



Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 45

PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

The seashore etc.

121 Control of the seashore, adjacent waters and inland waters.

- (1) Insofar as it is necessary to do so for the purpose of preventing nuisance or danger at, or preserving or improving the amenity of, or conserving the natural beauty of, the seashore, a [^{F1}local authority] may, in accordance with this section, make byelaws—
 - (a) regulating or prohibiting any activity by way of trade or business with, or in expectation of personal reward from, members of the public on the seashore;
 - (b) regulating the use of vehicles on the seashore;
 - (c) regulating the exercise of sporting and recreational activities on the seashore.
- (2) Byelaws under subsection (1) above may confine the exercise of any activity (including the use of vehicles or kinds of vehicles) specified in the byelaws to a part of the seashore specified in the byelaws and prohibit the exercise in that part of the seashore of any other activity (including such use) so specified.
- (3) A [^{F1}local authority] may, in accordance with this section, make byelaws relating to the adjacent waters for the purpose of—
 - (a) regulating the speed of pleasure boats in these waters;
 - (b) regulating the use of pleasure boats in these waters so as to prevent their navigation in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons;
 - (c) requiring the use of effective silencers on pleasure boats in these waters;
 - (d) regulating the activities in these waters of divers, surfers, water skiers and persons engaged in similar recreational pursuits.

^{F2}(4)

Changes to legislation: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 121 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (5) Byelaws may be made under this section only if—
- (a) the [^{F1}local authority] have complied with subsection (6) below and made such other inquiries as may be reasonably necessary to ascertain the existence and identity of each person having—
 - (i) in the case of byelaws under subsection (1) above, a proprietary interest in the seashore;
 - (ii) in the case of byelaws under subsection (3) above, a proprietary interest in relation to the adjacent waters;
 - ^{F3}(iii)
 - (iv) in any case, a proprietary interest in any salmon fishings; being a proprietary interest which may be affected by the byelaws;
 - [^{F4}(b) the local authority have given notice in writing of their proposal to make byelaws to each person having a proprietary interest such as is mentioned, in relation to the byelaws, in paragraph (a) above whose identity has been ascertained as mentioned in the said paragraph (a);]
 - (c) the [^{F1}local authority] have, in connection with their proposal to make the byelaws, consulted such person or body, if any, as appears to them to be representative of persons who engage in each sporting or recreational activity which may be affected by the byelaws.
- (6) The [local authority] shall give public notice of their proposal to make byelaws under this section ^{F5}. . . in a newspaper circulating in the area where the byelaws are proposed to have effect.
- (7) If a [^{F1}local authority] have complied with subsections (5)(a) and (6) above, ^{F5}. . . , the [^{F1} authority] may ^{F5}. . . proceed to make the byelaws but shall not proceed earlier than one month after the date of the advertisement under subsection (6) above or, if there were more than one advertisement, the later or last of those dates.
- (8) Byelaws made under this section may provide that persons contravening such provisions of the byelaws as may be therein specified as provisions contravention of which is an offence shall be liable, on summary conviction thereof, to a fine not exceeding £50 or such lesser sum as the byelaws may specify; and any offence against any such provision of such byelaws committed within adjacent waters may be inquired into and dealt with as if it had been committed within the area of the [^{F1}local authority] concerned.
- (9) A [^{F1}local authority] may on the seashore or in or on adjacent waters place notices or other indications advising the public as to any danger or health hazard connected with the seashore or those waters.
- (10) A [^{F1}local authority] may provide staff for life saving and any boats or equipment which are appropriate for life saving.
- (11) A [^{F1}local authority], when exercising their powers under this section, shall have regard to the need to protect and maintain any public rights under the guardianship of the Crown to use the foreshore, [^{F6}and adjacent waters.]
- (12) In subsection (1) above, the reference to conserving natural beauty shall be construed in accordance with section 78(2) of the ^{M1}Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967.

Changes to legislation: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 121 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 121(1)(3)(4)(5)(a)(c)(6)-(11) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 129(18)**; S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(c)**
- F2** S. 121(4) repealed (9.2.2005) by Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 2), s. 100(3), **sch. 2 para. 8(b)(i)** (with s. 100(2)); S.S.I. 2005/17, art. 2(b)
- F3** S. 121(5)(a)(iii) repealed (9.2.2005) by Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 2), s. 100(3), **sch. 2 para. 8(b)(ii)** (with s. 100(2)); S.S.I. 2005/17, art. 2(b)
- F4** S. 121(5)(b) substituted (4.1.1995) by 1994 c. 39, s. 141(a) (with s. 128); S.I. 1994/2850, art. 3(a), **Sch. 2**
- F5** Words in s. 121(6)(7) repealed (4.1.1995) by 1994 c. 39, ss. 141(b)(c), 180(2), **Sch. 14**; S.I. 1994/2850, **art. 3(a) Sch. 2**
- F6** Words in s. 121(11) substituted (9.2.2005) by Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 2), s. 100(3), **sch. 2 para. 8(c)** (with s. 100(2)); S.S.I. 2005/17, art. 2(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 121 modified (7.1.2003) by The Cairngorms National Park Designation, Transitional and Consequential Provisions (Scotland) Order 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/1), arts. 1, **8(1)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1967 c. 86.

Changes to legislation:

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 121 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 22(1)(c) repealed by [2015 asp 10 s. 65\(3\)](#)
- s. 49(9) added by [2010 asp 13 s. 200\(1\)\(b\)](#)