



Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Act 1954

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1 Restriction on exercise of rights of entry.

(1) No right of entry to which this Act applies shall be exercisable in respect of any premises except—

- (a) with consent given by or on behalf of the occupier of the premises, or
- (b) under the authority of a warrant granted under the next following section:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply where entry is required in a case of emergency.

[^{F1}(2) This Act applies to all rights of entry conferred by—

- (a) the Gas Act 1986, regulations made under it or any other enactment relating to gas,
- (b) Schedule 6 to the Electricity Act 1989, and
- (c) any local enactment relating to gas or electricity,

in so far as those rights are exercisable for the purposes of a [^{F2}gas operator] or [^{F3}an electricity operator].]

(3) No person shall be liable to a penalty, under any enactment relating to obstruction of the exercise of a right of entry to which this Act applies, by reason only of his refusing admission to a person who seeks to exercise the right of entry without a warrant granted under the next following section.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(2) substituted by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 8(2), **Sch. 17 para. 35(1)**

F2 Words in s. 1(2) substituted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 16(1), **Sch. 4 para. 5(1)**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2.**

F3 Words in s. 1(2) substituted (1.10.2001) by 2000 c. 27, s. 108, **Sch. 6 Pt. III para. 41(2)**; S.I. 2001/3266, **art. 2, Sch.** (subject to arts. 3-20)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 1(2) modified (26.12.2023) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. **153(6)**, 334(3)(d)

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