



British Telecommunications Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 38

PART I

NEW CORPORATION FOR THE PROVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATION AND DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

The Corporation

1 The Corporation.

- F1(1)
- F2(2)
- F1(3)
- F1(4)
- F1(5)
- F1(6)

Textual Amendments

- F1 S. 1(1)(3)-(6) repealed (6.9.1994) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), ss. 109(6), 110(4), [Sch. 7 Pt. III](#); S.I. 1994/2162
- F2 S. 1(2) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

Powers and duties of the Corporation

2 F3

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 2 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

3 **F4**

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 3 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

4, 5. **F5**

Textual Amendments

F5 Ss. 4, 5, 6(1) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

Powers of the Secretary of State over the Corporation

6 General control and supervision by the Secretary of State.

- (1) **F6**
- (2) **F7**
- (3) **F8**
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- (12) **F11**
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Textual Amendments

- F6** Ss. 4, 5, 6(1) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
- F7** S. 6(2) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**
- F8** S. 6(3) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
- F9** S. 6(4)(5) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**
- F10** Ss. 6(6)–(11) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
- F11** S. 6(12) repealed (with saving) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, Sch. 5 para. 40(1), **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
- F12** Ss. 6(13), 7, 8. repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

7, 8. **F13**

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Textual Amendments

F13 Ss. 6(13), 7, 8. repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

Users' Councils

9 **F14**

Textual Amendments

F14 S. 9 repealed and superseded by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), ss. 49(4), 54, 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

Transfers of property, rights and liabilities

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- (1) Before the appointed day the Post Office shall take steps to separate from the remainder of its undertaking the part thereof concerned with the provision of telecommunication and data processing services (that is to say, the part thereof which is under the management and control of the deputy chairman who has special responsibility for telecommunication and data processing services).
- (2) Subject to the following provisions of this section, on the appointed day there shall be transferred from the Post Office to, and by virtue of this Act vested in, the Corporation all the property, rights and liabilities which, immediately before that day, were comprised in the part of the Post Office's undertaking mentioned in subsection (1).
- (3) At any time before the appointed day the Post Office and the Corporation may agree in writing that subsection (2) shall not have effect in relation to any property, rights and liabilities specified in the agreement.
- (4) At any time before the expiration of twelve months beginning with the appointed day the Post Office and the Corporation may agree in writing that, as from such date, not earlier than the appointed day, as may be specified in or determined by or under the agreement and in such circumstances (if any) as may be so specified—
 - (a) there shall be transferred from the Post Office to, and vested in, the Corporation any property, rights and liabilities specified in the agreement; or
 - (b) there shall be transferred from the Corporation to, and vested in, the Post Office any property, rights and liabilities so specified.
- (5) No agreement under subsection (3) or (4) shall have effect in relation to rights and liabilities under a contract of employment unless the employee concerned is a party to the agreement.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7), in the case of any agreement under subsection (4) the property, rights and liabilities in question shall on the date of the coming into force of the agreement be transferred, and by virtue of the agreement vest, in accordance with the agreement.

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- (7) Schedule 2 shall apply to any transfer under subsection (2) or (6) subject, in the case of a transfer under subsection (6), to any reference in that Schedule to a vesting by virtue of this Act being construed as a reference to a vesting by virtue of the agreement in question; and those subsections shall have effect subject to the provisions of that Schedule.
- (8) Any reference in this Act to a transfer by this Act includes a reference to a transfer under subsection (6).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C1 S. 10 modified by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 5 para. 41**

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Textual Amendments
F15 Ss. 11–21 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

Charges and other terms and conditions applicable to services

21 **F16**

Textual Amendments
F16 Ss. 11–21 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

22 **F17**

Textual Amendments
F17 S. 22 repealed (with saving) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 5 para. 13**, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

Limitation of liability

23 **F18**

Textual Amendments
F18 S. 23 repealed (with saving) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 5 para. 14**, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

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Finance

24— General duty of the Corporation as to finance.

27. **F19**

Textual Amendments

F19 Ss. 24–28(1) repealed by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

28 (1) **F20**

(2) **F21**

Textual Amendments

F20 Ss. 24–28(1) repealed by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

F21 S. 28(2)–(4) repealed (with saving) by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), Sch. 5 para. 42, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

29, 30. **F22**

Textual Amendments

F22 Ss. 29, 30 repealed by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

The Corporation’s accounts, and audit thereof

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Textual Amendments

F23 S. 31 repealed (with saving) by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), Sch. 5 para. 40(2), **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

Pensions

32 **F24**

Textual Amendments

F24 Ss. 32, 33(1)(2) repealed by Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12, SIF 96), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

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33 Power of the Secretary of State to make orders about pensions.

- (1) F25
 (3) F26
 (4) F27

Textual Amendments

- F25** Ss. 32, 33(1)(2) repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
F26 S. 33(3) repealed (with saving) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, Sch. 5 para. 43, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
F27 Ss. 33(4)(5), 34 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

34 F28

Textual Amendments

- F28** Ss. 33(4)(5), 34 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. II**

Rating

35 F29

Textual Amendments

- F29** S. 35 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

[^{F30}36 Rating in Scotland.

- (1) In paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the ^{M1}Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 (lands and heritages to which section 6(1) of that Act applies and occupied by the Post Office by certain property used for the purposes of telecommunication services) for the words “the Post Office” there shall be substituted the words “British Telecommunications”.
- (2) This section applies to Scotland only.]

Textual Amendments

- F30** S. 36 repealed (S.) by [Local Government Finance Act 1988 \(c. 41, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 149, **Sch. 13 Pt. IV**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1975 c. 30.

37— F31 52.

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Textual Amendments

F31 Ss. 37–52 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

Miscellaneous

53 **F32**

Textual Amendments

F32 S. 53 repealed (with saving) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, Sch. 5 para. 17, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

54 **F33**

Textual Amendments

F33 S. 54 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

55 **F34**

Textual Amendments

F34 S. 55 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. I](#)

56 **F35**

Textual Amendments

F35 S. 56 repealed (with saving) by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, Sch. 5 para. 44, [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

57 **F36**

Textual Amendments

F36 S. 57 repealed by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109, [Sch. 7 Pt. II](#)

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