

# New Towns Act 1981

## CHAPTER 64

## NEW TOWNS ACT 1981

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- 1 (1) The members of a development corporation (in this Schedule...
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- 3 If the chairman or deputy chairman of the corporation ceases...
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## Acquisitions by development corporations and local highway authorities

- 1 (1) A compulsory purchase order made under this Act by...
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- 3 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below in any...
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- 5 As soon as may be after the order has been...
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- 7 (1) Subject to this paragraph, where a compulsory purchase order...
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- 16 This Part of this Schedule— (a) shall not apply to...

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## Acquisitions by development corporations and local highway authorities

1 An application by a development corporation or local highway authority...

- 2 As soon as may be after submitting the application to...
- 3 (1) If— (a) no objection is duly made by any...
- 4 A compulsory purchase order made on such an application shall...
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9 Part V of Schedule 4 to this Act has effect...

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- 1 (1) Part I of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 as...
- 2 Nothing—(a) in Part I of the Compulsory Purchase Act...
- 3 The acquiring authority shall, without prejudice to any power in...
- 4 (1) If the acquiring authority have, in respect of any...
- 5 Section 30(3) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (service of... Part II

#### Land Compensation Act 1961

6 The Lands Tribunal shall not take into account any interest...

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1 (1) Where statutory undertakers are entitled to compensation as mentioned...

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2 (1) Where statutory undertakers are entitled to compensation in respect...

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3 (1) Where the amount of any such compensation as is...

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- 1 In this Schedule, "the relevant Minister" means-
- 2 Unless the relevant Minister decides apart from the objection not...
- 3 In so far as the relevant Minister, after considering the...
- 4 If— (a) after considering the grounds of the objection as...

- 5 Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4 above, the relevant Minister—...
- 6 (1) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule,...

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1 (1) The members of the Commission, of whom there shall...

Remuneration, pensions, etc., of members

2 (1) The Secretary of State may, out of moneys provided...

## Committees

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Remuneration and expenses of members of committees

4 In the case of any such person as the Secretary...

Quorum, procedure and validity of proceedings of Commission and committees

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- 1 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, where...
- 2 (1) Any such order as aforesaid may, if the appropriate...
- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, on...
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- 5 Additional Provisions as to Transfer ... of Property of Development Corporation
- 6 In this Schedule "enactment" means any Act of Parliament and...

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- 1 Where any period of time specified in or under an...
- 2 (1) Any provision of this Act relating to anything done...

Advances to Commission and to development corporations under previous enactments

- 3 For the purposes of section 58(6) above—
- 4 For the purposes of section 60 above—
- 5 For the purposes of section 60 above—

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6 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of subsections (2) and...

Land Compensation Act 1961

7 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of the New Towns...

## National Loans Act 1968

- 8 Section 24(2) of and Part I of Schedule 6 to...
- 9–10 .....

## Land Compensation Act 1973

11 Nothing in this Act affects the operation of the savings...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

12 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of the New Towns...

Schedule 25 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980

13 (1) Nothing in— (a) paragraphs (a) and (b) of section...

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Licensing Act 1964 c. 26

1 In the Licensing Act 1964— (a) in section 116(1), for...

National Loans Act 1968 c. 13

2 In Schedule 1 to the National Loans Act 1968, in...

New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968 c. 16

3 In the New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968—

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 c. 34

4 In section 13(2) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968,...

Post Office Act 1969 c. 48

5 In paragraph 93(1)(xxv) and (4)(e) of Part II of Schedule...

6 .....

## Land Compensation Act 1973 c. 26

9 In section 51 of the Land Compensation Act 1973—

10	In section 57(2) of the Land Compensation Act 1973, for
11	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Water Act 1973 c. 37
12	In section 15(10) of the Water Act 1973 for "New
13–14	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 c. 24
15	In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of
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	Development of Rural Wales Act 1976 c. 75
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	Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 c. 80
23	In section 5(3)(e) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, for
23	In section 5(5)(c) of the Kent (Agriculture) Act 1970, 101
	Rent Act 1977 c. 42
24	In section 14(e) of the Rent Act 1977, for "New
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	National Health Service Act 1977 c. 49
26	In section 123(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977,
	Housing Act 1980 c. 51
27	In the Housing Act 1980— (a)
	Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 c. 65
28	In the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980—
28 29	In section 133 of the Local Government, Planning and Land
	British Telecommunications Act 1981 c. 38
30	In Part II of Schedule 3 to the British Telecommunications

SCHEDULE 13 — Repeals

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