



# Digital Economy Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 30

### PART 5

#### DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

### CHAPTER 3

#### DEBT OWED TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR

## 55 Interpretation of this Chapter

(1) In this Chapter—

“the appropriate national authority” means the relevant Minister, subject to subsections (2) to (4);

“enactment” includes—

- (a) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (b) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales;
- (c) an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation;
- (d) an enactment contained in subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978;

“functions” means functions of a public nature;

“Northern Ireland body” means—

- (a) a Minister within the meaning of the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
- (b) a Northern Ireland department,
- (c) a Northern Ireland public authority within the meaning of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, or
- (d) a person providing services to a person within paragraph (a), (b) or (c);

“personal information” has the meaning given by section 49(5);

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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“public authority” means—

- (a) a person or body exercising functions of a public nature in the United Kingdom,
- (b) a person or body entirely or substantially funded from public money,
- (c) an office-holder appointed by a person or body falling within paragraph (a), or
- (d) a body more than half of whose governing body or members are appointed by a person or body falling within paragraph (a);

“relevant Minister” means the Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office;

“the Revenue and Customs” has the meaning given by section 17(3) of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005;

“Scottish body” means—

- (a) a person who is a part of the Scottish Administration,
- (b) a Scottish public authority with mixed functions or no reserved functions (within the meaning of the Scotland Act 1998), or
- (c) a person providing services to a person within paragraph (a) or (b);

“specified person” has the meaning given by section 48(4);

“Welsh body” means—

- (a) a devolved Welsh authority as defined by section 157A of the Government of Wales Act 2006, or
- (b) a person providing services to a devolved Welsh authority as defined by that section.

- (2) The Scottish Ministers are the appropriate national authority in relation to regulations under section 48(5) which add, modify or remove an entry relating to a person who is, or a description of persons each of whom is, a Scottish body.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers are the appropriate national authority in relation to regulations under section 48(5) which add, modify or remove an entry relating to a person who is, or a description of persons each of whom is, a Welsh body.
- (4) The Department of Finance in Northern Ireland is the appropriate national authority in relation to regulations under section 48(5) which add, modify or remove an entry relating to a person who is, or a description of persons each of whom is, a Northern Ireland body.