



Broadcasting Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 42

An Act to make new provision with respect to the provision and regulation of independent television and sound programme services and of other services provided on television or radio frequencies; to make provision with respect to the provision and regulation of local delivery services; to amend in other respects the law relating to broadcasting and the provision of television and sound programme services and to make provision with respect to the supply and use of information about programmes; to make provision with respect to the transfer of the property, rights and liabilities of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and the Cable Authority and the dissolution of those bodies; to make new provision relating to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission; to provide for the establishment and functions of a Broadcasting Standards Council; to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Acts 1949 to 1967 and the Marine, &c., Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967; to revoke a class licence granted under the Telecommunications Act 1984 to run broadcast relay systems; and for connected purposes. [1st November 1990]

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:—

Extent Information

E1 For extent see s. 204(3)-(5)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act: specified provisions extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (13.2.1991) and further specified provisions extended (Guernsey) (1.4.1991) by [S.I. 1991/191, art. 3, Sch.](#)

Act: specified provisions extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (13.2.1991) and further specified provisions extended (Jersey) (1.4.1991) by [S.I. 1991/193, art. 3, Sch.](#)

Act: specified provisions extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (1.8.1991) by [S.I. 1991/1709, art. 3, Sch.](#)

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- Act: specified provisions extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (1.8.1991) by S.I. 1991/1710, art. 3, **Sch.**
- C2** Act: definition of "relevant programme" applied (E.W.) (1.10.1992) by Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 53(5), **Sch. 6 para 6(13)**; S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch.2**
- C3** By Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 101(1), **Sch. 12 para. 23**; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), **Sch.1** it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C4** Act amended (1.4.1997) by 1996 c. 55, s. 124(3); S.I.1997/1005, **art. 4**
- C5** Act to be construed with specified provisions of 1996 c. 55 (1.10.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by virtue of s. 147(2) of that 1996 Act; S.I. 1996/2120, art. 4, **Sch. 1**; S.I. 1997/1005, **art. 4**
- C6** Act: power to modify conferred (18.9.2003) by Communications Act 2003 (c. 21), **ss. 407**, 411(2) (with **Sch. 18**); S.I. 2003/1900, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**
- C7** Act applied (with modifications) (20.7.2004) by The Community Radio Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1944), **art. 4, Sch.** (as amended (22.1.2010) by S.I. 2010/118, arts. 3-4 and (27.3.2015) by S.I. 2015/1000, arts. 3-8)
- C8** Act applied (with modifications) (5.12.2012) by The Community Radio (Guernsey) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2690), **arts. 4, 5**, **Sch.**
- C9** Act modified (Guernsey) (19.3.2013) by The Community Radio (Guernsey) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/243), arts. 5, 6, **Sch. Pt. 1**
- C10** Act: power to extend conferred (27.4.2017) by Digital Economy Act 2017 (c. 30), **ss. 118(1), 119(7)(8) (b)**
- C11** Act: power to amend conferred (24.5.2024 for specified purposes) by Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (c. 13), **ss. 138(2)-(7), 339(2)(c)**

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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. 18A applied (with modifications) by 2003 c. 21, Sch. 9 para. 8(7) (as substituted) by [2024 c. 15 s. 19\(6\)](#)
- s. 18A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 19\(3\)](#)
- s. 23A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 29\(2\)](#)
- s. 56A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 33\(3\)](#)
- s. 58(1)-(1C) substituted for s. 58(1)(1A) by [2024 c. 15 s. 35\(2\)](#)
- s. 61A(4A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 6\(4\)](#)
- s. 97B(5) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 41\(3\)](#)
- s. 104AA(4ZA)-(4ZC) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 42\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 193(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 3A(2)(b) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 20](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. 2(1A)(d) omitted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. 3(1)(a) word substituted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 4 para. 15](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. 2(1B) words omitted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 2 para. 5\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 13(1A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 29\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 12(5)(6) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 34\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 12(2A)-(2F) substituted for Sch. 6 para. 12(2)(3) by [2024 c. 15 s. 34\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 6A inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 33\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7 Pt. 1 para. 1(5) inserted by [2024 c. 15 s. 19\(5\)](#)