



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

An Act to make provision with respect to local government and the functions of local authorities in England and Wales; to amend Part II of the Transport Act 1968; to confer rights of appeal in respect of decisions relating to licences under the Home Counties (Music and Dancing) Licensing Act 1926; to make further provision with respect to magistrates' courts committees; to abolish certain inferior courts of record; and for connected purposes. [26th October 1972]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act extended by [Charlwood and Horley Act 1974 \(c. 11\), s. 2](#)
- C2 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)
- C3 Act modified by [S.I. 1979/1123, arts. 4\(2\), 5](#)
- C4 Power to modify Act conferred by [Representation of the People Act 1983 \(c. 2, SIF 42\), s. 39\(6\)\(7\)](#)
- C5 Act modified by [Representation of the People Act 1983 \(c. 2, SIF 42\), s. 40\(2\)](#)
- C6 Act applied (12.3.1991) by [S.I. 1991/993, arts. 1\(1\)](#), 28
Act construed as one with [1994 c. 19 \(5.7.1994\)](#) by [1994 c. 19, ss. 64\(3\)](#), 66(2) (with [ss. 54\(5\)\(7\)](#), [55\(5\)](#), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\)](#), [23\(2\)](#))
Act restricted (3.4.1995) by [1994 c. 19, s. 30\(2\)](#) (with [ss. 54\(5\)\(7\)](#), [55\(5\)](#), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\)](#), [23\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 1995/852, art. 5](#)
Act restricted (temp. from 6.5.1996 to 31.3.1997) by [S.I. 1995/1770, art. 16\(a\)](#)
Act extended (1.11.1996) by [1996 c. 56, ss. 532](#), 583(2) (with [s. 1\(4\)](#))
Act applied (1.7.1997) by [1997 c. 23, ss. 1\(4\)](#), 9(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(c\)](#) (with [s. 7\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 6](#))
Act: transfer of functions (subject to specified exceptions) (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, Sch. 1](#)
- C7 Act power to apply or incorporate (with modifications) conferred (15.9.2011) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(1\)-\(3\)](#), (7)
- C8 Act power to apply or incorporate (with modifications) conferred (25.4.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 54\(2\)-\(5\)](#), 157(1); [S.I. 2012/1129, art. 2\(b\)](#)
- C9 Act modified (18.3.2022) by [The Cumbria \(Structural Changes\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/331\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3\(3\)](#)
- C10 Act modified (18.3.2022) by [The Cumbria \(Structural Changes\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/331\)](#), arts. 1(1), [4\(3\)](#)

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Commencement Information

II Act partly in force at Royal Assent see s. 273; Act wholly in force 1.4.1974

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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. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)