of State shall by order prescribe a list of States to be known as the “European Common List of Safe Countries of Origin”.
- (2) Subsections (3) and (4) apply where a person makes an asylum claim or a human rights claim (or both) and that person is –
 - (a) a national of a State which is listed in the European Common List of Safe Countries of Origin, or
 - (b) a Stateless person who was formerly habitually resident in such a State.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall consider the claim or claims mentioned in subsection (2) to be unfounded unless satisfied that there are serious grounds for considering that the State in question is not safe in the particular circumstances of the person mentioned in that subsection.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall also certify the claim or claims mentioned in subsection (2) under section 94(2) unless satisfied that the claim or claims is or are not clearly unfounded.
- (5) An order under subsection (1) –
 - (a) may be made only if the Secretary of State thinks it necessary for the purpose of complying with the United Kingdom's obligations under [^{F6}EU] law,
 - (b) may include transitional, consequential or incidental provision,
 - (c) shall be made by statutory instrument, and
 - (d) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in Act substituted (22.4.2011) by [The Treaty of Lisbon \(Changes in Terminology\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1043\)](#), [arts. 2, 3, 6](#) (with [arts. 3\(2\)\(3\), 4\(2\), 6\(4\)\(5\)](#))
- F26** S. 94A inserted (1.12.2007) by [The Asylum \(Procedures\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3187\)](#), [reg. 4](#)

95 Appeal from outside United Kingdom: removal

A person who is outside the United Kingdom may not appeal under section 82(1) on the ground specified in section 84(1)(g) (except in a case to which section 94(9) applies).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), [arts. 3, 4](#) (with transitional provisions in [arts. 3, 4](#), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

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96 Earlier right of appeal

- [^{F27}(1) An appeal under section 82(1) against an immigration decision (“the new decision”) in respect of a person may not be brought if the Secretary of State or an immigration officer certifies—
- (a) that the person was notified of a right of appeal under that section against another immigration decision (“the old decision”) (whether or not an appeal was brought and whether or not any appeal brought has been determined),
 - (b) that the claim or application to which the new decision relates relies on a matter that could have been raised in an appeal against the old decision, and
 - (c) that, in the opinion of the Secretary of State or the immigration officer, there is no satisfactory reason for that matter not having been raised in an appeal against the old decision.
- (2) An appeal under section 82(1) against an immigration decision (“the new decision”) in respect of a person may not be brought if the Secretary of State or an immigration officer certifies—
- (a) that the person received a notice under section 120 by virtue of an application other than that to which the new decision relates or by virtue of a decision other than the new decision,
 - (b) that the new decision relates to an application or claim which relies on a matter that should have been, but has not been, raised in a statement made in response to that notice, and
 - (c) that, in the opinion of the Secretary of State or the immigration officer, there is no satisfactory reason for that matter not having been raised in a statement made in response to that notice.]
- (4) In subsection (1) “notified” means notified in accordance with regulations under section 105.
- (5) [^{F28}Subsections (1) and (2) apply to prevent] a person’s right of appeal whether or not he has been outside the United Kingdom since an earlier right of appeal arose or since a requirement under section 120 was imposed.
- (6) In this section a reference to an appeal under section 82(1) includes a reference to an appeal under section 2 of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission Act 1997 (c. 68) which is or could be brought by reference to an appeal under section 82(1).
- [^{F29}(7) A certificate under subsection (1) or (2) shall have no effect in relation to an appeal instituted before the certificate is issued.]

Textual Amendments

- F27** S. 96(1)(2) substituted (1.10.2004) for s. 96(1)-(3) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 30(2)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F28** Words in s. 96(5) substituted (1.10.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 30(3)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F29** S. 96(7) added (1.10.2004) by [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc.\) Act 2004 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 30(4)**, 48(1)-(3); S.I. 2004/2523, **art. 2**, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** S. 96 applied (with modifications) by 1997 c. 68, **s. 2(2)(i)** (as substituted (1.4.2003) by 2002 c. 41, **ss. 114**, 162(2), **Sch. 7 para. 20** (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/754, **art. 2(1)**, **Sch. 1**))

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- Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), art. 3, 4 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#) and [S.I. 2003/1339](#)))
- C8** S. 96(1)(a) modified (1.4.2003) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 33\(3\)](#) (as inserted by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/549\)](#), **reg. 2(9)**)
- S. 96(1)(a) modified (30.4.2006) by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1003\)](#), reg. 31(2), **Sch. 2 para. 4(7)**
- C9** S. 96(2)(a)(c) modified (1.4.2003) by [S.I. 2000/2326, reg. 33\(3\)](#) (as inserted by [The Immigration \(European Economic Area\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/549\)](#), **reg. 2(9)**)

97 National security, &c.

- (1) An appeal under section 82(1) [^{F30}, 83(2) or 83A(2)] against a decision in respect of a person may not be brought or continued if the Secretary of State certifies that the decision is or was taken—
- by the Secretary of State wholly or partly on a ground listed in subsection (2), or
 - in accordance with a direction of the Secretary of State which identifies the person to whom the decision relates and which is given wholly or partly on a ground listed in subsection (2).
- (2) The grounds mentioned in subsection (1) are that the person's exclusion or removal from the United Kingdom is—
- in the interests of national security, or
 - in the interests of the relationship between the United Kingdom and another country.
- (3) An appeal under section 82(1) [^{F31}, 83(2) or 83A(2)] against a decision may not be brought or continued if the Secretary of State certifies that the decision is or was taken wholly or partly in reliance on information which in his opinion should not be made public—
- in the interests of national security,
 - in the interests of the relationship between the United Kingdom and another country, or
 - otherwise in the public interest.
- (4) In subsections (1)(a) and (b) and (3) a reference to the Secretary of State is to the Secretary of State acting in person.

Textual Amendments

- F30** Words in s. 97(1)(3) substituted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), ss. 14, 62, **Sch. 1 para. 6**; [S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3](#), Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)
- F31** Words in s. 97(1)(3) substituted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), ss. 14, 62, **Sch. 1 para. 6**; [S.I. 2006/2226, art. 3](#), Sch. 1 (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), arts. 3, 4 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

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[^{F32}97A National security: deportation

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State certifies that the decision to make a deportation order in respect of a person was taken on the grounds that his removal from the United Kingdom would be in the interests of national security.
- (2) Where this section applies—
 - (a) section 79 shall not apply,
 - (b) the Secretary of State shall be taken to have certified the decision to make the deportation order under section 97, and
 - (c) for the purposes of section 2(5) of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission Act 1997 (c. 68) (appeals from within United Kingdom) it shall be assumed that section 92 of this Act—
 - (i) would not apply to an appeal against the decision to make the deportation order by virtue of section 92(2) to (3D),
 - (ii) would not apply to an appeal against that decision by virtue of section 92(4)(a) in respect of an asylum claim, and
 - (iii) would be capable of applying to an appeal against that decision by virtue of section 92(4)(a) in respect of a human rights claim unless the Secretary of State certifies that the removal of the person from the United Kingdom would not breach the United Kingdom's obligations under the Human Rights Convention.
- (3) A person in respect of whom a certificate is issued under subsection (2)(c)(iii) may appeal to the Special Immigration Appeals Commission against the issue of the certificate; and for that purpose the Special Immigration Appeals Commission Act 1997 shall apply as to an appeal against an immigration decision to which section 92 of this Act applies.
- (4) The Secretary of State may repeal this section by order.]

Textual Amendments

F32 S. 97A inserted (31.8.2006) by [Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 62**; [S.I. 2006/2226](#), **art. 3, Sch. 1** (subject to transitional provisions in [art. 4](#))

98 Other grounds of public good

- (1) This section applies to an immigration decision of a kind referred to in section 82(2) (a) or (b).
- (2) An appeal under section 82(1) against an immigration decision may not be brought or continued if the Secretary of State certifies that the decision is or was taken—
 - (a) by the Secretary of State wholly or partly on the ground that the exclusion or removal from the United Kingdom of the person to whom the decision relates is conducive to the public good, or
 - (b) in accordance with a direction of the Secretary of State which identifies the person to whom the decision relates and which is given wholly or partly on that ground.
- (3) In subsection (2)(a) and (b) a reference to the Secretary of State is to the Secretary of State acting in person.

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- (4) Subsection (2) does not prevent the bringing of an appeal on either or both of the grounds referred to in section 84(1)(b) and (c).
- (5) Subsection (2) does not prevent the bringing of an appeal against an immigration decision of the kind referred to in section 82(2)(a) on the grounds referred to in section 84(1)(g).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C11 Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), arts. 3, 4 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

99 Sections 96 to 98: appeal in progress

- (1) This section applies where a certificate is issued under section 96(1) or (2), 97 or 98 in respect of a pending appeal.
- (2) The appeal shall lapse.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C12 Ss. 82-99 restricted (14.3.2003) by [The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(Commencement No. 4\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/754\)](#), arts. 3, 4 (with transitional provisions in arts. 3, 4, Sch. 2 (as amended by [S.I. 2003/1040](#), [S.I. 2003/1339](#) and [S.I. 2003/2993](#)))

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