



# Water Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 37

### PART 4

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

#### 105 Interpretation, commencement, short title, and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Water Act 2003.
- (2) In this Act—
  - (a) the “WIA” means the Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56),
  - (b) the “WRA” means the Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57),
  - [<sup>F1</sup>(ba) “the appropriate agency” has the meaning given by section 221 of the WRA,]
  - (c) “the Assembly” means the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) Apart from this section and sections 102 to 104, this Act comes into force on such day as the appropriate authority may by order appoint.
- (4) Different days may be appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.
- (5) Except as stated in subsection (6), the appropriate authority for the purposes of subsection (3) is the Secretary of State after consulting the Assembly.
- (6) In relation to the sections and Schedules listed in the first column of this table, the appropriate authority is as listed in the second column—

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<i>Section or Schedule</i>	<i>Appropriate authority</i>
Section 73	The Secretary of State.
Section 67	The Assembly after consulting the Secretary of State.
Sections 58, 69, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81 and 86	The Secretary of State, in relation to England; the Assembly, in relation to Wales.

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Section 101 and Schedules 7, 8 and 9	As respects any amendment or repeal consequential on a provision referred to above in this table, the same appropriate authority as listed in respect of the provision in question; otherwise, the Secretary of State after consulting the Assembly.
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- (7) Subject to the following provisions of this section, this Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (8) Section 36 and Schedule 3 extend also to Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (9) The following provisions extend also to Scotland—
- (a) section 53(1) and (2),
  - (b) sections 66 and 68,
  - (c) section 73,
  - (d) section 74(1),
  - (e) section 76,
  - (f) section 85(3),
  - (g) section 103(1), (2), (7) and (8),
  - (h) section 104.
- (10) Section 58(10) extends to Scotland only.
- (11) Any amendment or repeal of a provision of the WRA made by this Act has the same extent as the provision being amended or repealed.
- (12) Sections 3, 4, 10 and 27 have the same extent as they would have if they were contained in the WRA, and section 224 of the WRA (application to Isles of Scilly) applies in relation to those sections as it applies to the WRA.
- (13) Any amendment or repeal made by Schedule 7 or 8 has the same extent as the enactment being amended or repealed.
- (14) Any repeal contained in Schedule 9 has the same extent as the provision elsewhere in this Act which provides for the repeal.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** [S. 105\(2\)\(ba\)](#) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013](#) (No. 755), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 424](#) (with Sch. 7)

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**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\(3\)](#)