



# Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 33

### PART V

#### IMMIGRATION ADVISERS AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **93 Information.**

- (1) No enactment or rule of law prohibiting or restricting the disclosure of information prevents a person from—
  - (a) giving the Commissioner information which is necessary for the discharge of his functions; or
  - (b) giving the [<sup>F1</sup>First-tier Tribunal] information which is necessary for the discharge of its functions.
- (2) No relevant person may at any time disclose information which—
  - (a) has been obtained by, or given to, the Commissioner under or for purposes of this Act,
  - (b) relates to an identified or identifiable individual or business, and
  - (c) is not at that time, and has not previously been, available to the public from other sources,unless the disclosure is made with lawful authority.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a disclosure is made with lawful authority only if, and to the extent that—
  - (a) it is made with the consent of the individual or of the person for the time being carrying on the business;
  - (b) it is made for the purposes of, and is necessary for, the discharge of any of the Commissioner's functions under this Act <sup>F2</sup>...;
  - (c) it is made for the purposes of any civil or criminal proceedings arising under or by virtue of this Part, or otherwise; or

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- (d) having regard to the rights and freedoms or legitimate interests of any person, the disclosure is necessary in the public interest.
- (4) A person who knowingly or recklessly discloses information in contravention of subsection (2) is guilty of an offence and liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (5) “Relevant person” means a person who is or has been—
  - (a) the Commissioner;
  - (b) a member of the Commissioner’s staff; or
  - (c) an agent of the Commissioner.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 93(1)(b) substituted (18.1.2010) by [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/22\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 39** (with Sch. 5)
- F2** Words in s. 93(3)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Immigration, Nationality and Asylum \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/745\)](#), regs. 1(2), **11(8)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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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. 10(12) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(6\)](#)
- s. 40(1)-(1C) substituted for s. 40(1) by [2022 c. 36 s. 76\(2\)](#)
- s. 40(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 76\(5\)](#)
- s. 72(10) repealed by [2004 c. 19 Sch. 4](#)
- s. 94(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 94(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 7\(4\)](#)
- s. 94(3)(3A) substituted for s. 94(3) by [2002 c. 41 s. 44\(4\)](#) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by [2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41](#))
- s. 94(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3\(5\)](#)
- s. 95A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 9](#)
- s. 96(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(3A)(b)(iv) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 97(8)(9) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 98A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 13](#)
- s. 98A(5) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- s. 103(4)(a) words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 103(5)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 183\(ii\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) heading words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 184](#)
- s. 125(2)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 22\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 146(2)(za) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(9\)](#)
- s. 166(5)(ca) substituted for word in s. 166(5)(c) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 166(5A)(5B) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(3\)](#)
- s. 166(6)(aa) substituted for word in s. 166(6)(a) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 21 modified by [2002 c. 41 s. 23\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(5) modified by [2002 c. 41 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)