



# Electricity Act 1947

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An Act to provide for the establishment of a British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and for the exercise and performance by that Authority and those Boards and the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board of functions relating to the supply of electricity and certain other matters; for the transfer to the said Authority or any such Board as aforesaid of property, rights, obligations and liabilities of electricity undertakers and other bodies; to amend the law relating to the supply of electricity; to make certain consequential provision as to income tax; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [13th August 1947]

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## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act except ss. 1(3), 67, 69, and in so far as they relate to any matter affecting one of the Boards and the Generating Board or an Area Board, ss. 1(4)(5), 2(7), 4(2)–(7), 11(2), 19 repealed (S.) by [Electricity \(Scotland\) Act 1979 \(c. 11\), Sch. 10, 12](#)
- C2** Act amended (E.W.) by [Electricity \(Amendment\) Act 1961 \(c. 8\), Sch.](#) and (S.) by [Electricity \(Scotland\) Act 1979 \(c. 11\), s. 20](#)
- C3** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\), s. 112\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\), Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117, art. 3\(b\)](#) )
- C4** Act amended by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 77, Sch. 15 para. 2](#)
- C5** Act amended by [Energy Act 1983 \(c. 25, SIF 44:1\), ss. 15, 25, Sch. 1 para. 1, Sch. 3 para. 2\(1\)](#)
- C6** Act applied (S.)(*prosp*) by [Local Government Finance Act 1992 \(c. 14\), ss. 111\(9\), 119\(2\)](#) (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))
- C7** Act applied (S.) (1.4.1992) by [Valuation and Rating \(Scotland\) Act 1956 \(c. 60\), s. 22\(3\)](#), (as substituted by [Local Government Finance Act 1992 \(c. 14\), s. 117\(1\), Sch. 13, para. 10](#) (with s. 118(1)(2)(4))); [S.I. 1992/818, art. 2\(a\)](#)

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## Commencement Information

- I1** Act wholly in force at Royal Assent.

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**PART I**

[<sup>F1</sup>CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY] AND AREA ELECTRICITY BOARDS

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words substituted by [Electricity Reorganisation \(Scotland\) Act 1954 \(c. 60\), Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C8** Functions of Central Authority now exercisable by Central Electricity Generating Board and Electricity Council; [Electricity Act 1957 \(c. 48\), ss. 2, 3](#)

- 1** ..... <sup>F2</sup>
- (1) ..... <sup>F2</sup>
- (1A) . . . <sup>F2</sup>
- (2) [<sup>F3</sup>There shall be established Boards, to be known by the names mentioned in the first column of the First Schedule to this Act] . . . <sup>F2</sup>
- (3) [<sup>F3</sup>In this Act and in any amendment made by this Act in any other enactment] . . . <sup>F2</sup> [<sup>F3</sup>the Boards established under the last foregoing subsection are referred to as “Area Boards” and the [<sup>F4</sup>Generating Board]and the Area Boards, together with the North of Scotland Board, are referred to as “Electricity Boards”.]
- (4) ..... <sup>F2</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\), s. 112\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\), Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by S.I. 1990/117, **art. 3(b)** )

**F3** Words repealed<sup>prosp.</sup> by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\), s. 112\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\), Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1)

**F4** Words substituted by [Electricity Act 1957 \(c. 48\), Sch. 4 Pt. I](#)

- 2** ..... <sup>F5</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\), s. 112\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\), Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by S.I. 1990/117, **art. 3(b)** )

**3 Constitution of Central Authority and Area Boards.**

- (1) [<sup>F6</sup>The [<sup>F7</sup>Generating Board] and every Area Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal] . . . <sup>F8</sup>

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(2) ..... F9

[<sup>F6</sup>(7) The Minister may make regulations with respect to—

- (a) the appointment of, and the tenure and vacation of office by, the members of the [<sup>F7</sup>Generating Board] and any Area Board;
- (b) the quorum, proceedings, meetings and determinations of the [<sup>F7</sup>Generating Board] and any Area Board;
- (c) the execution of instruments and the mode of entering into contracts by and on behalf of the [<sup>F7</sup>Generating Board] or any Area Board, and the proof of documents purporting to be executed, issued or signed by the [<sup>F7</sup>Generating Board] or any Area Board or a member or officer thereof; and
- (d) any other matters supplementary or incidental to the matters aforesaid for which provision appears to the Minister to be necessary or expedient.]

[<sup>F6</sup>(8) Subject to the provisions of any regulations made under the last foregoing subsection, the [<sup>F7</sup>Generating Board] and every Area Board shall have power to regulate their own procedure.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** Words repealed *prosp.* by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1)
- F7** Words substituted by [Electricity Act 1957 \(c. 48\)](#), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**
- F8** Words repealed by [Charities Act 1960 \(c. 58\)](#), **Sch. 7 Pt. II**
- F9** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117](#), **art. 3(b)**)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** [S. 3](#) amended by [Electricity Act 1957 \(c. 48\)](#), **s. 4(2)**
- C10** [S. 3\(1\)\(7\)\(8\)](#) applied by [Electricity Act 1957 \(c. 48\)](#), **s. 3(6)**

4–63 ..... F10

#### Textual Amendments

- F10** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117](#), **art. 3(b)**)

## 64 Provisions as to regulations and orders.

(1) ..... F11

[<sup>F12</sup>(3) All orders and regulations made under this Act, not being orders or regulations required to be laid before Parliament in draft or orders subject to special parliamentary procedure, shall be laid before Parliament immediately after they are made and if either House, within a period of forty days beginning with the day on which any such order or regulations is or are so laid before it, resolves that the order or regulations

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be annulled, the order or regulations shall thereupon cease to have effect, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or to the making of any new order or regulations.]

- (4) ..... F13
- (5) ..... F11

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by S.I. 1990/117, **art. 3(b)** )

**F12** Words repealed *prosp.* by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1)

**F13** S. 64(4) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XII**; expressed to be repealed (*prosp.*) by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17 para. 35, Sch. 18 (with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para 1(1)(e), **Sch. 17 para. 30(1)**)

- 65–66 ..... F14

**Textual Amendments**

**F14** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by S.I. 1990/117, **art. 3(b)** )

**67 Interpretation.**

[<sup>F15</sup>(1) In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—]

- ..... F16
- [<sup>F15</sup>“Area Board” has the meaning assigned to it by section one of this Act;]
- ..... F16
- [<sup>F17</sup>[<sup>F15</sup>“the Generating Board” means the Central Electricity Generating Board constituted under the <sup>M1</sup>Electricity Act 1957;]]
- ..... F16
- [<sup>F15</sup>“Minister” means the [<sup>F18</sup>Minister of Power];]
- ..... F16
- [<sup>F15</sup>“North of Scotland Board” means the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board constituted under the [<sup>F19M2</sup>Electricity (Scotland) Act 1979];]
- ..... F16

**Textual Amendments**

**F15** Words repealed *prosp.* by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1)

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- F16** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#) )
- F17** Definition inserted by [Electricity Act 1957 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#)
- F18** Words substituted by [S.I. 1957/48](#) (1957 I, p. 1439), art. 1(2)
- F19** Words substituted by virtue of [Electricity \(Scotland\) Act 1979 \(c. 11\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 5](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1957 c. 48.  
**M2** 1979 c. 11.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F20** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#) )

[<sup>F21</sup>69 **Short title and extent.**

- (1) This Act may cited as the Electricity Act 1947.
- (2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F21** Words repealed *prosp.* by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1)

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## FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 1.

## AREA ELECTRICITY BOARDS

<i>[<sup>F22</sup>Name of Area Board.]</i>	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The London Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The South Eastern Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The Southern Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The South Western Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The Eastern Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The East Midlands Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The Midlands Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The South Wales Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The Merseyside & North Wales Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The Yorkshire Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The North Eastern Electricity Board.]	. . . F23
[ <sup>F22</sup> The North Western Electricity Board.]	. . . F23

**Textual Amendments**

- F22** Words repealed *prosp.* by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1))
- F23** Act, except as specified, repealed by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17, para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), Sch. 14 para. 1(1)(e), Sch. 17 para. 30(1) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by S.I. 1990/117, **art. 3(b)** )

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

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### Textual Amendments

- F24** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), [Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\)](#), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), [Sch. 14 para. 1\(1\)\(e\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 30\(1\)](#) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117, art. 3\(b\)](#) )

## THIRD SCHEDULE

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### Textual Amendments

- F25** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), [Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\)](#), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), [Sch. 14 para. 1\(1\)\(e\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 30\(1\)](#) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117, art. 3\(b\)](#) )

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

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### Textual Amendments

- F26** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), [Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\)](#), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), [Sch. 14 para. 1\(1\)\(e\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 30\(1\)](#) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117, art. 3\(b\)](#) )

## FIFTH SCHEDULE

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### Textual Amendments

- F27** Act, except as specified, repealed by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(3)(4), [Sch. 17, para. 35\(1\)](#), [Sch. 18](#)(with savings for ss. 46, 54 in ss. 104, 112(3), [Sch. 14 para. 1\(1\)\(e\)](#), [Sch. 17 para. 30\(1\)](#) (the repeal being in force 31.3.1990 by [S.I. 1990/117, art. 3\(b\)](#) )

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