STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 977

RIGHTS OF THE SUBJECT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Relevant Official Records) (Amendment) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*4th September 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*8th September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*29th September 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 95(5) of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012(**a**).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Relevant Official Records) (Amendment) Order 2026 and comes into force on 29th September 2026.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendment of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Relevant Official Records) Order 2012

2. In the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Relevant Official Records) Order 2012(**b**), in article 2 (relevant official records), omit "which are relevant to any application under section 92 of the Act".

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Home Office

4th September 2026

(**a**) 2012 c. 9. Section 95(5) was amended by Schedule 8, paragraph 185, to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22).
(**b**) S.I. 2012/2279, amended by S.I. 2022/1051.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order amends the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Relevant Official Records) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2279) ("the 2012 Order").

Article 2 of the 2012 Order prescribes the records which constitute "relevant official records" for the purposes of section 95 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9) ("the 2012 Act"). This Order removes the words "which are relevant to any application under section 92 of the Act" from article 2 of the 2012 Order. The amendment ensures that the definition of "relevant official records" operates consistently across the statutory disregard and pardon provisions in Part 5 of the 2012 Act and Part 9 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), including provisions to be inserted into those Acts on the commencement of sections 116, 117 and 242 of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 (c. 20) which establish disregard and pardon arrangements in relation to certain offences and do not require an application under section 92 of the 2012 Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this statutory instrument as no, or no significant impact, on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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