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# Immigration Act 1971

## **CHAPTER 77**

# **IMMIGRATION ACT 1971**

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## Immigration officers and medical inspectors

1 (1) Immigration officers for the purposes of this Act shall...

Examination by immigration officers, and medical examination

2 (1) An immigration officer may examine any persons who have...

Examination of persons who arrive with continuing leave

- 2A (1) This paragraph applies to a person who has arrived...
  - 3 (1) An immigration officer or designated person may examine any...

# Information and documents

- 4 (1) It shall be the duty of any person examined...
- 5 The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory...

## Designated persons

5A (1) In this Schedule "designated person" means a...

Directions to carriers and operators of ports etc

5B (1) The Secretary of State may direct—

Notice of leave to enter or of refusal of leave

6 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, where a person examined...

Power to require medical examination after entry

7 (1) This paragraph applies if an immigration officer examining a...

Removal of persons refused leave to enter and illegal entrants

- 8 (1) Where a person arriving in the United Kingdom is...
- 9 (1) Where an illegal entrant is not given leave to...
- 10 (1) Where it appears to the Secretary of State either—...
- 10A Where directions are given in respect of a person under...
  - 11 A person in respect of whom directions are given under...

# Seamen and aircrews

- 12 (1) If, on a person's examination by an immigration officer...
- 13 (1) Where a person being a member of the crew...
- 14 (1) Where it appears to the Secretary of State that...
- 15 A person in respect of whom directions are given under...

Search of premises in connection with removal

15A (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) an immigration officer is...

# Detention of persons liable to examination or removal

- 16 (1) A person who may be required to submit to...
- 17 (1) A person liable to be detained under paragraph 16...
- 18 (1) Persons may be detained under paragraph 16 above in...
- 18A (1) An immigration officer or constable may search a person...

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18B 19	<ol> <li>Where a person detained under paragraph 16(2) is an</li> <li>Where a person is refused leave to enter the</li> </ol>	
20	(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, in either	
	Temporary admission or release of persons liable to detention	
21	(1) A person liable to detention or detained under paragraph	
22 23 24 25	<ul> <li>(1) Where a recognizance entered into under paragraph 22 above</li> <li>(1) An immigration officer or constable may arrest without warrant</li> <li>(1) Tribunal Procedure Rules must make provision with respect to</li> </ul>	
	Entry and search of premises	
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	Searching persons arrested by immigration officers	
25B	(1) This paragraph applies if a person is arrested under	
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	Searching persons for driving licences	
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	Seizure and retention of driving licence	
25CC	(1) If an authorised officer who is exercising a power	
Access and copying		
25D 25E	(1) If a person showing himself— (a) to be the Section 28L applies for the purposes of this Schedule as	
Supplementary duties of those connected with ships or aircraft or with ports		
26 27	<ul><li>(1) The owners or agents of a ship or aircraft</li><li>(1) The captain of a ship or aircraft arriving in</li></ul>	
	Supplementary duties of the Concessionaires	
27A	Administrative Provisions as to Control on Entry	
	Passenger information	
27B 27BA 27BB	<ol> <li>This paragraph applies to ships or aircraft—</li> <li>The Secretary of State may make regulations requiring responsible</li> <li>The Secretary of State may make regulations imposing penalties</li> </ol>	
	Notification of non-EEA arrivals	

27C Administrative Provisions as to Control on Entry

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## Part II — EFFECT OF APPEALS

Stay on directions for removal

28 Administrative Provisions as to Control on Entry

Grant of bail pending appeal

29 (1) Where a person (in the following provisions of this...

Restrictions on grant of bail

30 (1) An appellant shall not be released under paragraph 29...

Forfeiture of recognizances

- 31 (1) Where under paragraph 29 above (as it applies in...
- Where under paragraph 29 above (as it applies in Scotland)...

Arrest of appellants released on bail

- 33 (1) An immigration officer or constable may arrest without warrant...
- 33A (1) Tribunal Procedure Rules must make provision with respect to...

Grant of bail pending removal

SCHEDULE 3 — Supplementary Provisions as to Deportation

Removal of persons liable to deportation

1 (1) Where a deportation order is in force against any...

Detention or control pending deportation

2 (1) Where a recommendation for deportation made by a court...

Effect of appeals

3 So far as they relate to an appeal under section...

Powers of courts pending deportation

- 4 Where the release of a person recommended for deportation is...
- 5 (1) On an application made— (a) by or on behalf...
- 6 (1) In this Schedule "the appropriate court" means,...
- 7 (1) A constable or immigration officer may arrest without warrant...
- 8 (1) A person arrested in England or Wales in pursuance...
- 9 (1) A person arrested in Scotland in pursuance of paragraph...
- 10 Any justice of the peace or court before whom a...

SCHEDULE 4 — Integration with United Kingdom Law of Immigration Law of Islands

Leave to enter

1 (1) Where under the immigration laws of any of the...

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2 Notwithstanding section 3(4) of this Act, leave given to a...

## Deportation

3 (1) This Act has effect in relation to a person...

Relevant person for purposes of paragraph 3

3A (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3, a person is...

# Illegal entrants

4 Notwithstanding anything in section 1(3) of this Act, it shall...

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PART 1 — ENGLAND AND WALES

## Introductory

1 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

2 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power to search and obtain information

3 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power of arrest and seizure

4 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Protective searches of persons

5 (1) A relevant officer may search a person found on...

Search for nationality documents

6 (1) A relevant officer may require a person found on...

#### Assistants

7 (1) A relevant officer may— (a) be accompanied by other...

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## Reasonable force

8 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in...

# Evidence of authority

9 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority...

Protection of relevant officers

10 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or...

## Offences

11 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of... PART 2 — SCOTLAND

## *Introductory*

12 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

13 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power to search and obtain information

14 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power of arrest and seizure

15 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Protective searches of persons

16 (1) The relevant officer may search a person found on...

Search for nationality documents

17 (1) The relevant officer may require a person found on...

#### Assistants

18 (1) A relevant officer may—(a) be accompanied by other...

## Reasonable force

19 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in...

## Evidence of authority

20 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority...

# Protection of relevant officers

21 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or...

## Offences

22 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...

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#### PART 3 — NORTHERN IRELAND

## *Introductory*

23 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

24 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power to search and obtain information

25 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Power of arrest and seizure

26 (1) This paragraph applies if a relevant officer has reasonable...

Protective searches of persons

27 (1) The relevant officer may search a person found on...

Search for nationality documents

28 (1) The relevant officer may require a person found on...

## Assistants

29 (1) A relevant officer may—(a) be accompanied by other...

# Reasonable force

30 A relevant officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in...

# Evidence of authority

31 A relevant officer must produce evidence of the officer's authority...

Protection of relevant officers

32 A relevant officer is not liable in any criminal or...

## Offences

33 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...

SCHEDULE 5 — The Adjudicators and the Tribunal

Part I — THE ADJUDICATORS

- 1 There shall be such number of adjudicators as the Lord...
- 2 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraphAn adjudicator...
- 3 [(1)] The Lord Chancellor shall pay— (a) to the adjudicators,...
- 4 The Adjudicators and the Tribunal
- 5 The adjudicators shall sit at such times and in such...

Part II — THE TRIBUNAL

#### Members

6 The Tribunal shall consist of such number of members as...

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- 7 The president and such number of the other members of...
- 8 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraphA member...
- 9 [(1)]The Lord Chancellor shall pay— (a) to the members of...
- 10 The Adjudicators and the Tribunal

# Proceedings

- 11 For the purpose of hearing and determining appeals under Part...
- 12 Subject to rules of procedure, the Tribunal shall be deemed...
- 13 The Lord Chancellor may appoint members of the Tribunal who...
- 14 The president or, in his absence, the member qualified as...
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- 15 The Lord Chancellor may appoint such officers and servants for...
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