



# Public Records Act 1958

1958 CHAPTER 51 6 and 7 Eliz 2

An Act to make new provision with respect to public records and the Public Record Office, and for connected purposes. [23rd July 1958]

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act excluded by [Australian Constitution \(Public Record Copy\) Act 1990](#) (c.17, SIF 101), s. 1
- C2** Act modified (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 25](#), s. 120(2), [Sch. 23 Pt. 1 para. 9](#) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, [art. 3](#)
- C3** Act restricted (1.4.1999) by [1998 c. 38](#), [s. 116\(1\)](#) (with s. 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, [art. 2](#)  
Act modified (temp.) (1.4.1999) by [1998 c. 38](#), [s. 116\(2\)](#) (with s. 143(2)); S.I. 1999/782, [art. 2](#)
- C4** Act excluded (24.4.2000) by [S.I. 2000/942](#), [art. 4](#)
- C5** Act applied (1.10.2007) by [Mental Capacity Act 2005](#) (c. 9), ss. 66(4), 68(1)-(3), [Sch. 5 para. 6\(1\)](#) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- C6** Act restricted by [Government of Wales Act 2006](#) (c. 32) , s. 146(1)(2)(3), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.  
Act modified (temp) by [Government of Wales Act 2006](#) (c. 32) , s. 146(2), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.

## Commencement Information

- I1** Act wholly in force at 1.1.1959 see [s. 13\(3\)](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

Public Records Act 1958, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 31 May 2024. 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.