



Coastguard Act 1925

1925 CHAPTER 88 15 and 16 Geo 5

An Act to amend the law with respect to the Coastguard, and for the purposes connected therewith. [22nd December 1925]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** References to Board of Trade in this Act (except last reference but one in s. 1(1) to be construed as references to Secretary of State for Trade: [S.I. 1970/1537, Sch. 2 para. 1](#), [1974/692](#), arts. 2(1), 5(3), Sch. 1 Pt. III, 1983/1127, arts. 2(4), 4(3)

1 Transfer of the coastguard to the Board of Trade.

- (1) His Majesty's Coastguard shall consist of such numbers of officers and men as the Board of Trade (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), may with the consent of the Treasury from time to time think fit, and shall be raised, maintained, equipped, and governed by the Board and employed as a coast-watching force for the performance of the duties hitherto performed by the coastguard on behalf of the Board, and of such other duties as may be determined by the Board.
- (2) All land which is at the commencement of this Act held by the Admiralty in connection with the coastguard service and required by the Board for the purposes of His Majesty's Coastguard shall, notwithstanding any provisions in any lease or other instrument prohibiting or restricting the transfer or assignment thereof, be transferred to the Commissioners of Works by Order of His Majesty in Council without the necessity of any other conveyance or assignment, and shall be taken by the said Commissioners as land necessary for the public service and held by them for all the estate and interest for which it was previously held by the Admiralty.
- (3)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** [S. 1\(3\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1969 \(c. 52\)](#), [Sch. Pt. VII](#)

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Coastguard Act 1925. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Functions of Commissioners of Works now exercisable by Secretary of State: S.R. & O. 1945/991 (Rev. XV, p. 232: 1945 I, p. 1414), art. 1, [S.I. 1962/1549](#) and 1970/1681, art. 2
- C3** Functions of the Treasury now again exercisable by the Treasury: [S.I. 1968/1656](#), **art. 2(1)(a)**, 1981/1670, art. 2(1)(a)

2 Transfer of control of coastguard to Admiralty in case of emergency.

- (1) Whenever any emergency arises which, in the opinion of the Admiralty renders it advisable that His Majesty’s Coastguard shall be placed under the control of the Admiralty, the Admiralty may by order direct that the management and control of His Majesty’s Coastguard shall be transferred to the Admiralty, and while any such order is in force, the powers and duties of the Board under this Act in relation to His Majesty’s Coastguard shall be exercised and performed by the Admiralty, and the officers and men of His Majesty’s Coastguard shall be subject to the Naval Discipline Act . . . ^{F2} with such respective ranks and ratings and such pay and emoluments as may be determined by the Admiralty.
- (2) Any order made under this section shall be revoked as soon as the Admiralty is of opinion that the emergency has ended, but without prejudice to anything previously done thereunder.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words repealed by [Naval Discipline Act 1957 \(c. 53\)](#), **Sch. 6**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** References to Admiralty to be construed as references to Secretary of State for Defence: [S.I. 1970/1537](#), **Sch. 2 para. 1**

3 Short title, extent, saving, and repeal.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Coastguard Act 1925.
- (2) ^{F3}
- (3) Save as is in this Act otherwise expressly provided, all laws in force at the commencement of this Act for the protection of the coastguard, and all rights, authorities, powers, privileges and immunities which at the commencement of this Act are vested in, or may be had or exercised by the coastguard shall be applicable to, and be vested in, and had and exercised by His Majesty’s Coastguard.
- (4) ^{F4}

Textual Amendments

- F3** [S. 3\(2\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1989 \(c. 43\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XI**
- F4** [S. 3\(4\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1950 \(c. 6\)](#)

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