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authorization, *n.***Pronunciation:** Brit. /ˌɔːθəraɪˈzeɪʃn/, U.S. /ˌɔθərəˈzeɪʃən/,

/ˌɔθəˌraɪˈzeɪʃən/, /ˌɑθərəˈzeɪʃən/, /ˌɑθəˌraɪˈzeɪʃən/

Forms: 1ME **auctorisation**, 15– **authorisation**, 16– **authorization**.**Frequency (in current use):****Origin:** Formed within English, by derivation. **Etymons:** AUTHORIZE *v.*, -ATION *suffix*.**Etymology:** < AUTHORIZE *v.* + -ATION *suffix*.Compare post-classical Latin *auctorisatio*, ...**1.** The action of authorizing a person or thing; formal permission or approval; an instance of this. Also: the action of making legally valid.

1472–3 *Rolls of Parl.: Edward IV* (Electronic ed.) Parl. Oct. 1472 1st Roll §59. m. 2, The actes by auctorite of parlement of auctorisation of the same lettres patentes..be..hooly and fully voided.

1567 T. STAPLETON *Counterblast* IV. vii. f. 457, God him selfe hath already geauen it [*sc.* spiritual jurisdiction] to the Apostles and their successours, Bishops and Priestes in his Churche, without any commission or authorisation for any prince of the earth whatsoever.

1610 J. HEALEY tr. St. Augustine *Citie of God* II. viii. 63 Ordained..by the authorization [*L.* *auctoritate*] of the chiefe Priest.

1721 J. WISE *Word of Comfort* 9 They have..done every thing for us that has been needful in our Civil and Secular Affairs since their Authorization.

1762 *Monthly Rev.* Mar. 228 The authorization of Spain to this offensive transaction of France.

1827 J. BENTHAM *Rationale Judicial Evid.* V. IX. IV. v. 342 Authorization does away the fraud: what is authorized is legalized.

1835 J. HARRIS *Great Teacher* (1837) 133 A mere adoption and authorization of pre-existing opinions.

1856 C. MERIVALE *Hist. Romans under Empire* V. xlvi. 435 Without a special authorization from the chief.

1941 F. D. ROOSEVELT in *Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin: Hearings* (1942) I. 2, I recommend authorization of construction of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project.

1976 *Times* 25 Sept. 3/4 The Nazis had stiff penalties..for anyone transferring money abroad without authorization.

2003 L. UYS & S. CAMERON *Home-based HIV/AIDS Care* 193 All staff members and volunteers require written authorization from the CEO.

2. A document giving official permission.

1799 *Message from President of U.S., accompanying Sundry Papers* 96 Hereafter no letters of marque, authorizations or permissions to fit out vessels either for cruising, or for war and commerce, shall be

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issued in the colonies of America.

- 1839 *St James's Chron.* 1 Jan. 'The Czar has granted leave to 30 young officers'...These are the expressions used in the authorisation, but persons well acquainted with the affairs of government [etc.].
- 1887 tr. A. Dumas *Lady with Camellias* vi. 44 We went to the Commissary of Police, and Armand handed him the authorisation from Marguerite's sister.
- 1904 G. WILSON-RAE & B. DE SPELUZZI tr. *Code of Commerce (Argentina)* I. iv. 30 The proprietor..should express in the authorization the restrictions to which the factor should subject himself.
- 1968 H. S. THOMPSON *Let.* 9 Feb. in *Fear & Loathing in Amer.* (2000) 36 I'd only get involved in it if you sent me some sort of official or neo-legal authorization and agreed to repay me when you re-claim the car.
- 2010 M. MURPHY & M. WATERFILL *New Hipaa Guide 2010* 216 Signed authorizations must be retained for six years.

3. U.S. Polit. A legislative act which establishes the legal authority for the creation of a government agency, programme, etc., typically for a specified time and with recommended funding levels. Cf. *authorization bill n.* at **Compounds 2.**

- 1891 *N.Y. Times* 26 May The limits for the three vessels alone..aggregate about \$7,500,000, so that the vast difference between the authorizations of that House and those of the present House thus far is manifest.
- 1947 *Columbia Law Rev.* **47** 419 The problem is to determine what limits are placed on the Committee's activities by the terms of its authorizations.
- 1961 *Amer. Jrnl. Econ. & Sociol.* **20** 170 The effect of reauthorizations is generally the same as if new authorizations were used in their place.
- 2010 D. E. McNABB *Case Res. in Public Managem.* xi. 146 Hall examined how Congress uses short-term program authorizations to monitor and shape public policy.

COMPOUNDS

C1.

authorization code *n.*

- 1961 *Ordnance Corps Man.: Data Processing* (U.S. Army: ORDM 3-12) II. 832m, Block 178 checks the authorization code of the item record and the input for managerial code H.
- 2007 *Vanity Fair* Oct. 335/1 It is here that the president's on-duty military aide—the officer who carries the 'football', the briefcase containing authorization codes for launching nuclear weapons—sleeps during his 24-hour shift.

authorization form *n.*

- 1906 *Proc. 7th Ann. Convent. Amer. Railway Engin. & Maintenance of Way Assoc.* 325 No charge is made against any work that would be covered by this authorization form.

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- 1979 *Globe & Mail (Toronto)* (Nexis) 28 Feb. Toronto schools have been unable to obtain medical information from school nurses. Beginning next month, the board will send authorization forms home with 90,000 elementary and secondary pupils for authorization.
- 2000 *Keyways* (Master Locksmiths' Assoc.) Feb. 19/2 The Association has an authorisation form and a procedure for the cutting of security keys that should ensure that reasonable precautions are taken.

C2.

authorization bill *n.* a bill brought before a legislature for the authorization of a specified item; (*U.S. Polit.*) a bill to establish, renew, or extend the legal authority for a government agency, programme, etc.

Though a United States authorization bill may recommend the level of funding for an agency or programme, the actual amount is determined by a subsequent appropriation bill.

- 1824 *London Morning Post* 23 June Lord George Cavendish..and a great number of Members, returned the Earl Marshal Authorization Bill.
- 1898 *Boston Daily Globe* 21 Apr. 6/1 The enlistment authorization bill was passed and sent to the senate.
- 1907 *Times* 27 Nov. 8 The obstructive Croatian debate upon the autonomous Hungarian tariff was resumed. This debate will be interrupted to-morrow, as the authorization Bill has been placed on the order of the day.
- 1927 *Science* 11 Feb. p. xiv/1 The bill just passed is an authorization bill and must be followed by the actual appropriation of funds.
- 2010 *N.Y. Times* (National ed.) 16 Sept. A3/1 The House version of the NASA authorization bill..provides only \$150 million a year..for the private-sector space travel initiative.

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