

# Justices of the Peace Act 1997 (repealed)

# **CHAPTER 25**

# JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ACT 1997 (REPEALED)

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#### Continuity of the law

1 (1) The repeal (or revocation) and re-enactment of provisions by...

General saving for old transitional provisions and savings

- 2 The repeal (or revocation) by this Act of any transitional...
- 3 The repeal by this Act of an enactment previously repealed...

Use of existing forms, etc.

4 Any reference to an enactment repealed (or revoked) by this...

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	Interpretation
5	In this Part of this Schedule—(a) the "1979 Act"
	Petty sessions areas
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	Inner London area
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	Stipendiary magistrates
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	Magistrates' courts committees
13 14	Any magistrates' courts committee which was set up in accordance. Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1(2) above, the
	Justices' chief executives
15 16 16A	A person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, Any order made before 1st April 1953 under section 30
	Justices' clerks etc.
17	(1) Section 44(1) of this Act shall not have effect
18 19 20	So far as, immediately before the commencement of this Act— (1) Any regulations made under— (a) section 42 of the
	Immunity and indemnification of justices and justices' clerks
21 22 23	Subject to paragraphs 22 and 23 below, the provisions of The repeal by this Act of the 1979 Act is In section 54(2) of this Act— (a) paragraph (a) shall
	Pensions Act 1995
24	(1) If before the commencement of this Act paragraph 8
	Enactments passed before 18th April 1973
25	(1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the commencement of

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26 (1) This paragraph applies where, immediately before the commencement of...

	Saving for superannuation provisions
27	(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect any pension rights
	Saving for amendment of Local Government Act 1974
28	The repeal by this Act of the 1979 Act does
	Provision made by subordinate legislation
29	Any power which, immediately before the commencement of this Act,
SC	CHEDULE 5 — Consequential amendments
	The Sheriffs Act 1887 (c. 55)
1	
	The Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920 (c. 33)
2	
	The Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)
3	
	The London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939 (c. xcvii)
4	
	The National Assistance Act 1948 (c. 29)
5	
	The Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)
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	The Licensing Act 1964 (c. 26)
7	
	The Administration of Justice Act 1964 (c. 42)
8	
	The Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act 1965 (c. 45)
9	In the Schedule to the Backing of Warrants (Republic of
1.0	The Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)
10	In Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 (control on
	The Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)

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The Criminal Justice Act 1972 (c. 71) 12 In section 51 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972 (execution... The Administration of Justice Act 1973 (c. 15) 13 (1) The Administration of Justice Act 1973 shall be amended... The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18) 14 The Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (c. 62) 15 The Solicitors Act 1974 (c. 47) 16 In section 38 of the Solicitors Act 1974 (solicitor who... The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24) 17 The Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978 (c. 22) 18 The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43) (1) The Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 shall be amended as... 19 The Child Abduction Act 1984 (c. 37) 20 The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (c. 23) In section 20 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985... The Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51) 22 (1) The Local Government Act 1985 shall be amended as... The Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33) In section 81 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (confiscation... 23 The Legal Aid Act 1988 (c. 34) 24 In Schedule 3 to the Legal Aid Act 1988 (criminal... The Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (c. 53) In section 82 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988... The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (c. 4) In Schedule 4 to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions)...

	The Children Act 1989 (c. 41)
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	The Computer Misuse Act 1990 (c. 18)
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	The Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53)
29	(1) The Criminal Justice Act 1991 shall be amended as
	The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14)
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	The Local Government Act 1992 (c. 19)
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	The Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53)
32	In Part I of Schedule 1 to the Tribunals and
	The Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (c. 9)
33	In section 27 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland)
	The Probation Service Act 1993 (c. 47)
34	
	The Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c. 19)
35	
	The Drug Trafficking Act 1994 (c. 37)
36	In section 30 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994 (confiscation
	The Police Act 1996 (c. 16)
37	(1) The Police Act 1996 shall be amended as follows
SO	CHEDULE 6 — Repeals and revocations Part I — REPEALS Part II — REVOCATIONS
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1 2	This Table shows the derivation of the provisions of the The following abbreviations are used in the Table:— Acts of

The functions of the Secretary of State under 1979 were...

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# **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Justices of the Peace Act 1997 (repealed).