



Water Resources Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 57

An Act to consolidate enactments relating to the National Rivers Authority and the matters in relation to which it exercises functions, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission. [25th July 1991]

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: definition applied (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991 \(c. 56, SIF 130\)](#), [s. 219\(1\)](#)
- C2 Act: definition applied (1.12.1991) by [Land Drainage Act 1991 \(c. 59, SIF 73:1\)](#), [s. 72\(1\)](#)
- C3 Act applied (16.3.1992) by [Avon Weir Act 1992 \(c. v\)](#), [s. 12\(1\)](#)
Act excluded (28.7.1995) by [1995 c. 25, s. 7\(6\)](#) (with ss. 115, 117); S.I. 1995/1983, [art. 2](#)
Act modified (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 25, s. 14\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, [art. 3](#)
Act applied (18.12.1996) by [1996 c. 61, s. 2, Sch. 2 para. 9\(8\)\(c\)](#)
Act amended (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 25, s. 120, Sch. 22 para. 128](#) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, [art. 3](#)
- C4 Act: transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by [1999/672, art. 2, Sch. 1](#)
- C5 Act applied (with modifications) (24.3.2005) by [New Forest National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/421\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- C6 Act applied (24.3.2010) by [The South Downs National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/497\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- C7 Act: power to amend conferred (1.10.2010) by [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 28, 49\(3\)](#) (with [s. 49\(1\)\(6\)](#)); S.I. 2010/2169, [art. 4, Sch.](#)
- C8 Act: power to apply conferred (18.1.2011) by [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(c. 29\)](#), [s. 39\(12\)-\(14\)](#), [49\(3\)](#) (with [s. 49\(1\)\(6\)](#)); S.I. 2011/95, [art. 2\(c\)](#)
- C9 Act: power to apply conferred (18.1.2011) by [Flood and Water Management Act 2010 \(c. 29\)](#), [s. 38\(8\)-\(10\)](#), [49\(3\)](#) (with [s. 49\(1\)\(6\)](#)); S.I. 2011/95, [art. 2\(b\)](#)
- C10 Act applied (with modifications) (1.7.2015) by [The National Park Authorities \(England\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/770\)](#), [Sch. 3 para. 5\(2\)](#)

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C11 Act applied in part (Isles of Scilly) (with modifications) (E.W.) (27.3.2020 for specified purposes, otherwise 1.10.2021) by [The Isles of Scilly \(Application of Water Legislation\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/214\)](#), **art. 3**

Commencement Information

I1 Act wholly in force at 1.12.1991 see [s. 225\(2\)](#).

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