



# Postal Services Act 2000

## CHAPTER 26

### POSTAL SERVICES ACT 2000

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6 The Consumer Council for Postal Services

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- 15 The Consumer Council for Postal Services  
16 The Consumer Council for Postal Services  
17 The Consumer Council for Postal Services

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*General provisions as to vesting of property etc.*

- 1 (1) Anything (including any legal proceedings) which, immediately before the...

*Pensions*

- 2 (1) The original holding company shall, on and after the...  
3 Section 6(2) of the Commonwealth Telegraphs Act 1949 (which provides...  
4 (1) Trustees appointed by the original holding company shall hold...

*Welfare funds*

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies to— (a) a fund (whether described...

*Third party rights relating to land*

- 6 Transfer to the original holding company: supplementary provisions

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- 7 Transfer to the original holding company: supplementary provisions

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- 9 Transfer to the original holding company: supplementary provisions

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- 1 The Post Office company shall, on and after the appointed...

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- 2 Any share issued by the Post Office company or any...  
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*Debt*

- 4 Any debt assumed by the Post Office company under section...

*Transfer arrangements*

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- 6 Nothing in this Part and nothing done under it shall...

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*Value added tax*

- 8 The Post Office company shall, on and after the appointed...

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- 9 Transfer to the Post Office company: tax

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*England and Wales*

- 1 (1) The Secretary of State may authorise a universal service...



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### *Scotland*

- 2 (1) The Secretary of State may authorise a universal service...

### *Northern Ireland*

- 3 (1) Where a universal service provider proposes to acquire, otherwise...  
Part II — PROCEDURE, COMPENSATION ETC (ENGLAND AND WALES)

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- 4 (1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 shall apply to...

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- 5 The Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 shall have effect with the...

### *New rights: specific adaptations of 1965 Act*

- 6 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 5, Part I...  
7 For section 7 of that Act (measure of compensation) there...  
8 Section 8(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 has effect...  
9 (1) The provisions of that Act referred to in sub-paragraph...  
10 Section 11 of that Act (powers of entry) shall be...  
11 Section 20 of that Act (protection for interests of tenants...  
12 Section 22 of that Act (protection of acquiring authority's possession...

### *New rights: compensation*

- 13 The enactments in force in England and Wales with respect...  
Part III — PROCEDURE, COMPENSATION ETC (SCOTLAND)

### *Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947*

- 14 The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 shall...

### *New rights: application of 1947 Act and incorporated enactments*

- 15 The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947, and...

### *New rights: specific adaptations of 1947 Act*

- 16 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 15 above, Part...  
17 In paragraph 9 of that Schedule (compulsory purchase affecting land...  
18 In paragraph 10 of that Schedule (land of statutory undertakers)—...  
19 In paragraph 11 of that Schedule (common or open space),...  
20 Paragraph 3(1) of the Second Schedule to the Acquisition of...  
21 For paragraph 4 of that Schedule (protection for owner against...

### *New rights: specific adaptations of Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845*

- 22 Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 15 above, the...  
23 For section 61 of that Act (estimation of compensation) there...  
24 The following provisions of that Act (being provisions stating the...  
25 Sections 114 (compensation to be made to tenants for a...

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- 26 Sections 117 (protection of promoter of undertaking where by inadvertence...

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- 27 The enactments in force in Scotland with respect to compensation...  
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 28 For the purposes of the acquisition of land by means...  
 29 The modifications mentioned in paragraph 28 are—  
 30 The enactments for the time being in force relating to...

SCHEDULE 6 — Further provisions relating to land

*Power to place post-boxes etc in streets*

- 1 (1) A universal service provider may, for any purpose in...

*Entry on land for exploratory purposes*

- 2 (1) A person authorised in writing by a universal service...  
 3 (1) A person authorised to enter upon any land under...  
 4 (1) Any person who intentionally obstructs a person acting in...  
 5 (1) If in the exercise of any power conferred by...

*Acquisition of land by agreement*

- 6 For the purpose of the acquisition by agreement by a...  
 7 For the purpose of the acquisition by agreement by a...  
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*Power to sell Duchy of Lancaster land*

- 9 If a universal service provider proposes to acquire by agreement...

*Supplementary*

- 10 Any land acquired by agreement by a universal service provider...

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- 1 (1) Any enactment which requires or authorises a document or...
- 2 (1) Any enactment which requires or authorises a document or...
- 3 (1) Any enactment which requires or authorises a document or...
- 4 (1) Any enactment which requires or authorises a document or...
- 5 (1) Any reference (however worded and including references which are...
- 6 (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for...
- 7 (1) In this Part of this Schedule, “future enactment” means...

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#### *Public Records Act 1958 (c.51)*

- 8 In Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (definition...

#### *Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (c.13)*

- 9 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments...
- 10 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 the...

#### *Post Office Act 1969 (c.48)*

- 11 Amendments of enactments

#### *Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (c.56)*

- 12 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Pensions (Increase)...

#### *Superannuation Act 1972 (c.11)*

- 13 In Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972 (kinds of...

#### *House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c.24)*

- 14 (1) Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act...
- 15 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Act of...

#### *Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I.1977/2157 (N.I.28))*

- 16 Amendments of enactments

#### *Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2)*

- 17 (1) Section 91 of the Representation of the People Act...
- 18 After section 200 of that Act there shall be inserted—...

#### *Mental Health Act 1983 (c.20)*

- 19 (1) Section 134 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (correspondence...

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*Insolvency Act 1986 (c.45)*

20 In section 371(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (re-direction of...

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21 In section 43(6D)(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988...

*Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c.23)*

22 (1) The Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall be amended...

*Value Added Tax Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/2518)*

23 In regulation 2 of the Value Added Tax Regulations 1995...

*Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.46)*

24 In section 11 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995...

*Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c.29)*

25 In Schedule 2 to the Local Government and Rating Act...

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26 For paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Northern Ireland...

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- s. 7(5) words substituted by [2012 c. 21 Sch. 20 para. 10\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 3(2)(g) repealed by [2003 c. 21 Sch. 19\(1\) Note 1](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 7 para. 3(2)(s)(sa) substituted for Sch. 7 para. 3(2)(s) by [2012 c. 21 Sch. 20 para. 10\(3\)](#)