



Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023

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PART 1

OVERVIEW

1 Overview

- (1) This Act forms part of a code of law relating to the historic environment of Wales.
- (2) It consolidates enactments contained in or made under—
 - (a) the [Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953](#) (c. 49);
 - (b) Parts 1 and 3 of the [Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979](#) (c. 46);
 - (c) Parts 14 and 15 of the [Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#) (c. 8);
 - (d) the [Planning \(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas\) Act 1990](#) (c. 9);
 - (e) Part 5 of the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#) (c. 5);
 - (f) the [Historic Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#) (anaw 4).
- (3) Part 2 of this Act makes provision about the conservation of monuments of special historic interest, including provision for—
 - (a) a schedule of monuments of national importance, maintained by the Welsh Ministers,
 - (b) the control of works affecting scheduled monuments, and
 - (c) the acquisition, guardianship and preservation of monuments.
- (4) Part 3 makes provision about the conservation of buildings of architectural or historic interest, including provision for—
 - (a) a list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, maintained by the Welsh Ministers,
 - (b) the control of works affecting listed buildings, and
 - (c) the acquisition and preservation of buildings.
- (5) Part 4 makes provision about conservation areas, including provision for—

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- (a) areas of special architectural or historic interest to be designated as conservation areas by planning authorities,
 - (b) the control of works for the demolition of buildings in conservation areas, and
 - (c) the preservation and repair of buildings in conservation areas.
- (6) Part 5 makes supplementary provision relating to Parts 3 and 4, including—
- (a) provision about proceedings before the Welsh Ministers under those Parts, including hearings and inquiries;
 - (b) provision about the validity and correction of decisions made under those Parts.
- (7) Part 6 provides for—
- (a) a register of historic parks and gardens;
 - (b) a list of historic place names;
 - (c) historic environment records for every area of Wales.
- (8) Part 7 contains general provisions, including amendments and repeals of other enactments.

Commencement Information

II S. 1 in force at 15.6.2023, see [s. 212\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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