



Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1944

1944 CHAPTER 26 7 and 8 Geo 6

An Act to make provision as to water supplies, sewerage and sewage disposal in rural localities, and to make expenses incurred by rural district councils in connection with water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal general expenses. [27th July 1944]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act repealed (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Consolidation \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 60, SIF 130\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 3 Pt. I](#) (with s. 2, [Sch. 2, paras. 10, 14\(1\), 15](#))

Commencement Information

II Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

1 Government contributions towards expenses of local authorities for rural water supplies and sewerage.

(1) Subject to such conditions as the Treasury may determine, [^{F1}the Secretary of State] (in this Act referred to as “the Minister”) may, in any case in which it appears to him to be desirable so to do, undertake to make a contribution towards the expenses incurred by a local authority at any time after the passing of this Act—

(a) in providing a supply, or improving an existing supply, of water in a rural locality; . . . ^{F2}

(2) ^{F3}

(4) The Minister may withhold, or reduce the amount of, a contribution which he has undertaken to make towards the expenses incurred by a local authority in respect of any works or transaction, if it appears to him either—

(a) that any of the works have been executed in an unsatisfactory manner; or
(b) that the effectiveness of any of the works is substantially less than as estimated in the proposals submitted to him by the local authority, and that the difference

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is due to any default, for which the local authority is responsible, in the formulation of the proposals; or

(c) that there has been any default in the carrying out of the transaction.

[^{F4}(5) Any contributions made under this section shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.]

(6) ^{F5}

(7) ^{F6}

Textual Amendments

- F1** Reference to the Secretary of State substituted for reference to the Minister of Health by virtue of [S.I. 1951/142](#) (1951 I, p. 1348), arts. 3, 5(2), Sch. Pt. I, 1951/1900 (1951 I, p. 1347), art. 1, (W.) 1965/319, arts. 2(1), 10(1), Sch. 1 Pt. I and 1970/1681, arts. 2, 6(3)
- F2** [S. 1\(1\)\(b\)](#) and the proviso repealed so far as they extend to Scotland by [S.I. 1986/672](#), arts. 2, 3(1), **Sch. 1**
- F3** [S. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#) repealed by [Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1955 \(c. 13\)](#), **s. 1(1)**
- F4** [S. 1\(5\)](#) substituted by [Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1971 \(c. 49\)](#), **s. 1**
- F5** [S. 1\(6\)](#) repealed by [Water Act 1973 \(c. 37\)](#), **Sch. 9**
- F6** [S. 1\(7\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1975 \(c. 10\)](#), **Sch. Pt. VIII**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** [S. 1](#) amended by [Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1955 \(c. 13\)](#), **s. 1(1)(2)**: [Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1955 \(c. 13\)](#) repealed (E.W.) by [Water Consolidation \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1991 \(c. 60, SIF 130\)](#), s. 3, **Sch. 3 Pt. I** (with s. 2, Sch. 2 paras. 10, 14(1), 15)

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Textual Amendments

- F7** [S. 2](#) repealed by [Water Act 1973 \(c. 37\)](#), **Sch. 9**

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Textual Amendments

- F8** [S. 3](#) repealed by [Water Act 1945 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 62, **Sch. 5** and [Water \(Scotland\) Act 1946 \(c. 42\)](#), **Sch. 5**

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Textual Amendments

- F9** [S. 4](#) repealed by [Water Act 1973 \(c. 37\)](#), **Sch. 9**

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Textual Amendments

F10 S. 5 repealed by [Water Act 1945 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 62, [Sch. 5](#)

6 **Sewerage, sewage disposal and water supply expenses to be general expenses.**

^{F11} all expenses incurred (whether before or after the passing of this Act) by a [^{F12}district council] in connection with sewers or sewage disposal works or a supply of water shall, in so far as they fall to be defrayed out of rates made in respect of periods beginning after the end of March, nineteen hundred and forty-five, be general expenses.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words repealed by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 30](#)

F12 Words substituted by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 24](#)

7 **Application to Scotland.**

This Act shall apply to Scotland subject to the following modifications:—

(1) for any reference to [^{F13}the Secretary of State] there shall be substituted a reference to the Secretary of State;

(2) in the application of section one—

for subsections (5) and (6) the following subsections shall be respectively substituted:

“[(5)Any contributions made under this section shall be defrayed out of money provided by Parliament,]

(6) Local authorities for the purposes of this section shall be—

- (a) the council of any [^{F14}region or islands area];
- (b) a combination of any such councils whether constituted under the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897, or otherwise for the purposes . . . ^{F15} of works in regard to sewerage;
- (c) any board or any trustees or other body constituted under a local Act for the purposes . . . ^{F15} of sewerage;”

(3) ^{F16}

(4) sections two, four, five and six shall not apply.

Textual Amendments

F13 Reference to the Secretary of State substituted for reference to the Minister of Health by virtue of [S.I. 1951/142](#) (1951 I, p. 1348), arts. 3, 5(2), [Sch. Pt. I, 1951/1900](#) (1951 I, p. 1347), art. 1, (W.) 1965/319, arts. 2(1), 10(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) and 1970/1681, arts. 2, 6(3)

F14 Words substituted by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 2](#)

F15 Words repealed by [Water \(Scotland\) Act 1967 \(c. 78\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. II](#)

F16 [S. 7\(3\)](#) repealed by [Water \(Scotland\) Act 1946 \(c. 42\)](#), [Sch. 5](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 S. 7 amended by [Water \(Scotland\) Act 1967 \(c. 78\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 14](#)

8 Short title, extent and repeals.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1944.
- (2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.
- (3)^{F17}

The repeal of provisions of the Public Health Act 1936, shall not affect any expenses in so far as they are defrayed out of rates made in respect of periods ending before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-five.

Textual Amendments

F17 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1950 \(c. 6\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

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F18 Sch. repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6), **Sch. 1**

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