



Human Rights Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 42

Legislation

3 Interpretation of legislation.

- (1) So far as it is possible to do so, primary legislation and subordinate legislation must be read and given effect in a way which is compatible with the Convention rights.
- (2) This section—
 - (a) applies to primary legislation and subordinate legislation whenever enacted;
 - (b) does not affect the validity, continuing operation or enforcement of any incompatible primary legislation; and
 - (c) does not affect the validity, continuing operation or enforcement of any incompatible subordinate legislation if (disregarding any possibility of revocation) primary legislation prevents removal of the incompatibility.

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