



# Land Drainage Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 70

An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to land drainage. [15th November 1976]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act amended (1.4.1996) by [S.I. 1996/593](#), reg. 2, **Sch. 1**
- C2** The base date version of this Act is as revised to 1.12.1991 and takes into account the effects (if any) on it of consolidating legislation which came into force at that date
- C3** Act extended by [S.I. 1986/208](#) art. 2(1)
- C4** Act modified by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), **ss. 136(7), 137(10)** (with [ss. 58\(7\), 101\(1\), 141\(6\), 160\(1\)\(2\)\(4\), 163, 189\(4\)–\(10\), 190, 193\(1\), Sch. 26 paras. 3\(1\)\(2\), 17, 40\(4\), 57\(6\), 58](#))
- C5** Act amended by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 136, [Sch. 15 para. 1\(4\)](#), **Sch. 26 para. 38** (with [ss. 58\(7\), 101\(1\), 141\(6\), 160\(1\)\(2\)\(4\), 163, 189\(4\)–\(10\), 190, 193\(1\), Sch. 26 paras. 3\(1\)\(2\), 17, 40\(4\), 57\(6\), 58](#))
- C6** Certain functions of a Minister of the Crown under any provisions of this Act transferred (1.9.1989) by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 136, **Sch. 15 para. 1(2)** (with [ss. 58\(7\), 101\(1\), 141\(6\), 160\(1\)\(2\)\(4\), 189\(4\)–\(10\), 190, 193\(1\), Sch. 26 paras. 3\(1\)\(2\), 17, 40\(4\), 57\(6\), 58](#))
- C7** By [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 136, **Sch. 15 para. 1(1)** (with [ss. 58\(7\), 101\(1\), 141\(6\), 160\(1\)\(2\)\(4\), 189\(4\)–\(4\), 193\(1\), Sch. 26 paras. 3\(1\)\(2\), 17, 40\(4\), 57\(6\), 58](#)) it is provided that, subject as mentioned therein, (a) for any reference in this Act (however framed) to any one or more water authorities there shall be substituted a reference to the National Rivers Authority; (b) for any reference in this Act to a regional land drainage committee there shall be substituted a reference to a regional flood defence committee; (c) for any reference in this Act to a local land drainage scheme there shall be substituted a reference to a local flood defence scheme; (d) for any reference in this Act to a local land drainage committee there shall be substituted a reference to a local flood defence committee; and (e) for any reference in this Act to a local land drainage district there shall be substituted a reference to a local flood defence district.
- C8** Functions of water authorities by virtue of any scheme or order made under this Act transferred subject to the provisions of this Act by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), s. 136, **Sch. 15 para. 1(3)** (with [ss. 58\(7\), 101\(1\), 141\(6\), 160\(1\)\(2\)\(4\), 189\(4\)–\(10\), 190, 193\(1\), Sch. 26 paras. 3\(1\)\(2\), 17, 40\(4\), 57\(6\), 58](#))
- C9** Act saved by [S.I. 1991/1619](#), **art. 12** (with [art. 8](#))
- C10** Definition of "watercourse" in this Act applied (26.7.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1760](#), **art. 2(1)**  
Definition of "watercourse" in this Act applied (28.9.1991) by [S.I. 1991/2210](#), **art. 10(1)**

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** Act not in force at Royal Assent but wholly in force at 17.1.1977 (being the appointed day for the coming into force of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Act 1976, see [s. 118\(2\)](#))

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