



Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 33

PART III

BAIL

Bail hearings under other enactments

53 Applications for bail in immigration cases.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make new provision in relation to applications for bail by persons detained under the 1971 Act [^{F1}or under section 62 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002].
- (2) The regulations may confer a right to be released on bail in prescribed circumstances.
- (3) The regulations may, in particular, make provision—
 - (a) creating or transferring jurisdiction to hear an application for bail by a person detained under the 1971 Act [^{F2}or under section 62 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002];
 - (b) as to the places in which such an application may be held;
 - (c) as to the procedure to be followed on, or in connection with, such an application;
 - (d) as to circumstances in which, and conditions (including financial conditions) on which, an applicant may be released on bail;
 - (e) amending or repealing any enactment so far as it relates to such an application.

^{F3}(4)

^{F4}(5)

- (6) Regulations under this section require the approval of the Lord Chancellor.

[^{F5}(6A) In so far as regulations under this section relate to England and Wales, the Lord Chancellor must consult the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales before giving his approval.

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- (6B) In so far as regulations under this section relate to Northern Ireland, the Lord Chancellor must consult the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland [^{F6}and the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland] before giving his approval.]
- (7) In so far as regulations under this section relate to the sheriff or the Court of Session, the Lord Chancellor must obtain the consent of the Scottish Ministers before giving his approval.
- [^{F7}(8) The Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under this section.
- (9) The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland may nominate any of the following to exercise his functions under this section—
- (a) the holder of one of the offices listed in Schedule 1 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002;
 - (b) a Lord Justice of Appeal (as defined in section 88 of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 53(1) added (10.2.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. 62\(13\)\(a\), 162\(1\)](#) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 53(3)(a) added (10.2.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. 62\(13\)\(b\), 162\(1\)](#) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.
- F3** S. 53(4) omitted (15.1.2018) by virtue of [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 10 para. 28](#); S.I. 2017/1241, reg. 2(c) (with Sch.) (as amended by S.I. 2018/31, reg. 2)
- F4** S. 53(5) repealed (10.2.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. 68\(6\)\(b\), 162\(1\)](#), [Sch. 9](#) (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, art. 2, Sch.
- F5** S. 53(6A)(6B) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 4 para. 284\(2\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(x)
- F6** Words in s. 53(6B) inserted (18.10.2012) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2595\)](#), arts. 1(2), [9\(2\)](#) (with arts. 24-28)
- F7** S. 53(8)(9) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 4 para. 284\(3\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(x)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 53(1)-(4)(6)(7) in force at 10.2.2003 by S.I. 2003/2, art. 2, [Sch.](#)

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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. 10(12) inserted by 2023 c. 37 s. 10(6)
- s. 40(1)-(1C) substituted for s. 40(1) by 2022 c. 36 s. 76(2)
- s. 40(4A)(4B) inserted by 2022 c. 36 s. 76(5)
- s. 72(10) repealed by 2004 c. 19 Sch. 4
- s. 94(2A)-(2C) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3(3)
- s. 94(2D) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 7(4)
- s. 94(3)(3A) substituted for s. 94(3) by 2002 c. 41 s. 44(4) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by 2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41)
- s. 94(3A)-(3D) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3(5)
- s. 95A inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 9
- s. 96(1A) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 10(3)
- s. 97(3A)(b)(iv) inserted by 2022 c. 36 s. 13(2)(c)(ii)
- s. 97(8)(9) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 11(4)
- s. 98A inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 13
- s. 98A(5) inserted by 2022 c. 36 s. 13(4)
- s. 103(4)(a) words substituted by 2004 c. 19 s. 10(4)(b)
- s. 103(5)(b) word substituted by S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 183(ii)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by 2004 c. 19 s. 10(5)
- s. 103A(1) heading words substituted by 2004 c. 19 s. 10(5)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 184
- s. 125(2)(ba) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 22(3)(b)
- s. 146(2)(za) inserted by 2016 c. 19 s. 44(9)
- s. 166(5)(ca) substituted for word in s. 166(5)(c) by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24(2)
- s. 166(5A)(5B) inserted by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24(3)
- s. 166(6)(aa) substituted for word in s. 166(6)(a) by 2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24(4)
- Sch. 2 para. 21 modified by 2002 c. 41 s. 23(2)(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(5) modified by 2002 c. 41 s. 23(2)(b)