



Human Rights Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 42

An Act to give further effect to rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights; to make provision with respect to holders of certain judicial offices who become judges of the European Court of Human Rights; and for connected purposes. [9th November 1998]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Extent Information

E1 For the extent of this Act outside the U.K., see s. 22(6)(7)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: certain functions of the Secretary of State transferred to the Lord Chancellor (26.11.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3500](#), arts. 3, 4, [Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
- C2** Act (except ss. 5, 10, 18, 19 and Sch. 4): functions of the Lord Chancellor transferred to the Secretary of State, and all property, rights and liabilities to which the Lord Chancellor is entitled or subject to in connection with any such function transferred to the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs (19.8.2003) by [S.I. 2003/1887](#), art. 4, [Sch. 1](#)
- C3** Act modified (30.1.2020) by [Direct Payments to Farmers \(Legislative Continuity\) Act 2020](#) (c. 2), [ss. 2\(8\)](#), 9(3)
- C4** Act modified (31.12.2020) by [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018](#) (c. 16), s. 25(4), [Sch. 8 para. 30](#) (with s. 19, [Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); [S.I. 2020/1622](#), reg. 3(n)

Changes to legislation:

Human Rights Act 1998, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 September 2023. 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.