



Water Act 2003

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- 1 In this Schedule— “transfer” means— a transfer of functions under...

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- 4 A transfer scheme may include such supplementary, incidental, transitional and...

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Modification of transfer scheme after appointed day

- 5 (1) If, after the day appointed by a transfer scheme,...

Effect of transfers

- 6 (1) Anything done by the transferor for the purpose of...
7 There may be continued by or in relation to the...
8 The transferee shall be substituted for the transferor in any...

Continuity of employment, etc of transferred employees

- 9 Where a person employed in the civil service of the...

SCHEDULE 4 — Licensing of water suppliers

- 1 The WIA is amended as follows.
2 After Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the WIA there...
3 After Chapter 2 of Part 3 of the WIA there...
4 (1) The Water Services Regulation Authority (“the Authority”) may, in...

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Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)

- 1 The WRA is amended as follows.
2 In section 34 (regulations with respect to applications under Chapter...
3 In section 40 (obligations to take river flow etc into...
4 In section 51 (modification of licence on application of licence...
5 In section 57 (emergency variation of licences for spray irrigation...
6 In section 61 (compensation for licence modified on direction of...
7 In section 66 (inland waters owned or managed by British...
8 (1) Section 67 (ecclesiastical property) is amended as follows.
9 In section 71 (modification of local enactments), in subsection (4),...
10 In section 125 (specific exemptions from water resources charges),
subsection...
11 In section 206 (making of false statements etc), in subsection...
12 In section 217 (criminal liabilities of directors and other third...
13 In section 222 (Crown application), as substituted by paragraph 2(4)...
14 For Schedule 6 (which relates to the making of orders...

Environment Act 1995 (c. 25)

- 15 (1) The Environment Act 1995 is amended as follows.
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Public Records Act 1958 (c. 51)

- 16 In Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (definition...

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Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (c. 67)

- 17 In the Schedule to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings)...

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c. 13)

- 18 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967
(departments...

Superannuation Act 1972 (c. 11)

- 19 In Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972, in the...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

- 20 (1) Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act...

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

- 21 (1) Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act...

Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74)

- 22 In Part 2 of Schedule 1A to the Race Relations...

Telecommunications Act 1984 (c. 12)

- 23 In the Telecommunications Act 1984, in section 101 (restriction on...

Airports Act 1986 (c. 31)

- 24 In the Airports Act 1986, in section 74 (restriction on...

Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 (c. 46)

- 25 In section 9E of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986...

Water Act 1989 (c. 15)

- 26 (1) The Water Act 1989 is amended as follows.

Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)

- 27 (1) The WIA is amended as follows.

Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)

- 28 (1) The WRA is amended as follows.

Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 (c. 60)

- 29 (1) The Water Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1991 is
amended...

Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992 (c. 43)

- 30 Section 50 of the Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992...

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Coal Industry Act 1994 (c. 21)

31 In section 59 (information to be kept confidential by the...

Competition Act 1998 (c. 41)

32 (1) The Competition Act 1998 is amended as follows.

Postal Services Act 2000 (c. 26)

33 In Schedule 7 to the Postal Services Act 2000 (disclosure...

Utilities Act 2000 (c. 27)

34 In section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000 (general restrictions...

Transport Act 2000 (c. 38)

35 In Schedule 9 to the Transport Act 2000 (air traffic:...

Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40)

36 (1) The Enterprise Act 2002 is amended as follows.

Part 3 — MISCELLANEOUS

Metropolis Water Act 1852 (c. 84)

37 Section 1 of the Metropolis Water Act 1852 (restriction on...

Reservoirs Act 1975 (c. 23)

38 In Schedule 1 to the Reservoirs Act 1975 (index of...

Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)

39 (1) The WIA is amended as follows.

Land Drainage Act 1991 (c. 59)

40 (1) The Land Drainage Act 1991 is amended as follows....

Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17)

41 In Schedule 1 to the Health Authorities Act 1995 (amendment...

Environment Act 1995 (c. 25)

42 In section 101 of the Environment Act 1995 (grants in...

SCHEDULE 8 — Minor and consequential amendments: licensing of water suppliers etc

Water Act 1989 (c. 15)

1 (1) Section 174 of the Water Act 1989 (general restrictions...

Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)

2 The WIA is amended as follows.

3 In section 6 (appointment of relevant undertakers), after subsection (5)...

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- 4 (1) Section 18 (orders for securing compliance) is amended as...
- 5 (1) Section 19 (exceptions to duty to enforce) is amended...
- 6 (1) Section 20 (procedure for enforcement orders) is amended as...
- 7 In section 22 (effect of enforcement order), in subsection (3),...
- 8 (1) Section 23 (meaning and effect of special administration order)...
- 9 (1) Section 24 (special administration orders made on special petitions)...
- 10 In section 25 (power to make special administration order on...
- 11 In section 26 (restrictions on voluntary winding up and insolvency...
- 12 (1) Section 27 (general duty of Authority to keep matters...
- 13 (1) Section 39A (information to be given to customers about...
- 14 (1) Section 43 (calculation of payments to undertaker in respect...
- 15 (1) Section 52 (the domestic supply duty) is amended as...
- 16 (1) Section 55 (supplies for non-domestic purposes) is amended as...
- 17 After section 63 there is inserted— Supply by licensed water...
- 18 (1) Section 68 (water quality) is amended as follows.
- 19 (1) Section 69 (regulations for preserving water quality) is amended...
- 20 (1) Section 70 (offence of supplying water unfit for human...
- 21 In section 72 (contamination of water sources), in subsection (5),...
- 22 In section 73 (offences of contaminating water etc), in subsection...
- 23 In section 74 (regulations for preventing contamination etc), in subsection...
- 24 (1) Section 75 (power to prevent damage etc) is amended...
- 25 In section 76 (temporary hosepipe bans), in subsection (1), after...
- 26 (1) Section 78 (local authority functions in relation to undertaker's...
- 27 (1) Section 86 (enforcement of water quality) is amended as...
- 28 In section 93(1) (interpretation of Part 3), in the definition...
- 29 In section 93A (duty to promote the efficient use of...
- 30 (1) Section 93B (power to impose requirements in connection with...
- 31 (1) Section 93C (publicity) is amended as follows.
- 32 (1) Section 93D (information as to compliance) is amended as...
- 33 In section 148 (restriction on charging for metering works), in...
- 34 In section 150 (fixing maximum charges for services provided with...
- 35 In section 152 (grants for national security purposes), in subsection...
- 36 In section 158 (powers to lay pipes in streets), in...
- 37 (1) Section 162 (works in connection with metering) is amended...
- 38 In section 163 (power to fit stopcocks), in subsection (1),...
- 39 (1) Section 174 (offences of interference with works) is amended...
- 40 (1) Section 175 (offence of tampering with meter) is amended...
- 41 (1) Section 179 (vesting of works in undertaker) is amended...
- 42 (1) Section 195 (maintenance of register for the purposes of...
- 43 (1) Section 201 (publication of information and advice) is amended...
- 44 (1) Section 202 (duty to furnish the Secretary of State...
- 45 (1) Section 203 (power to acquire information for enforcement purposes)...
- 46 (1) Section 205 (exchange of metering information) is amended as...
- 47 (1) Section 206 (restriction on disclosure of information) is amended...
- 48 (1) Section 208 (directions in the interests of national security)...
- 49 (1) Section 213 (power to make regulations) is amended as...
- 50 (1) Section 219 (general interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 51 (1) Schedule 2 (transitional provision on termination of appointments) is...
- 52 (1) Schedule 3 (special administration orders) is amended as follows....

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 40 repealed by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 132](#)
- s. 52(3)(a) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 52(3)(b) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 52(3)(c) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 58(2) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 134\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 58(2) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 134\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 58(6) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 134\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 58(6) words substituted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 134\(3\)\(b\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 52(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(3\)](#)