

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act 2008
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 21 July 2008*

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT

Hearing Aid Council

Section 123: Dissolution of Hearing Aid Council

381. [Section 123](#) provides for the dissolution of the Hearing Aid Council and the repeal of the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 and the Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Act 1975. *Subsection (3)* prevents the dissolution of the Council from taking place before an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999 has come into force. This will ensure that the Hearing Aid Council will not be abolished until provision has been made for the Health Professions Council to assume responsibility for the regulation of private hearing aid dispensers. Employers of private hearing aid dispensers will no longer be subject to statutory regulation. *Subsection (5)* allows the Secretary of State to make an order for the transfer of any property, rights and liabilities of the Hearing Aid Council to another regulatory body or the Secretary of State. *Subsection (6)* defines that other body as the body which is designated by the Order made under section 60 as being responsible for the regulation of private hearing aid dispensers.