



# Human Rights Act 1998

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### HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998

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**ARTICLE 3**

*PROHIBITION OF TORTURE*

**ARTICLE 4**

*PROHIBITION OF SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOUR*

- 1 No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.
- 2 No one shall be required to perform forced or compulsory...
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**ARTICLE 5**

*RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY*

- 1 Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person....
- 2 Everyone who is arrested shall be informed promptly, in a...
- 3 Everyone arrested or detained in accordance with the provisions of...
- 4 Everyone who is deprived of his liberty by arrest or...
- 5 Everyone who has been the victim of arrest or detention...

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## ARTICLE 6

### *RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL*

- 1 In the determination of his civil rights and obligations or...
- 2 Everyone charged with a criminal offence shall be presumed innocent...
- 3 Everyone charged with a criminal offence has the following minimum...

## ARTICLE 7

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- 1 No one shall be held guilty of any criminal offence...
- 2 This Article shall not prejudice the trial and punishment of...

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- 1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and...
- 2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with...

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- 1 Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and...
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- 1 Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right...
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- 1 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and...
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- 1 (1) A remedial order may— (a) contain such incidental, supplemental,...

### *Procedure*

- 2 No remedial order may be made unless—

### *Orders laid in draft*

- 3 (1) No draft may be laid under paragraph 2(a) unless—...

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*Urgent cases*

- 4 (1) If a remedial order (“the original order”) is made...

*Definitions*

- 5 In this Schedule— “representations” means representations about a remedial order...

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- 6 In calculating any period for the purposes of this Schedule, ...  
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- 1 (1) The appropriate Minister must by order make provision with...

*Contributions*

- 2 A pensions order may, in particular, make provision—

*Amendments of other enactments*

- 3 A pensions order may amend any provision of, or made...

*Definitions*

- 4 In this Schedule— “appropriate Minister” means— in relation to any...

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- s. 3 excluded by [2023 c. 37 s. 1\(5\)](#)