



Immigration Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 14

An Act to make further provision for the regulation of immigration into the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes. [10th May 1988]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act amended (2.10.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 65(1); S.I. 2000/2444, art. 2, Sch. 1
Act modified (1.9.2001) by 2001 c. 17, s. 32(7) (with ss. 27(3), 39, 78); S.I. 2001/2161, art. 2
- C2** Act extended in part (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (13.3.2008 for specified purposes, 1.5.2008 in so far as not already in force) by Immigration (Isle of Man) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/680), art. 10, Sch. 4 (with art. 5, Sch. 2) (as amended: (14.3.2019) by S.I. 2019/562, arts. 1, 5, 12); (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2020/1576, art. 9; and (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2020/1214, arts. 1, 7)
- C3** Act extended in part (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(1) of the amending S.I.) by The Immigration (Jersey) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/1281), art. 4, Sch. 2, Sch. 2A (with art. 16)
- C4** Act: power to amend conferred (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 28.6.2022 in so far as not already in force) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), ss. 82, 87(1)(4)(i); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 29

Commencement Information

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 12(3)

Changes to legislation:

Immigration Act 1988, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 October 2023. 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.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/745 reg. 8\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 8 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of [S.I. 2020/1309](#), regs. 1(2)(a), 48)