



Local Transport Act 2008

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- 6 (1) Section 180 is amended as follows.

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- 7 (1) Section 181 is amended as follows.

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- 8 (1) Schedule 12 is amended as follows.

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1 Schedule 10 to the TA 2000 (competition test for exercise...

Test for the exercise of functions by local authorities

- 2 For the italic heading preceding paragraph 1 substitute— “ Part...
- 3 (1) Paragraph 1 (functions to which Schedule 10 applies) is...
- 4 (1) Paragraph 2 (competition test) is amended as follows.
- 5 Omit paragraphs 3 and 4.
- 6 In paragraph 5 (investigation by OFT)— (a) for “the OFT”...
- 7 In paragraph 10 (decisions) omit paragraph (a).
- 8 Omit paragraph 11.
- 9 In paragraph 12(1) (enforcement of decision) after “a function to...
- 10 In paragraph 13(1) (restriction on disclosure of information) after “its...
- 11 In paragraph 14 (offence of disclosing information) after “its functions...
- 12 After paragraph 14 insert— Advice and information (1) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the passing...
- 13 In paragraph 15 (defamation)— (a) after “or notice given” insert...
- 14 (1) Paragraph 16 (fees) is amended as follows.

New test for certain agreements, decisions and practices

- 15 After paragraph 16 insert— Part 2 Test for certain agreements,...

Schedule heading

- 16 In consequence of the amendments made by this Schedule, the...

SCHEDULE 3 — Detention of certain PSVs used without PSV operators' licences The Schedule that is to be inserted as Schedule 2A...

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- 1 The TA 1968 is amended as follows.
- 2 (1) Section 9 (Passenger Transport Areas, Authorities and Executives) is...
- 3 (1) Section 9A (general functions of Passenger Transport Authorities and...
- 4 In section 10 (general powers of Executive), in each of...
- 5 In section 12(1) (borrowing powers of Executive) after “the Executive...
- 6 In section 14(1) (accounts of Executive) after “The Executive for”...
- 7 In section 15 (further functions of Authority), in subsections (1)...
- 8 In section 16(1) (publication of annual report by Authority and...
- 9 In section 20(2) (special duty of Executives with respect to...
- 10 In section 23 (consents of, or directions by, Minister under...
- 11 In consequence of the amendments made by this Part—
- 12 (1) Section 56 (assistance towards capital expenditure on public transport...
- 13 In section 134(1) (duty to act in certain cases as...
- 14 (1) Section 137 (machinery for negotiation and consultation with staff)...
- 15 In section 141(1) (application of Town and Country Planning Acts)...
- 16 In section 160(5) (stamp duty) after “any area which is”...

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- 17 (1) Schedule 5 (Passenger Transport Authorities and Executives) is amended...
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- 18 The TA 1985 is amended as follows.
- 19 In consequence of the amendments made by this Part—
- 20 (1) In section 63(9)(b) (functions of local councils with respect...
- 21 In section 64(1) (consultation with respect to policies as to...
- 22 (1) Section 72 (the public transport companies and their controlling...
- 23 In section 73(5) (control over constitution and activities of public...
- 24 In section 74(2) (disabilities of directors of public transport companies)
- ...
- 25 (1) Section 75 (powers of investment and disposal in relation...
- 26 (1) Section 79 (financial backing for public transport companies) is...
- 27 (1) In section 80 (duty not to inhibit competition) at...
- 28 (1) Section 81 (provision, maintenance and operation of bus stations)...
- 29 In section 84(1)(a) (compensation for loss of employment, etc, on...
- 30 (1) Section 85 (incorporation of Passenger Transport Executives into Authorities)...
- 31 In section 86(1) (amendments consequential on orders under section 85)...
- 32 (1) Section 93 (travel concession schemes) is amended as follows....
- 33 In section 95(4) (publicity requirements for schemes) after “under section...
- 34 In section 96(3) (right of service operators to participate in...
- 35 In section 97(10) (compulsory participation in concession schemes) after “the...
- 36 (1) Section 104 (travel concessions on services provided by PTEs)...
- 37 In section 106(4)(a) (grants for transport facilities and services) after...
- 38 In section 130(3) (capital gains tax) after “from a Passenger...
- 39 In consequence of the amendments made by this Part, in...
- 40 In section 137(5) (interpretation of references to Authorities, etc)—
- Part 3 — AMENDMENTS OF THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000
- 41 The TA 2000 is amended as follows.
- 42 In section 108(4) (meaning of “local transport authority” for purposes...
- 43 (1) Section 124 (quality contracts schemes) is amended as follows....
- 44 In section 146 (mandatory concessions: supplementary), in paragraph (c) of...
- 45 (1) In section 157(1) (grants) for “the Passenger Transport Authority...
- 46 (1) Section 162 (interpretation of Part 2) is amended as...
- 47 In section 198(2) (interpretation of certain references to authority's local...
- Part 4 — OTHER AMENDMENTS

Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)

- 48 (1) The Local Government Act 1972 is amended as follows....

Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74)

- 49 (1) The Race Relations Act 1976 is amended as follows....

Transport Act 1983 (c. 10)

- 50 (1) The Transport Act 1983 is amended as follows.

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)

- 51 (1) The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is amended as...

Rates Act 1984 (c. 33)

- 52 (1) The Rates Act 1984 is amended as follows.

Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51)

- 53 (1) The Local Government Act 1985 is amended as follows....

Airports Act 1986 (c. 31)

- 54 (1) The Airports Act 1986 is amended as follows.

Local Government Act 1988 (c. 9)

- 55 (1) The Local Government Act 1988 is amended as follows....

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41)

- 56 (1) The Local Government Finance Act 1988 is amended as...

Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42)

- 57 (1) The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 is amended...

Railways Act 1993 (c. 43)

- 58 (1) The Railways Act 1993 is amended as follows.

Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23)

- 59 (1) The Value Added Tax Act 1994 is amended as...

Education Act 1996 (c. 56)

- 60 (1) The Education Act 1996 is amended as follows.

Audit Commission Act 1998 (c. 18)

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Local Government Act 1999 (c. 27)

- 62 (1) The Local Government Act 1999 is amended as follows....

Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29)

- 63 (1) The Greater London Authority Act 1999 is amended as...

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)

- 64 (1) The Freedom of Information Act 2000 is amended as...

Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30)

- 65 (1) The Police Reform Act 2002 is amended as follows....

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Railways Act 2005 (c. 14)

66 (1) The Railways Act 2005 is amended as follows.

Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 (c. 13)

67 (1) The Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 is amended as...

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28)

68 (1) The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act...

SCHEDULE 5 — ITAs and charging schemes: minor and consequential amendments

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1 Part 3 of the TA 2000 (road user charging and...

Preliminary: power to make schemes does not limit other powers

2 In section 163(6) after “joint local-London charging schemes” insert “and...

Conditions for making trunk road schemes

3 In section 167(2)(b) after “a local traffic authority” insert “,...

Charging schemes to be made by order

4 (1) Section 168 is amended as follows.

Confirmation of charging schemes

5 In section 169(3) after “joint local-London charging scheme” insert “or...

Consultation and inquiries

6 (1) Section 170 is amended as follows.

Traffic signs

7 In section 177(2) after “joint local-London charging scheme” insert “or...

Guidance

8 (1) Section 193 is amended as follows.

Interpretation

9 In section 198(1) insert each of the following definitions at...

Financial provisions

10 Schedule 12 is amended as follows.

11 In paragraph 2(4) (net proceeds) after “local traffic authority” insert...

12 (1) Paragraph 3 (apportionment) is amended as follows.

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- 13 (1) Paragraph 7 (accounts and funds) is amended as follows....
- 14 (1) Paragraph 8 (application of proceeds by non-metropolitan local traffic...
- 15 After paragraph 11 insert— Application of proceeds by Integrated Transport...

SCHEDULE 6 — Amendments of financial provisions relating to schemes

Part 1 — AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULE 12 TO THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000

- 1 Schedule 12 to the TA 2000 (financial provisions relating to...

Application of proceeds by non-metropolitan local traffic authorities

- 2 (1) Paragraph 8 is amended as follows.

Application of proceeds where paragraph 8 does not apply

- 3 Omit paragraph 9.

Plans and programmes for application of proceeds

- 4 (1) Paragraph 10 is amended as follows.

Programme for application of proceeds after end of opening period

- 5 (1) Paragraph 11 is amended as follows.

Application of proceeds by London traffic authorities

- 6 (1) Paragraph 12 is amended as follows.

Application of proceeds by Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers

- 7 (1) Paragraph 13 is amended as follows.

Regulations and orders

- 8 (1) In consequence of the amendments made by paragraphs 3...

Part 2 — AMENDMENTS OF SCHEDULE 23 TO THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999

- 9 Schedule 23 to the GLA Act 1999 (road user charging)...

Application of net proceeds

- 10 (1) Paragraph 16 is amended as follows.
- 11 In paragraph 17, omit sub-paragraphs (1), (2) and (6).

Apportionment of net proceeds

- 12 (1) Paragraph 18 is amended as follows.

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

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- s. 55 repealed by 2010 c. 15, Sch. 27 Pt. 1 (as substituted) by [S.I. 2010/2279 Sch. 2](#) (This repeal in Sch. 27 Pt. 1 was not commenced by S.I. 2010/2317 and is therefore still prospective)
- s. 56 repealed by 2010 c. 15, Sch. 27 Pt. 1 (as substituted) by [S.I. 2010/2279 Sch. 2](#) (This repeal in Sch. 27 Pt. 1 was not commenced by S.I. 2010/2317 and is therefore still prospective)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Local Transport Act 2008

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/579 art. 2](#) commences (2008 c. 26)
- [S.I. 2009/3294 art. 2](#) commences (2008 c. 26)