



Northern Ireland Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 47

An Act to make new provision for the government of Northern Ireland for the purpose of implementing the agreement reached at multi-party talks on Northern Ireland set out in Command Paper 3883. [19th November 1998]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act modified (5.10.1999) by [1999 c. 10, ss. 16, 20\(2\)](#)
- C2 Act excluded (temp. from 12.2.2000 to 30.5.2000) by [2000 c. 1, s. 1\(8\), Sch. para. 5\(2\)](#); S.I. [2000/396, art. 2](#); S.I. [2000/1445, art. 2](#)
- C3 Act: power to amend conferred (8.5.2007) by [Northern Ireland \(St Andrews Agreement\) Act 2006 \(c. 53\), s. 11\(2\)-\(5\), 27\(4\)\(5\)](#) (as amended by [Northern Ireland \(St Andrews Agreement\) Act 2007 c. 4, s. 1\(1\)](#) (with s. 1(3)); S.I. [2007/1397, art. 2](#)
- C4 Act modified (8.5.2007) by [Northern Ireland \(St Andrews Agreement\) Act 2006 \(c. 53\), s. 18\(8\), 27\(4\)\(5\)](#) (as amended by [Northern Ireland \(St Andrews Agreement\) Act 2007 c. 4, s. 1\(1\)](#) (with s. 1(3)); S.I. [2007/1397, art. 2](#)
- C5 Act excluded (1.11.2018) by [Northern Ireland \(Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions\) Act 2018 \(c. 28\), s. 3\(7\)](#)
- C6 Act excluded (6.12.2022) by [Northern Ireland \(Executive Formation etc\) Act 2022 \(c. 48\), ss. 5\(1\), 14\(2\)](#)
- C7 Act modified (28.2.2023) by [2022 c. 48, s. 1A](#) (as inserted by [Northern Ireland \(Executive Formation and Organ and Tissue Donation\) Act 2023 \(c. 4\), ss. 1\(3\), 3\(3\)](#))
- C8 Act modified (6.12.2022) by [Northern Ireland \(Executive Formation etc\) Act 2022 \(c. 48\), ss. 1, 14\(2\)](#) (as amended by S.I. [2022/1296, regs. 1\(2\), 2\(2\)](#); (28.2.2023) by [2023 c. 4, s. 1\(2\)\(b\), 3\(3\)](#); and (25.1.2024) by [2024 c. 2, ss. 1, 2\(2\)](#))

Changes to legislation:

Northern Ireland Act 1998, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

- Act modified (cond.) by [2006 c. 17 Sch. 2 para. 2\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Conditional amendment never in force)

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

- s. 31(2)-(2D) substituted for s. 31(2) (cond.) by [2006 c. 17 Sch. 3 para. 2\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Conditional amendment never in force)
- s. 31(2)-(2D) substituted for s. 31(2) (cond.) by [2006 c. 53 Sch. 3 para. 2\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk to legislation.gov.uk. It is a conditional amendment that was never brought into force. Sch. 3 repealed (10.5.2007) by Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006 (c. 53), s. 2(5) (as amended by 2007 c. 4, s. 1(1)), Sch. 4 para. 3 (with s. 1(3)); S.I. 2007/1397, art. 2)
- s. 31(2E) inserted (cond.) by [2006 c. 17 Sch. 3 para. 3\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Conditional amendment never in force)
- Sch. 2 para. 9B inserted by [2009 c. 8 s. 27](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The amending provision was repealed (16.2.2011) without ever being in force by 2010 c. 36, ss. 2(1), 4(2))