



Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 20

PART 3

BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE

Police Force

28 Exercise of powers by civilians

- (1) The following provisions of the Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30) shall apply in relation to the Police Force as they apply in relation to other police forces—
- (a) section 38 (police powers for [^{F1}civilian staff] [^{F2}and volunteers]),
^{F3}(aa)
 - [^{F4}(ab) sections 38B and 38C (police powers for civilian employees under collaboration agreements),]
 - (b) section 39 (police powers for contracted-out staff),
 - (c) section 42 (supplementary),
^{F5}(d)
 - (e) section 46 (offences),
 - (f) section 47 (interpretation), ^{F6}...
 - [^{F7}(fa) Schedule 3B (designations under section 38),
 - (fb) Schedule 3C (designations under section 38: additional powers and duties), and]
 - (g) Schedule 4 (powers exercisable by [^{F8}contracted-out staff]).
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) the provisions specified in that subsection shall have effect with any necessary modifications and, in particular—
- (a) the provisions shall have effect as if a reference to a police force were a reference to the Police Force,
 - (b) the provisions shall have effect as if a reference to the chief officer of police of a police force were a reference to the Chief Constable,

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- (c) the provisions shall have effect as if a reference to a police authority were a reference to the Authority,
- (d) the provisions shall have effect as if a reference to a constable were a reference to a constable of the Police Force,
- ^{F9}(e)
- (f) [^{F10}Schedules 3C and 4] shall have effect as if a reference to the relevant police area or a police area were a reference to—
 - (i) any place in England or Wales where a constable of the Police Force has powers by virtue of section 31(1)(a) to (f) of this Act, and
 - (ii) for a purpose connected to a railway or to anything occurring on or in relation to a railway, any place in England and Wales.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 28(1)(a) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 157\(1\), Sch. 16 para. 324](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F2** Words in s. 28(1)(a) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F3** S. 28(1)(aa) omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F4** S. 28(1)(ab) inserted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 157\(1\), Sch. 13 para. 6](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F5** S. 28(1)(d) omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F6** Word in s. 28(1) omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(2\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F7** S. 28(1)(fa)(fb) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(2\)\(e\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F8** Words in s. 28(1)(g) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(2\)\(f\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F9** S. 28(2)(e) omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F10** Words in s. 28(2)(f) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), s. 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\), Sch. 12 para. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 28 in force at 1.7.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1572, art. 3\(k\)](#)

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- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2024/414 art. 5Sch. 1 para. 14](#)