



# Competition Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 21

An Act to abolish the Price Commission; to make provision for the control of anti-competitive practices in the supply and acquisition of goods and the supply and securing of services; to provide for references of certain public bodies and other persons to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission; to provide for the investigation of prices and charges by the Director General of Fair Trading; to provide for the making of grants to certain bodies; to amend and provide for the amendment of the Fair Trading Act 1973; to make amendments with respect to the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976; to repeal the remaining provisions of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973; and for purposes connected therewith. [3rd April 1980]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act excluded by [Financial Services Act 1986](#) (c. 60, SIF 69), ss. 126(1), 140, Sch. 11 paras. 12(1)(2), [36\(2\)](#)
- C2 Act amended by [Electricity Act 1989](#) (c. 29, SIF 44:1), [s. 100\(1\)](#); by [Companies Act 1989](#) (c. 40, SIF 27), s. 47(1), [Sch. 14 para. 10\(1\)\(2\)](#) and by S.I. 1990/593, art. 49(1), [Sch. 14 para. 10\(1\)](#)  
Act amended (1.4.1996) by S.I. 1996/593, reg. 2, [Sch. 1](#)
- C3 Act modified (E.W.) (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991](#) (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), [ss. 10\(1\)\(b\), 12\(4\)](#) (with s. 25(2)); S.I. 1991/2288, [art. 3](#), Sch.
- C4 Act modified (S.) (21.10.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991](#) (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), [s. 33\(1\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 47(4)); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2, [Sch. 1](#)
- C5 Act: power to apply conferred (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), [ss. 12\(5\), 223\(2\)](#) (with [ss. 82\(3\), 186\(1\), 222\(1\)](#), Sch 14 para. 6)
- C6 Act: definitions applied (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), [ss. 17\(4\), 31\(9\), 223\(2\)](#) (with [ss. 82\(3\), 186\(1\), 222\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 6)
- C7 Act modified (17.2.1994) by S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15), [art. 32\(1\)\(b\)](#).  
Act modified (3.1.1995) by 1994 c. 40, ss. 12(7), 82(2), [Sch. 4 paras. 5-8](#)
- C8 Act applied (1.3.1996) by 1986 c. 44, [s. 27\(6\)](#) (as substituted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 10(1), [Sch. 3 para. 25](#); S.I. 1996/218, [art. 2](#))  
Act applied (1.3.1996) by 1986 c. 44, [s. 36A\(9\)](#) (as inserted (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 10(1), [Sch. 3 para. 43](#); S.I. 1996/218, [art. 2](#))  
Act applied (N.I.) (10.6.1996) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), [art. 18\(5\)](#) (with Sch. 7 paras. 2, 3(2)); S.R. 1996/216, [art. 2](#)

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**C9** Act extended (N.I.) (10.6.1996) by S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2), **art. 23(8)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 2, 3(2)); S.R. 1996/216, **art. 2**

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 33\(5\)](#); Act wholly in force at 12.8.1980

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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. 11B(1A)(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. C1(3) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)