



British Telecommunications Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 38

PART I

NEW CORPORATION FOR THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION AND DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

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- (1) There shall be established a public corporation to be called British Telecommunications (in this Act referred to as " the Corporation ").
- (2) The Corporation shall have such powers and duties as are conferred and imposed on it by or by virtue of the following provisions of this Part; so however that, until such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint (in this Act referred to as " the appointed day "), the purpose for which the Corporation's powers are exercised shall be restricted to the preparation for the taking over by it of functions theretofore discharged by the Post Office.
- (3) The Corporation shall consist of a chairman and of other members, who may be full-time or part time.
- (4) The number of the other members of the Corporation shall not exceed twelve nor fall short of—
 - (a) three, as regards the period beginning with the day on which this Act is passed and ending with the day immediately preceding the appointed day; and
 - (b) six, after the expiration of that period.
- (5) The chairman of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Secretary of State, and the other members of the Corporation shall be appointed by the Secretary of State after consultation with the chairman.
- (6) Schedule 1 shall have effect as respects the Corporation and the members thereof.