



Data Protection Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 12

PART 7

SUPPLEMENTARY AND FINAL PROVISION

Rights of the data subject

186 Data subject's rights and other prohibitions and restrictions

- (1) An enactment or rule of law prohibiting or restricting the disclosure of information, or authorising the withholding of information, does not remove or restrict the obligations and rights provided for in the provisions listed in subsection (2), except as provided by or under the provisions listed in subsection (3).
- (2) The provisions providing obligations and rights are—
 - (a) Chapter III of the [F¹UK GDPR] (rights of the data subject),
 - (b) Chapter 3 of Part 3 of this Act (law enforcement processing: rights of the data subject), and
 - (c) Chapter 3 of Part 4 of this Act (intelligence services processing: rights of the data subject).
- (3) The provisions providing exceptions are—
 - (a) in Chapter 2 of Part 2 of this Act, sections 15 and 16 and Schedules 2, 3 and 4,
 - (b) in Chapter 3 of Part 2 of this Act, sections ^{F²}... 24, 25 and 26,
 - (c) in Part 3 of this Act, sections 44(4), 45(4) and 48(3), and
 - (d) in Part 4 of this Act, Chapter 6 .

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 186(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications \(Amendments etc\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/419\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 80\(2\)](#) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F2 Word in s. 186(3)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications \(Amendments etc\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/419\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 80\(3\)](#) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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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. 204(1)(l) inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 7](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(y) added by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 78\(3\)](#)