



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

PART VI

HISTORICAL RECORDS AND RECORDS IN PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OR PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

62 Interpretation of Part VI.

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a record becomes a “historical record” at the end of the period of [^{F1}twenty years] beginning with the year following that in which it was created.
- (2) Where records created at different dates are for administrative purposes kept together in one file or other assembly, all the records in that file or other assembly are to be treated for the purposes of this Part as having been created when the latest of those records was created.
- [^{F2}(2A) Until the end of the period of 10 years beginning with the commencement of paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010, subsection (1) has effect subject to any order made under section 46(2) of that Act.]
- (3) In this Part “year” means a calendar year.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 62(1) substituted (1.1.2013) by [Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 52, [Sch. 7 para. 4\(2\)](#); S.I. 2012/3001, art. 3(1)(b)
- F2** S. 62(2A) inserted (1.1.2013) by [Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 52, [Sch. 7 para. 4\(3\)](#); S.I. 2012/3001, art. 3(1)(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. VI modified (1.1.2013) by [The Freedom of Information \(Definition of Historical Records\) \(Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3029\)](#), arts. 1(1), 2, [Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the
Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 62. (See end of Document for details)

- C2** S. 62(1): saving for the effect of 2010 c. 25, Sch. 7 para. 4(2) (1.1.2013) by [The Freedom of Information \(Definition of Historical Records\) \(Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3029\)](#), arts. 1(1), **3**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 62 wholly in force at 1.1.2005; s. 62 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 87(3); s. 62 in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2005 by [S.I. 2002/1909](#), **art. 2** and otherwise in force at 1.1.2005 by [S.I. 2004/3122](#), **art. 2**

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