



# Interpretation Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 30

An Act to consolidate the Interpretation Act 1889 and certain other enactments relating to the construction and operation of Acts of Parliament and other instruments, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission. [20th July 1978]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act modified (E.W.S.) by Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27, SIF 107:1), s. 144, **Sch. 10 para. 19**
- C2** Act: definition of "subordinate legislation" applied (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 219(1), 223(2)** (with ss. 82(3), 186(1), 222(1), Sch. 13 paras. 1, 2, Sch. 14 para. 6)  
Act: definition of "subordinate legislation" applied (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57, SIF 130), **ss. 221(1), 225(1)**
- C3** Act applied (1.4.1995) by S.R. 1995/71, **arts. 1(1)(a), 2(2)**  
Act applied (with modifications) (27.9.1999) by S.I. 1999/2453, **reg. 3**  
Act applied (1.1.2001) by S.I. 2000/2047, **rule 2(2)**  
Act applied (1.7.2001) by S.I. 2000/2048, **rules 1, 2(2)**; Instrument dated 21.6.2001 made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York  
Act applied (27.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/3057, **Sch. para. 5(2)**  
Act applied (1.6.2004) by The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Practitioners (Disciplinary Committee) (Procedure and Evidence) Rules Order of Council 2004 (S.I. 2004/1680), art. 2, **Sch. rule 2.3**
- C4** Act applied (6.4.2005) by The Armed Forces Pension Scheme Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/438), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. 1** rule A.1(3)
- C5** Act applied in part (1.3.2007) by The Social Security Investigation Powers (Arrangements with Northern Ireland) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/271), reg. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 5**
- C6** Act applied (26.11.2008) by Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30), **ss. 73(1), 149(2)(a)**

### Commencement Information

- I1** Act wholly in force at 1.1.1979, see s. 26

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/12/1991.

**Changes to legislation:**

Interpretation Act 1978, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 January 2024. 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.