



# Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

## 2011 asp 12

**The Bill for this Act of the Scottish Parliament was passed by the Parliament on 16th March 2011 and received Royal Assent on 20th April 2011**

An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the management of records by certain authorities; to amend the Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937 (c.43) in relation to the transmission of court records to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland; and for connected purposes.

### PART 1

#### RECORDS MANAGEMENT PLANS

#### **1 Records management plans**

- (1) Every authority to which this Part applies must—
  - (a) prepare a plan (a “records management plan”) setting out proper arrangements for the management of the authority’s public records,
  - (b) submit the plan to the Keeper for agreement, and
  - (c) ensure that its public records are managed in accordance with the plan as agreed with the Keeper.
- (2) An authority’s records management plan must—
  - (a) identify—
    - (i) the individual who is responsible for management of the authority’s public records, and
    - (ii) (if different) the individual who is responsible for ensuring compliance with the plan, and
  - (b) include, in particular, provision about—
    - (i) the procedures to be followed in managing the authority’s public records,
    - (ii) maintaining the security of information contained in the authority’s public records, and
    - (iii) the archiving and destruction or other disposal of the authority’s public records.

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- (3) An authority's records management plan may make different provision for the management of different kinds of public records (taking account, for example, of the different levels of risk associated with the management of different kinds of records).
- (4) The Keeper must issue guidance to authorities about the form and content of records management plans.
- (5) The Keeper may issue different guidance under subsection (4) in relation to different authorities.
- (6) Before issuing guidance under subsection (4), the Keeper must—
  - (a) consult the following on a draft of the guidance, namely—
    - (i) such authorities as the Keeper considers will be affected by the guidance, and
    - (ii) such other persons (if any) as the Keeper considers appropriate, and
  - (b) have regard to any views expressed in response to the consultation.
- (7) Authorities must have regard to the guidance issued by the Keeper in preparing their records management plans for agreement with the Keeper.
- (8) An authority—
  - (a) must, if the Keeper so requires, or
  - (b) may, with the Keeper's agreement,
 have separate records management plans for public records relating to separate functions of the authority.
- (9) A group of two or more authorities—
  - (a) must, if the Keeper so requires, or
  - (b) may, with the Keeper's agreement,
 have a common records management plan for both or, as the case may be, all of the authorities in the group.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 1 modified by 2003 asp 13, s. 4ZD(2) (as inserted (1.7.2014) by [Victims and Witnesses \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 1\)](#), ss. 30, 34; S.S.I. 2014/117, art. 3)
- C2** S. 1 modified (28.6.2021) by [Redress for Survivors \(Historical Child Abuse in Care\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(asp 15\)](#), s. 109(2), sch. 2 para. 2; S.S.I. 2021/234, reg. 2, sch.
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 1(1)-(3)(7)-(9) in force at 1.1.2013 by S.S.I. 2012/247, art. 2
- I2** S. 1(4)-(6) in force at 24.2.2012 by S.S.I. 2012/21, art. 2

## 2 Authorities to which Part 1 applies

- (1) The authorities to which this Part applies are the bodies, office-holders and other persons listed, or of a description listed, in the schedule.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by order made by statutory instrument amend the schedule by—
  - (a) adding—

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- (i) a body, office-holder or other person, or
    - (ii) a description of bodies, office-holders or other persons,
  - (b) removing an entry listed in it, or
  - (c) modifying an entry listed in it.
- (3) An order under subsection (2)(a) may add a body, office-holder or other person, or a description of bodies, office-holders or other persons, only if the body, office-holder or person, or (as the case may be) each of the bodies, office-holders or persons within the description, is—
- (a) a part of the Scottish Administration,
  - (b) a Scottish public authority with mixed functions or no reserved functions (within the meaning of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)), or
  - (c) a publicly owned company.
- (4) In subsection (3)(c), “publicly owned company” means a company that is wholly owned by—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers, or
  - (b) another authority.
- (5) For that purpose, a company is wholly owned—
- (a) by the Scottish Ministers if it has no members other than—
    - (i) the Scottish Ministers or other companies that are wholly owned by the Scottish Ministers, or
    - (ii) persons acting on behalf of the Scottish Ministers or of such other companies,
  - (b) by another authority if it has no members other than—
    - (i) the authority or other companies that are wholly owned by the authority, or
    - (ii) persons acting on behalf of the authority or of such other companies.
- (6) In this section, “company” includes any body corporate.
- (7) An order under subsection (2) may—
- (a) include consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
  - (b) modify any enactment.
- (8) An order under subsection (2) is not to be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing the order has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 2 in force at 24.2.2012 by [S.S.I. 2012/21](#), [art. 2](#)

### **3 Meaning of “public records”**

- (1) In this Act, “public records”, in relation to an authority, means—
- (a) records created by or on behalf of the authority in carrying out its functions,
  - (b) records created by or on behalf of a contractor in carrying out the authority's functions,

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- (c) records created by any other person that have come into the possession of the authority or a contractor in carrying out the authority's functions.
- (2) In subsection (1) “contractor”, in relation to an authority, means a person to whom functions of the authority are delegated (whether under a contract or otherwise) by the authority.

#### Commencement Information

**I4** S. 3 in force at 24.2.2012 by [S.S.I. 2012/21](#), [art. 2](#)

## 4 Agreement of plans

- (1) An authority must submit its proposed records management plan to the Keeper for agreement by such date as the Keeper may determine.
- (2) The proposed plan is to be submitted in such form and manner as the Keeper may determine.
- (3) On receiving the proposed plan, the Keeper must—
  - (a) agree it, or
  - (b) if the Keeper considers that it does not set out proper arrangements for the management of the authority's public records, return it.
- (4) What constitutes “proper arrangements” in any case is for the Keeper to determine.
- (5) In deciding whether to agree or return the proposed plan, the Keeper must have regard to—
  - (a) the guidance issued by the Keeper under section 1(4),
  - (b) the model records management plan published under section 8,
  - (c) the nature of the authority and its public records, and
  - (d) any representations made by the authority.
- (6) Where the Keeper is considering returning the proposed plan, before deciding whether to do so, the Keeper must—
  - (a) notify the authority—
    - (i) that the Keeper is considering returning the proposed plan, and
    - (ii) of the reasons for doing so,
  - (b) give the authority an opportunity to make representations, and
  - (c) have regard to any representations made by the authority.
- (7) If the Keeper returns the proposed plan—
  - (a) the Keeper—
    - (i) must state reasons for the return, and
    - (ii) may propose modifications to the proposed plan, and
  - (b) the authority must submit a revised plan to the Keeper for agreement by such date as the Keeper may determine.
- (8) Subsections (2) to (7) apply to a revised plan submitted under subsection (7)(b) as they apply to a proposed records management plan submitted under subsection (1).

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- (9) The Keeper may make different determinations under this section for different authorities or different descriptions of authorities.

**Commencement Information**

**I5** S. 4 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 5 Review of plans

- (1) An authority must—
- (a) keep its records management plan under review, and
  - (b) if the Keeper so requires (whether at the time of agreement of the plan or otherwise), carry out a review of the plan by such date (the “review date”) as the Keeper may determine in accordance with subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) The Keeper must not determine a review date under subsection (1)(b) which is earlier than five years after the date on which the authority's records management plan was last agreed.
- (3) In subsection (2), reference to the plan being agreed includes—
- (a) agreement of the plan under section 4,
  - (b) if the authority has been required to carry out a review of the plan under subsection (1)(b) of this section or section 6(3)(b), agreement of the revised or, as the case may be, resubmitted plan, and
  - (c) if the authority has submitted a revised plan under subsection (6) of this section, agreement of the revised plan.
- (4) If—
- (a) the Keeper has determined a review date under subsection (1)(b) in relation to a plan, and
  - (b) before that date, the Keeper agrees—
    - (i) a revised plan submitted by the authority under subsection (6), or
    - (ii) if the authority has been required to carry out a review of the plan under section 6(3)(b), a revised or, as the case may be, resubmitted plan,
- the Keeper must determine a new review date and inform the authority of the new review date.
- (5) After carrying out a review of its plan in accordance with subsection (1)(b), the authority must, by the review date, either—
- (a) revise its plan and submit the revised plan to the Keeper for agreement, or
  - (b) if the authority decides not to revise its plan, resubmit its current plan to the Keeper for agreement.
- (6) An authority may at any time revise its records management plan and submit the revised plan to the Keeper for agreement.
- (7) Subsections (2) to (9) of section 4 apply, as they apply to a proposed records management plan submitted for agreement under that section, to—
- (a) a revised records management plan submitted to the Keeper for agreement under subsection (5)(a) or (6) of this section, and

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- (b) a records management plan resubmitted to the Keeper for agreement under subsection (5)(b) of this section.
- (8) The Keeper may make different determinations under this section for different authorities or different descriptions of authorities.

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**Commencement Information**

**I6** S. 5 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 6 Records management reviews

- (1) The Keeper may carry out a review (a “records management review”) of whether an authority is complying with its records management plan.
- (2) An authority must provide the Keeper with such assistance as the Keeper may require for the purpose of carrying out a records management review in relation to the authority.
- (3) Following a records management review, the Keeper may—
  - (a) make recommendations to the authority about how it complies with its records management plan, and
  - (b) require the authority to carry out a review of its plan by such date as the Keeper may determine.
- (4) Section 5(5) applies to a review of a plan carried out under subsection (3)(b) of this section as it applies to a review of a plan carried out under section 5, but as if the reference to the review date were a reference to the date determined under subsection (3)(b) of this section.
- (5) Subsection (3) does not affect the Keeper's powers under section 7.
- (6) The Keeper may carry out a records management review in relation to—
  - (a) a particular authority, or
  - (b) a group of authorities.

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**Commencement Information**

**I7** S. 6 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 7 Action notices

- (1) This section applies where the Keeper considers that an authority—
  - (a) has failed or is failing to comply with its records management plan, or
  - (b) otherwise has failed or is failing to comply with any duty imposed on the authority by or under this Part.
- (2) The Keeper may issue to the authority a notice (an “action notice”)—
  - (a) specifying the details of the alleged failure, and
  - (b) requiring the authority to take specified action by a specified date.

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- (3) Where the Keeper is considering issuing an action notice to an authority, before deciding whether to do so, the Keeper must—
  - (a) notify the authority—
    - (i) that the Keeper is considering issuing an action notice, and
    - (ii) of the reasons for doing so,
  - (b) give the authority an opportunity to make representations, and
  - (c) have regard to any representations made by the authority.
- (4) In subsection (2)(b), “specified” means specified in the action notice.
- (5) If the authority fails to comply with any of the requirements of the action notice, the Keeper may take such steps as the Keeper considers appropriate to publicise the failure.

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**Commencement Information**

**I8** S. 7 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## **8 Model records management plan**

- (1) The Keeper must prepare and publish a model records management plan.
- (2) Before publishing the model records management plan under subsection (1), the Keeper must—
  - (a) consult the following on a draft of the plan, namely—
    - (i) each authority, and
    - (ii) such other persons (if any) as the Keeper considers appropriate, and
  - (b) have regard to any views expressed in response to the consultation.
- (3) Authorities must, in preparing and revising their records management plans for the Keeper's agreement, have regard to the model records management plan published under this section.
- (4) The Keeper must keep the model records management plan under review and may revise it and publish the revised model plan.
- (5) Before publishing a revised model plan under subsection (4), the Keeper must—
  - (a) consult the following on a draft of the plan, namely—
    - (i) such authorities as the Keeper considers will be affected by the revisals to the plan, and
    - (ii) such other persons (if any) as the Keeper considers appropriate, and
  - (b) have regard to any views expressed in response to the consultation.
- (6) References in this Part to the model records management plan include references to a revised model records management plan.

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**Commencement Information**

**I9** S. 8(1)(2) in force at 24.2.2012 by [S.S.I. 2012/21](#), [art. 2](#)

**I10** S. 8(3)-(6) in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

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## 9 Guidance

- (1) The Keeper may issue guidance to authorities about their duties under this Part.
- (2) The Keeper may issue different guidance under subsection (1) in relation to different authorities.
- (3) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1), the Keeper must—
  - (a) consult the following on a draft of the guidance, namely—
    - (i) such authorities as the Keeper considers will be affected by the guidance, and
    - (ii) such other persons (if any) as the Keeper considers appropriate, and
  - (b) have regard to any views expressed in response to the consultation.
- (4) Authorities must have regard to any guidance issued by the Keeper under subsection (1).

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### Commencement Information

**I11** S. 9 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 10 Application of Part 1 in relation to sheriff court records and JP court records

- (1) This section applies in relation to the public records of a sheriff court or a justice of the peace court.
- (2) The Sheriff Principal of the sherrifdom in which the court is located is responsible for carrying out the authority's functions under this Part in relation to such public records.
- (3) Accordingly, in relation to such public records, a reference in this Part to an authority (other than in section 3) is to be read as a reference to the Sheriff Principal.

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### Commencement Information

**I12** S. 10 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 11 No right of action for failures to comply

This Part does not confer any right of action in civil proceedings in respect of any failure by an authority—

- (a) to comply with its records management plan, or
- (b) otherwise to comply with any duty imposed on the authority by or under this Part.

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### Commencement Information

**I13** S. 11 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 12 Annual report

- (1) The Keeper must, after the end of each financial year—



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- (a) prepare a report on the carrying out of the Keeper's functions under this Part during the year, and
  - (b) submit the report to the Scottish Ministers.
- (2) The report must—
- (a) be prepared in such form as the Scottish Ministers may direct,
  - (b) contain the information specified in subsection (3) and such other information as the Scottish Ministers may direct, and
  - (c) be submitted by such date as the Scottish Ministers may direct.
- (3) The information referred to in subsection (2)(b) is—
- (a) information about records management plans and revised records management plans agreed with the Keeper during the year,
  - (b) information about any records management reviews carried out by the Keeper during the year,
  - (c) details of any action notices issued by the Keeper during the year,
  - (d) the names of any authorities that have failed to comply with any of the requirements of an action notice together with details of the alleged failures.
- (4) The Keeper may include in the report such other information as the Keeper considers appropriate.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (6) The Keeper must, as soon as practicable after the report has been laid before the Parliament, publish the report in such manner as the Keeper considers appropriate.

**Commencement Information**

**I14** S. 12 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

## 13 Interpretation of Part 1

- (1) In this Part—
- “action notice” means a notice issued under section 7,
  - “authority” means an authority to which this Part applies (see section 2),
  - “the Keeper” means the Keeper of the Records of Scotland,
  - “management”, in relation to public records, includes keeping, storage, securing, archiving, preservation, destruction or other disposal (and “manage” and other related expressions are to be construed accordingly),
  - “public records”, in relation to an authority, has the meaning given by section 3(1),
  - “record” means anything in which information is recorded in any form,
  - “records management plan”, in relation to an authority, means the plan referred to in section 1(1),
  - “records management review” means a review carried out under section 6.
- (2) Except where the context requires otherwise, references in this Part to an authority's records management plan include references to the plan as revised from time to time.

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**I15** S. 13 in force at 24.2.2012 by [S.S.I. 2012/21](#), [art. 2](#)

**14 Repeals**

The following are repealed—

- (a) sections 2(3) and 2A(4) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937 (c.43) (care and preservation of sheriff court and JP court records),
- (b) section 53(1) to (3) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39) (preservation and management of records of local authorities),
- (c) section 30(1)(b) to (d) of the Environment Act 1995 (c.25) (preservation and management of records of SEPA),
- (d) section 27(2) to (4) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 10) (preservation and management of records of National Park authorities), and
- (e) section 58(2) to (4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 3) (preservation and management of records of Scottish Water).

**Commencement Information**

**I16** S. 14 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

**PART 2**

TRANSMISSION OF COURT RECORDS

**15 Transmission of court records**

- (1) The Public Records (Scotland) Act 1937 (c.43) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (High Court and Court of Session records), after subsection (2) add—
  - “(3) Before making an Act of Adjournal or an Act of Sederunt under subsection (1), the High Court of Justiciary or, as the case may be, the Court of Session must consult the Keeper.”.
- (3) In section 2 (sheriff court records)—
  - (a) for subsection (1) substitute—
    - “(1) A sheriff principal may, with the agreement of the Keeper, transmit any of the sheriff court records of the sheriff principal's sheriffdom to the Keeper.”,
    - (b) in subsection (4), for “subsections (1) and (3)” substitute “ subsection (1) ”.
- (4) In section 2A (JP court records)—
  - (a) for subsection (1) substitute—
    - “(1) A sheriff principal may, with the agreement of the Keeper, transmit any of the JP court records of the sheriff principal's sheriffdom to the Keeper.”,

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(b) subsection (2) is repealed.

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**I17** S. 15 in force at 1.1.2013 by [S.S.I. 2012/247](#), [art. 2](#)

**PART 3**

GENERAL

**16 Commencement**

- (1) Parts 1 and 2 come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may appoint by order made by statutory instrument.
- (2) This Part comes into force at the beginning of the day following the day on which the Bill for this Act receives Royal Assent.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may include transitional, transitory or saving provision.

**17 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011.

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## SCHEDULE

*(introduced by section 2(1))*

### AUTHORITIES TO WHICH PART 1 APPLIES

#### **Commencement Information**

**I18** Sch. in force at 24.2.2012 by [S.S.I. 2012/21](#), **art. 2** (as amended (23.2.2012) by [S.S.I. 2012/42](#), art. 2)

#### *Parliament*

Scottish Parliament  
 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

#### *Scottish Administration*

Scottish Ministers  
 Lord Advocate  
 Accountant in Bankruptcy  
 Chief Dental Officer of the Scottish Administration  
 Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration  
 [<sup>F1</sup>Consumer Scotland ]  
 Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland  
 [<sup>F2</sup>Environmental Standards Scotland]  
 [<sup>F3</sup>Food Standards Scotland]  
 [<sup>F4</sup> Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary and Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary (appointed under section 71 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8))]  
 [<sup>F5</sup>Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Her Majesty's Inspectors of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Assistant Inspectors of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service appointed under section 43A of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 5)]  
 Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland  
 Her Majesty's Inspector of Anatomy for Scotland  
 Her Majesty's inspectors of schools (that is to say, the inspectors of schools appointed by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Scottish Ministers under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (c.44))  
 Keeper of the Records of Scotland  
 Keeper of the Registers of Scotland  
 Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator  
 Procurators fiscal  
 Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer  
 Queen's Printer for Scotland  
 Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland  
 [<sup>F6</sup>Revenue Scotland]  
 [<sup>F7</sup>Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service]  
 [<sup>F8</sup>Scottish Fiscal Commission]

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## Scottish Housing Regulator

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in *sch.* inserted (1.4.2022) by Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (asp 11), s. 29(2), **sch. 2 para. 6**; S.S.I. 2021/464, reg. 2
- F2** Words in *sch.* inserted (1.10.2021) by UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 4), s. 51(2), **sch. 1 para. 15(5)** (with s. 48(2)); S.S.I. 2021/304, reg. 2(b)
- F3** Words in *sch.* inserted (1.4.2015) by Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 1), **ss. 17(6)**, 63(2) (with s. 62); S.S.I. 2015/99, art. 2
- F4** Words in *sch.* substituted (17.9.2015) by The Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2015 (S.S.I. 2015/335), **art. 2(c)(i)**
- F5** Words in *sch.* substituted (1.4.2013) by Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8), s. 129(2), **Sch. 7 para. 73**; S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)
- F6** Words in *sch.* inserted (1.1.2015) by Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (asp 16), s. 260(2), **Sch. 4 para. 8** (with **ss. 257-259**); S.S.I. 2014/370, art. 2, Sch.
- F7** Words in *sch.* substituted (17.9.2015) by The Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2015 (S.S.I. 2015/335), **art. 2(c)(ii)**
- F8** Words in *sch.* inserted (1.4.2017) by Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016 (asp 17), **ss. 29(5)**, 31(2); S.S.I. 2016/326, reg. 2(2)

### Others

Accounts Commission for Scotland

**F9**  
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Architecture and Design Scotland

Audit Scotland

Auditor General for Scotland

Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland

Board of Trustees of the National Museums of Scotland

Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

Bòrd na Gàidhlig

[**F10**Boundaries Scotland]

[**F11**British Waterways Board.]

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (registered number SC001854)

[**F12**Chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland]

Children's Hearings Scotland

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[**F14**Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland]

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland

Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service

[**F15**Community Justice Scotland]

Court of the Lord Lyon

Court of Session

Creative Scotland

[**F16**Criminal Courts Rules Council]

Crofting Commission

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[<sup>F17</sup>[<sup>F18</sup>Crown Estate Scotland]]  
David MacBrayne Ltd (registered number SC015304)  
[<sup>F19</sup>First-tier Tribunal for Scotland]  
General Teaching Council for Scotland  
Health Boards (constituted under section 2(1)(a) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c.29))  
Healthcare Improvement Scotland  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prosecution in Scotland  
High Court of Justiciary  
Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (registered number SC097647)  
Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
[<sup>F20</sup>ILF Scotland]  
[<sup>F21</sup>Historic Environment Scotland]  
[<sup>F22</sup>Independent prison monitors appointed under section 7B(2)(a) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989]  
[<sup>F23</sup>Integration joint boards established under section 9(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014]  
Joint boards (established under section 62A(1) or 62B(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c.65))  
<sup>F24</sup>  
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Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland  
Justice of the peace courts  
Justices of the peace advisory committees  
Lands Tribunal for Scotland  
<sup>F13</sup>  
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Licensing Boards (continued in existence or established under section 5 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 16))  
Local authorities  
<sup>F25</sup>  
...  
Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland  
Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland  
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland  
National Convener of Children's Hearings Scotland  
National Park authorities (established by virtue of designation orders under section 6 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 10))  
[<sup>F16</sup>Panel appointed under regulation 90C of the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012]  
Parole Board for Scotland  
<sup>F24</sup>  
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[<sup>F26</sup>Police Investigations and Review Commissioner]  
Principal Reporter  
[<sup>F27</sup>Prison monitoring co-ordinators appointed under section 7A(2) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989]  
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<sup>F29</sup>  
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Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland

Quality Meat Scotland

Risk Management Authority

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Safeguarders Panel

Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards

Scottish Agricultural Wages Board

[<sup>F32</sup>Scottish Biometrics Commissioner]

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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration

[<sup>F16</sup>Scottish Civil Justice Council]

Scottish Commission for Human Rights

Scottish Commission for Public Audit

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Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission

Scottish Enterprise

Scottish Environment Protection Agency

[<sup>F16</sup>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service]

Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council

Scottish Futures Trust Ltd (registered number SC348382)

Scottish Health Council

Scottish Information Commissioner

Scottish Land Court

Scottish Law Commission

Scottish Legal Aid Board

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission

Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee

Scottish Natural Heritage

[<sup>F34</sup>Scottish Police Authority]

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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

Scottish Qualifications Authority

Scottish Road Works Commissioner

[<sup>F16</sup>Scottish Sentencing Council]

Scottish Social Services Council

Scottish Sports Council

Scottish Water

Sheriff courts

[<sup>F35</sup>Sheriff Appeal Court]

Skills Development Scotland Co. Ltd (registered number SC202659)

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland

[<sup>F36</sup>South of Scotland Enterprise]

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Special Health Boards (constituted under section 2(1)(b) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c.29))

Standards Commission for Scotland

Transport Partnerships

[<sup>F16</sup>TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd (registered number SC462050)]

[<sup>F37</sup>National Library of Scotland]

[<sup>F19</sup>Upper Tribunal for Scotland]

<sup>F38</sup>  
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VisitScotland

Water Industry Commission for Scotland

### Textual Amendments

- F9** Words in sch. repealed (12.1.2018) by [The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland\) Regulations 2018 \(S.S.I. 2018/4\)](#), reg. 1(1), **sch. 2 para. 6(2)**
- F10** Words in sch. inserted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), s. 35, **sch. para. 8(a)**; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F11** Words in sch. inserted (2.7.2012) by [The British Waterways Board \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1659\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 27** (with arts. 4-6)
- F12** Words in sch. substituted (17.9.2015) by [The Public Records \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Authorities\) Amendment Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/335\)](#), **art. 2(c)(iii)**
- F13** Words in sch. removed (17.9.2015) by [The Public Records \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Authorities\) Amendment Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/335\)](#), **art. 2(b)**
- F14** Words in sch. substituted (1.7.2013) by [The Public Services Reform \(Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/197\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 18(a)**
- F15** Words in sch. inserted (1.4.2017) by [Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 10\)](#), s. 41(2), **sch. 1 para. 14(6)**; S.S.I. 2017/33, reg. 2(3)
- F16** Words in sch. added (17.9.2015) by [The Public Records \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Authorities\) Amendment Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/335\)](#), **art. 2(a)**
- F17** Words in sch. inserted (16.2.2017) by [The Crown Estate Scotland \(Interim Management\) Order 2017 \(S.S.I. 2017/36\)](#), arts. 1(1), **21(7)**
- F18** Words in sch. substituted (1.4.2020) by [Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 \(asp 1\)](#), s. 46(2), **sch. 1 para. 7**; S.S.I. 2020/77, reg. 2(1), sch. 1
- F19** Words in sch. added (12.1.2018) by [The Public Records \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Authorities\) Amendment Order 2018 \(S.S.I. 2018/5\)](#), art. 1, **para. 2**
- F20** Words in sch. inserted (28.6.2018) by [The ILF Scotland \(Miscellaneous Listings\) Order 2018 \(S.S.I. 2018/214\)](#), arts. 1, **5(2)**
- F21** Words in sch. inserted (27.2.2015) by [Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 \(asp 19\)](#), s. 31(2), **Sch. 6 para. 6(a)** (with ss. 29, 30); S.S.I. 2015/31, art. 2, Sch.
- F22** Words in sch. inserted (31.08.2015) by [The Public Services Reform \(Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons\) \(Scotland\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/39\)](#), Sch. para. 8(a)
- F23** Words in sch. inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Modifications and Saving\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/157\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. para. 11**
- F24** Words in sch. repealed (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 129(2), **Sch. 8 Pt. 1**; S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)
- F25** Words in sch. repealed (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), s. 35, **sch. para. 8(b)**; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F26** Words in sch. substituted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), s. 129(2), **Sch. 7 para. 45**; S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)



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- F27** Words in sch. inserted (31.08.2015) by The Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2015 (S.S.I 2015/39), Sch. para. 8(b)
- F28** Words in sch. repealed (1.12.2016) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/338), reg. 1(2), **sch. 2 para. 4(2)** (with sch. 1 para. 5)
- F29** Words in sch. omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of The Public Services Reform (Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.) Order 2013 (S.S.I. 2013/197), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 18(b)**
- F30** Words in sch. omitted (1.7.2013) by virtue of The Public Services Reform (Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland etc.) Order 2013 (S.S.I. 2013/197), art. 1, **Sch. 2 para. 18(c)**
- F31** Words in sch. repealed (1.10.2015) by Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (asp 19), s. 31(2), **Sch. 6 para. 6(b)** (with ss. 29, 30); S.S.I. 2015/196, art. 2, Sch.
- F32** Words in sch. inserted (1.12.2020) by Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (asp 8), s. 40(2), **sch. 2 para. 4**; S.S.I. 2020/250, reg. 2
- F33** Words in sch. repealed (12.1.2018) by The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel) Regulations 2018 (S.S.I. 2018/1), reg. 1(1), **sch. 2 para. 4(2)**
- F34** Words in sch. inserted (8.8.2012) by Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8), s. 129(1)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 18**
- F35** Words in sch. inserted (28.11.2016) by The Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Officer and Consequential Provisions) Order 2016 (S.S.I. 2016/387), art. 1, **sch. 3 para. 6** (with art. 4(2))
- F36** Words in sch. inserted (16.10.2019) by South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019 (asp 9), s. 24(2), **sch. 2 para. 7**; S.S.I. 2019/308, reg. 2
- F37** Words in sch. substituted (1.2.2013) by National Library of Scotland Act 2012 (asp 3), s. 12(3), **Sch. 2 para. 10**; S.S.I. 2013/1, art. 2
- F38** Words in sch. omitted (31.08.2015) by The Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2015 (S.S.I 2015/39), Sch. para. 8(c)

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