



Official Secrets Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 6

16 Short title, citation, consequential amendments, repeals, revocation and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Official Secrets Act 1989.
- (2) This Act and the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1939 may be cited together as the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989.
- (3) Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect for making amendments consequential on the provisions of this Act.
- (4) The enactments and Order mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Act are hereby repealed or revoked to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.
- (5) Subject to any Order under subsection (3) of section 15 above the repeals in the Official Secrets Act 1911 and the Official Secrets Act 1920 do not extend to any of the territories mentioned in that subsection.
- (6) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 16\(6\)](#) power of appointment conferred by s. 16(6) fully exercised: 1.3.1990 appointed day by [S.I. 1990/199](#)

Changes to legislation:

Official Secrets Act 1989, Section 16 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 September 2023. 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.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11(4A) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 6\(3\)\(c\)](#)