

Legislation drafted and approved by the States during 2021-2023



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Guernsey

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The table below captures the legislation that has been drafted and approved by the States of Deliberation (i.e. Stage 7 onwards), as at 26th June 2023. Legislation with commencement dates have come into force.

Ref	Title and description	Lead Committee	Billet d'État	Stage	Commencement Date
1	Transfer of Fee-Making Powers to the Guernsey Financial Services Commission	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État IV of 2023, Article XI	7	07/07/2023
2	Amendments to the Criminal Justice Framework The introduction of legislation to: create preventive offences; create disclosure obligations in criminal cases; and enable deferred prosecution agreements. Amend the Forfeiture of Money, etc in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2007 to introduce a reverse burden of proof, a summary forfeiture procedure and protection against liability for the authorities. Amend legislation governing confiscation in criminal cases to change the way that property subject to saisie is treated.	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État XVII of 2022, Article X	7	26/05/2023
3	Non-Contributory benefit Rates for 2023 Uprating Ordinances for 2023.	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XIX of 2022, Article II	8	02/01/2023
4	Minimum Standards for Estate Agents Introduction of legislation imposing additional requirements on estate agencies operating in the Bailiwick.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État IX of 2022, Article VIII	7	

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5	Contributory Benefit and Contribution Rates for 2023 Uprating of benefits and amendment of the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XVIII of 2022, Article VII	7	01/01/2023
6	Commissioner for Standards Amendment to the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948	States' Assembly & Constitution Committee	Billet d'État XVI of 2020, Article X	7	
7	The Human Rights (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2000 – Amendment of Legislation Amendment of section 9(2) of the Law to enable a court to award compensation to a person in respect of a judicial act done in good faith, in the circumstances set out in paragraph 2.5 of the Policy Letter.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article VII	7	
8	Minimum Standards for Accountancy Firms	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XVIII of 2022, Article VIII	7	
9	States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2023	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XIX of 2022, Article I	8	01/01/2023
10	Credit and finance legislation Repeal of the Registration of Non-Regulated Financial Services Businesses (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2008 and the preparation of a new Credit and Finance Law. The Policy Letter was jointly sponsored by the Policy & Resources Committee and the Committee for Economic Development.	Policy & Resources Committee and Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development	Billet d'État IV of 2021, Article VI	7	

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11	Non-contributory Benefit Rates for 2022	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XXI of 2021, Article II	8	07/01/2022
12	Improving the Governance of the States of Guernsey's Investment Funds Amendment of the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978 and the Long-Term Care Insurance Law, 2002 to assign political responsibility to the Policy & Resources Committee for the investment of the Funds. This is a joint Policy Letter from P&R and CESS.	Policy & Resources Committee; Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État VIII of 2021, Article XI	8	15/07/2022
13	Guernsey Electricity - interim arrangements for tariff regulation Amendment of the Electricity (Guernsey) Law, 2001.	Policy & Resources Committee; Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development; States' Trading Supervisory Board	Billet d'État XVII of 2021, Article V	7	21/02/2022
14	Amendments to Legislation Relating to Implementation of International Sanctions Measures Amendment of the Sanctions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2018 to remove the power to implement sanctions measures enacted by the European Union and clarify the scope of the criminal offences for breaching sanctions measures or for providing false or misleading information.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article VI	7	16/02/2022
15	Public Holidays in 2022 and beyond	Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development	Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article XV	7	16/02/2022

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16	Contributory Benefits and Contribution Rates for 2022 Amendments to the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law, 1978, setting rates of contributions and benefits. Amendment of rates of Long-term care benefit.	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État X of 2019, Article VII ; Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article XI	8	04/07/2022
17	Control of the first sale and purchase of fish and shellfish landed in Guernsey Legislation to amend the Fishing Ordinance, 1987.	Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development	Billet d'État VIII of 2021, Article VIII	7	25/11/2022
18	Amendments to customs law - seizure and disposal of perishable goods Amendment to paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Customs Law to enable the Law Officers to delegate their functions under this paragraph to GBA officers.	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État XIX of 2021, Article VIII	7	
19	Legislation relating to the investigation of economic crime	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État XXIII of 2021, Article III	7	20/10/2022
20	Legislation relating to financial crime and related matters Amendments to the criminal justice framework for addressing financial crime: repealing and replacing the Forfeiture of Money, etc in Civil Proceedings (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2007; amendments to eight other pieces of legislation; and new legislation regarding liability for international assistance.	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État XXIII of 2021, Article IV	7	
21	Change to the composition of the Guernsey Pilotage Board Repeal section 3(b) of the Pilotage Ordinance, 1967.	States' Trading Supervisory Board	Billet d'État XIII of 2021, Article XI	8	27/01/2022

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22	Extension of Temporary Exemption from Requirements for Planning Permission for Certain Changes of Use of Visitor Accommodation	Development & Planning Authority	Billet d'État XXV of 2021, Article VIII	8	27/01/2022
22	States of Guernsey Annual Budget for 2022 Amendment of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975 to provide that an interim assessment of a person's income in respect of a year of charge may be made prior to the commencement of that year.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XXI of 2021, Article I	7	
23	Review of the Land Planning and Development (Exemptions) Ordinance, 2007 Amendment of Land Planning and Development (Exemptions) Ordinance, 2007 and the Land Planning and Development (Use Classes) Ordinance, 2017 to provide new exemptions from the requirement to obtain planning permission and amend existing exemptions.	Development & Planning Authority	Billet d'État XXV of 2021, Article IX	8	
24	Investigation of Air Accidents and Incidents Implementation of the Annex 13 to the Chicago Convention and Regulation (EU) 996/2010 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation. This will require an Ordinance to be made under the European Communities (Implementation) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1994 and the making of an Order in Council to extend the UK Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accidents and Incidents) Regulations 2018 to the Bailiwick.	Policy & Resources Committee; Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development	Billet d'État XXV of 2021, Article X	7	
25	Reform of the Matrimonial Causes Law Reform of the law relating to divorce, annulment and judicial separation of marriage.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État IV of 2020, Article I	7	

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26	Proposals for a new Discrimination Ordinance Repeal of discriminatory provisions relating to women in specified pieces of legislation (section 9.5 of the Policy Letter).	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XV of 2020, Article XV	8	15/07/2021
27	Modernisation of the Abortion (Guernsey) Law, 1997	Committee <i>for</i> Health & Social Care	Billet d'État XIII of 2020, Article V	7	
28	Proposed introduction of a general housing law Introduction of enabling legislation to allow for the regulation of the Island's housing other than control of occupation.	Committee <i>for the</i> Environment & Infrastructure	Billet d'État XIII of 2020, Article VI	7	
29	Building a Better Future: Children's Health and Education Amendment of the Family Allowances (Guernsey) Law, 1950 to impose household income limit of £120,000 and to introduce a cut off in respect of eligibility when the child of the family turns 18. Amendments to have effect from 1 September 2021.	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XVI of 2020, Article XIII	7	03/01/2022
30	Amendments to the legal framework relating to beneficial ownership of legal persons Amendment to the Beneficial Ownership of Legal Persons (Guernsey) Law, 2017, the Foundations (Guernsey) Law, 2012, the Limited Partnerships (Guernsey) Law, 1995, the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008, the Limited Partnerships (Guernsey) Law, 2013 and the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XI of 2020, Article X	7	01/10/2022

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31	<p>Proposals for a new Discrimination Ordinance Amendment of the Sex Discrimination (Employment) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2005 to ensure it aligns with the new Discrimination Ordinance (section 10 of the Policy Letter).</p> <p>Amend existing employment and discrimination legislation to ensure that a consistent approach is taken to offering pre-complaint conciliation with regards its effect on suspending the time limit for registering complaints and to enable other relevant time limits to be amended as may be considered appropriate.</p>	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XV of 2020, Article XV ; and Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article XIV	7	01/10/2023
32	<p>Secondary Pensions Detailed proposals for the introduction of automatic enrolment into private pensions and the establishment of "Your Island Pension"</p>	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État IV of 2020, Article II	7	01/07/2024
33	<p>Review of the Code of Conduct for Members of the States of Deliberation Amendment of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948 to empower a Commissioner for Standards to be established. Preparation of a new piece of legislation to provide, amongst other things, for the Commissioner's appointment, powers and duties, powers to summons people and to provide records, and offences for failing to appear/provide information.</p>	States' Assembly & Constitution Committee	Billet d'État XVIII of 2020, Article III	7	

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34	Proposals for a new Discrimination Ordinance Preparation of an Ordinance under the Prevention of Discrimination (Enabling Provisions) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2004 in relation to the prevention of discrimination on the grounds of disability, carer status, race, sexual orientation, religious belief (subject to policy work in respect of exemptions regarding sexual orientation and religious belief). States resolved that this should be enacted in 2022.	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XV of 2020, Article XV ; and Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article XIV	8	01/10/2023
35	Sexual Offences Legislation: Supplementary policy matters	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État V of 2020, Article VII	7	01/03/2022
36	Proposals for a new Discrimination Ordinance Preparation of legislation outlining the powers and functions of the statutory official who will lead the Employment and Equal Opportunities Service and to amend existing employment and discrimination legislation in order to transfer any relevant powers to that official (section 7.4.2. of the Policy Letter)	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État XV of 2020, Article XV ; and Billet d'État XX of 2021, Article XIV	7	01/10/2023
37	International Tax Measures Miscellaneous amendments to the income tax legislation.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XXIV of 2019, Article XVII	8	15/07/2021
38	Organ donation - soft opt out scheme Law has been approved but secondary legislation is required to implement the Law.	Committee <i>for</i> Health & Social Care	Billet d'État XXV of 2018, Article XIV	7	01/01/2023

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39	Transformation of Income Tax and Contributions Services To develop a single service for the collection of Income Tax and Social Security Contributions; to establish the office of Director of Revenue Services and transfer functions of the Director of Income Tax and the operational contributions responsibilities of CESS and the Administrator of the Social Insurance Law to that post. Propositions 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XI of 2018, Article III	7	01/01/2022
40	Transformation of Income Tax and Contributions Services To develop a single service for the collection of Income Tax and Social Security Contributions; to establish the office of Director of Revenue Services and transfer functions of the Director of Income Tax and the operational contributions responsibilities of CESS and the Administrator of the Social Insurance Law to that post.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XI of 2018, Article III	8	01/01/2022
41	Company Intermediate Rate Extend the company intermediate income tax rate to income from the regulated activity of operating an investment exchange under the Protection of Investors Law and to income from compliance and other related activities provided to regulated financial services businesses (propositions 13 & 14).	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XXIV of 2018 (Budget)	8	
42	Amendment of Disclosure Law To enable the disclosure of information by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission to the Director of the Revenue Service where this would assist the Director in undertaking her duties (proposition 9).	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XXIV of 2018 (Budget)	8	

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43	Social welfare reforms Implementation of Income Support including closure of the rent rebate scheme and associated transitional provisions; introduction of new benefit rates, capital limits; and extra needs allowance and increase in the amount of the earnings disregards.	Committee <i>for</i> Employment & Social Security	Billet d'État VIII of 2018, Article V	7	
44	Consumer Protection: Introduction of statutory consumer protection powers Preparation of Ordinance under the Trading Standards (Enabling Provisions) (Guernsey) law, 2009.	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État III of 2016, Article XIX	7	
45	GFSC law revision project Enact new Insurance Business and Insurance Managers and Intermediaries Ordinances.	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XVIII of 2015, Article V	7	01/11/2021
46	Utilities - laying services in private land Amend Public Thoroughfares (Guernsey) Law 1958 in favour of Guernsey Electricity; and consider additional powers for water/sewerage undertakers [and report back if necessary]	Committee <i>for</i> Economic Development	Billet d'État IX of 2015, Article VI	7	
47	Environmental pollution Amendment of the Environmental Pollution (Guernsey) Law, 2004; water standards; exemptions from the Food and Environmental Protection Act for certain deposits in sea.	Committee <i>for</i> Environment & Infrastructure	Billet d'État XXI of 2012, Article VI	7	
48	Environmental pollution Part VI of the Environmental Pollution (Guernsey) Law, 2004 covers water pollution. Parts of the 2004 Law were commenced in 2006 and 2019 but Part VI (water pollution) is not yet in force.	Committee <i>for</i> Environment & Infrastructure	Billet d'État XXI of 2012, Article VI	7	
49	Sexual Offences Secondary legislation	Committee <i>for</i> Home Affairs	Billet d'État XIII of 2011, Article IX	7	

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50	Court of Appeal Amendments to the Court of Appeal (Guernsey) Law, 1961	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État XIX of 2011, Article XII	7	
51	Matrimonial causes Amend the Matrimonial Causes (Guernsey) Law, 1939; extend powers to divide assets and transfer property	Policy & Resources Committee	Billet d'État II of 2009, Article XI	7	



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