

- (ii) in any other case—twenty-one years; or
- (b) except after tenders have been publicly invited or after public auction.

(2.) Paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section does not apply in relation to a lease, licence or authority granted—

- (a) for a period not exceeding three years; or
- (b) in pursuance of an option of renewal.

(3.) Nothing in this section affects any rights (including an option of renewal) granted before the commencement of this Act.

(4.) For the purposes of this section the period of a lease, licence or authority shall be deemed to include any period for which it is renewable under an option of renewal.

12.—(1.) A lease or licence in respect of land within an airport granted by or on behalf of the Commonwealth before the date of commencement of this Act and in force immediately before that date continues in force as if granted under this Act, and accordingly any power or remedy of the Commonwealth, or of any person on behalf of the Commonwealth, in respect of any such lease or licence is exercisable by the Minister.

Saving of
existing leases
and licences.

(2.) In relation to an airport in a Territory of the Commonwealth, a reference in this section to the date of commencement of this Act shall be read as a reference to the date specified in a Proclamation under section five of this Act as the date on and after which this Act shall apply in, or extend to, that Territory.

13. In the application of section fifty-seven of the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955–1957* in relation to land within an airport, references in that section to the Minister shall be read as references to the Minister of State for the time being administering this Act or any Minister or member of the Executive Council for the time being acting for and on behalf of that Minister.

Warrants to
obtain
possession
of land.

14.—(1.) The Minister may, by writing under his hand, certify that, on a specified date or during a specified period, an airport, within the meaning of this Act, existed at a place, and had the boundaries, described, by reference to a map or otherwise, in the certificate and may, in the certificate, certify as to the existence, situation and description of any physical features (including buildings or other erections) of or upon the airport at that date or within that period.

Evidence
of certain
matters.

(2.) In a prosecution under this Act, a certificate under this section is evidence of the matters certified.

(3.) A document purporting to be a certificate under this section and to be signed by a person by virtue of a delegation to that person of the powers of the Minister under this section may be admitted in evidence as such a certificate without proof of the delegation or of the signature of that person.