



Estate Agents Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 38

Supplementary

33 General interpretation provisions.

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“associate” has the meaning assigned to it by section 32 above and
“business associate” has the meaning assigned to it by section 31 above;

“client account” has the meaning assigned to it by section 14(2) above;

“client’s money” has the meaning assigned to it by section 12(1) above;

“connected contract”, in relation to the acquisition of an interest in land,
has the meaning assigned to it by section 12(4) above;

“contract deposit” has the meaning assigned to it by section 12(2) above;

“controller”, in relation to a body corporate, has the meaning assigned to
it by section 31(5) above;

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“enforcement authority” has the meaning assigned to it by section 26(1)
above;

“estate agency work” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(1) above;

“general notice” means a notice published by the [^{F2}lead enforcement
authority] at a time and in a manner appearing to [^{F3}it] suitable for securing
that the notice is seen within a reasonable time by persons likely to be affected
by it;

[^{F4}“the lead enforcement authority” has the meaning given by section 24A;]

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“pre-contract deposit” has the meaning assigned to it by section 12(3)
above;

“prescribed fee” means such fee as may be prescribed by regulations made
by the Secretary of State;

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“unincorporated association” does not include a partnership.

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- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) above prescribing fees shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 33 repealed (1.4.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 9(15)(a)**, Sch. 26; [S.I. 2003/766](#), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by [S.I. 2007/1846](#), reg. 3(2), Sch.)
- F2** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (31.3.2014) by [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(5), **Sch. 2 para. 1(11)(a)** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)
- F3** Words in s. 33 substituted (1.4.2003) by [Enterprise Act 2002 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 279, **Sch. 25 para. 9(15)(b)**; [S.I. 2003/766](#), art. 2, Sch. (with art. 3) (as amended (20.7.2007) by [S.I. 2007/1846](#), reg. 3(2), Sch.)
- F4** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 132(3)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), reg. 4(1)(a)
- F5** Words in s. 33(1) omitted (31.3.2014) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/631\)](#), art. 1(5), **Sch. 2 para. 1(11)(b)** (with Sch. 1 para. 28, 2 paras. 13-15)
- F6** Definition in s. 33(1) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIV** Group2.

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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. 21A inserted by [2007 c. 17 s. 54\(1\)](#)