



Human Rights Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 42

An Act to give further effect to rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights; to make provision with respect to holders of certain judicial offices who become judges of the European Court of Human Rights; and for connected purposes. [9th November 1998]

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:—

Annotations:

Extent Information

- E1** For the extent of this Act outside the U.K., see [s. 22\(6\)\(7\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: certain functions of the Secretary of State transferred to the Lord Chancellor (26.11.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3500, arts. 3, 4, Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- C2** Act (except ss. 5, 10, 18, 19 and Sch. 4): Functions of the Lord Chancellor transferred to the Secretary of State, and all property, rights and liabilities to which the Lord Chancellor is entitled or subject to in connection with any such function transferred to the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs (19.8.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1887, art. 4, Sch. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to Human Rights Act 1998. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Human Rights Act 1998:

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1059](#) Order transitional provisions for effects of commencing SI 2009/812