

Mental Capacity Act 2005

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18 (1) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) apply where an instrument which...

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19 (1) If— (a) an instrument framed in a form prescribed... Part 7 — JOINT AND JOINT AND SEVERAL ATTORNEYS

Application to joint and joint and several attorneys

20 (1) An instrument which appoints more than one person to...

Joint attorneys

21 (1) In paragraph 2(5), the reference to the time when...

Joint and several attorneys

- 22 (1) In paragraph 2(7), the reference to the bankruptcy of... Part 8 — INTERPRETATION
- 23 (1) In this Schedule— "enduring power" is to be construed...

SCHEDULE 5 — Transitional provisions and savings Part 1 — REPEAL OF PART 7 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

Existing receivers

1 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the commencement day,...

Orders, appointments etc.

2 (1) Any order or appointment made, direction or authority given...

Pending proceedings

3 (1) Any application for the exercise of a power under...

Appeals

4 (1) Part 7 of the Mental Health Act and the...

Fees

5 All fees and other payments which, having become due, have...

Court records

6 (1) The records of the former Court of Protection are...

Existing charges

7 This Act does not affect the operation in relation to...

Preservation of interests on disposal of property

8 Paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 2 applies in relation to any...

Accounts

9 Court of Protection Rules may provide that, in a case...

Interpretation

In this Part of this Schedule— (a) "the commencement day"...
 Part 2 — REPEAL OF THE ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY ACT 1985

Orders, determinations, etc.

11 (1) Any order or determination made, or other thing done,...

Pending proceedings

12 (1) An application for the exercise of a power under...

Appeals

13 (1) The 1985 Act and, so far as relevant, the...

Exercise of powers of donor as trustee

14 (1) Section 2(8) of the 1985 Act (which prevents a...

Interpretation

15	In this Part of this Schedule, "the commencement day" means
SCHEDULE 6 — Minor and consequential amendments	
1	<i>Fines and Recoveries Act 1833 (c. 74)</i> (1) The Fines and Recoveries Act 1833 (c. 74) is
2	Improvement of Land Act 1864 (c. 114) In section 68 of the Improvement of Land Act 1864
3	<i>Trustee Act 1925 (c. 19)</i> (1) The Trustee Act 1925 (c. 19) is amended as
4	<i>Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20)</i> (1) The Law of Property Act 1925 (c. 20) is
5	Administration of Estates Act 1925 (c. 23) (1) The Administration of Estates Act 1925 (c. 23) is
6	National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29) In section 49 of the National Assistance Act 1948 (c
7	U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act 1949 (c. 45) In section 1 of the U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act
8	Intestates' Estates Act 1952 (c. 64) In Schedule 2 to the Intestates' Estates Act 1952 (c
9	Variation of Trusts Act 1958 (c. 53) In section 1 of the Variation of Trusts Act 1958
10	Administration of Justice Act 1960 (c. 65) In section 12(1)(b) of the Administration of Justice Act 1960
11	Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 (c. 12) In section 26 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act
12	Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (c. 56) In Schedule 1 to the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (c
13	Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (c. 88) (1) For section 26(2) of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967

Medicines Act 1968 (c. 67) 14 In section 72 of the Medicines Act 1968 (c. 67)... Family Law Reform Act 1969 (c. 46) 15 For section 21(4) of the Family Law Reform Act 1969... Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (c. 42) 16 (1) Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act... Courts Act 1971 (c. 23) In Part 1A of Schedule 2 to the Courts Act... 17 Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) 18 (1) Omit section 118 of the Local Government Act 1972... Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18) 19 In section 40 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c.... Juries Act 1974 (c. 23) 20 In Schedule 1 to the Juries Act 1974 (c. 23)... Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39) For section 37(1)(c) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c.... 21 Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47) (1) The Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47) is amended as... 22 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c. 57) In section 31 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 23 Act... Sale of Goods Act 1979 (c. 54) 24 In section 3(2) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979... Limitation Act 1980 (c. 58) In section 38 of the Limitation Act 1980 (c. 58)... 25 Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c. 14) 26 In section 57(2)(c) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981... Judicial Pensions Act 1981 (c. 20) 27 In Schedule 1 to the Judicial Pensions Act 1981 (c.... Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54)

28 In Schedule 2 to the Supreme Court Act 1981 (c....

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29	(1) The Mental Health Act is amended as follows.
	Administration of Justice Act 1985 (c. 61)
30	In section 18(3) of the Administration of Justice Act 1985
	Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45)
31	(1) The Insolvency Act 1986 (c. 45) is amended as
	Building Societies Act 1986 (c. 53)
32	In section 102D(9) of the Building Societies Act 1986 (c
	Public Trustee and Administration of Funds Act 1986 (c. 57)
33	In section 3 of the Public Trustee and Administration of
	Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 (No.3)
34	(1) The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 (No. 3) is amended
	Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)
35	(1) The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)
	Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)
36	In section 50 of the Child Support Act 1991 (c
	Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)
37	In section 123 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992
	Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (c. 8)
38	(1) The Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (c. 8)
	Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c. 28)
39	(1) For paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Leasehold
	Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 (c. 23)
40	(1) The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 (c
	Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50)
41	In section 20(7) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c
40	Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (c. 47)
42	(1) The Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act
	Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42)

43 In section 4(5) of the Human Rights Act 1998 (c....

Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22)

44 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Access to...

Adoption and Children Act 2002 (c. 38)

45 In section 52(1)(a) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002...

Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17)

46 (1) The Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17) is amended as...

Courts Act 2003 (c. 39)

47 (1) The Courts Act 2003 (c. 39) is amended as...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/04/2013.

Changes to legislation:

Mental Capacity Act 2005 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 October 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.