



Interpretation Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 30

Interpretation and construction

6 Gender and number.

In any Act, unless the contrary intention appears,—

- (a) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine;
- (b) words importing the feminine gender include the masculine;
- (c) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 6(a) excluded (E.W.) by [Sexual Offences Act 1985 \(c. 44, SIF 39:5\)](#), **ss. 4(3), 5(5)**
- C2** S. 6(b) excluded (E.W.) by [Sexual Offences Act 1985 \(c. 44, SIF 39:5\)](#), **ss. 4(3), 5(5)**
- C3** S. 6(b) excluded (E.W.S.) by [Employment Act 1989 \(c. 38, SIF 43:1\)](#), **ss. 5(4)(7), 29(6), Sch. 9 para. 4(1)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Interpretation Act 1978, Section 6.