



Illegal Migration Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 37

Unaccompanied children

PROSPECTIVE

16 Accommodation and other support for unaccompanied migrant children

- (1) The Secretary of State may provide, or arrange for the provision of, accommodation in England for unaccompanied children in England.
- (2) In this section, “accommodation for unaccompanied migrant children” means accommodation provided under [this section](#).
- (3) While a child is residing in accommodation for unaccompanied migrant children, the Secretary of State may provide, or arrange for the provision of, other types of support to the child.
- (4) Subsections (1) to (3) are to be treated as having had effect at all times on or after 7 March 2023.
- (5) For the purposes of this section and section 17, a person (“C”) is an unaccompanied child if—
 - (a) C meets the four conditions in section 2, reading subsection (3) of that section as if it referred to a person entering or arriving in the United Kingdom as mentioned in subsection (2) of that section on or after 7 March 2023,
 - (b) C is under the age of 18, and
 - (c) at the time of C’s entry or arrival in the United Kingdom by virtue of which C meets the condition in section 2(3), no individual (whether or not a parent of C) who was aged 18 or over had care of C.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 68\(1\)](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 20/07/2023. This version of this provision is prospective.

Changes to legislation:

Illegal Migration Act 2023, Section 16 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 September 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.