



# Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

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## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007

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- 16 Inclusion in adults' list after consideration

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1 An offence falls within this paragraph if it is—

2 An individual falls within this paragraph if the individual—

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Part 1 — PRELIMINARY

*Regulated work with children*

1 Regulated work with children is work in—

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*Exceptions relating to children's employment and work*

- 2 Work which would be regulated work with children by virtue...  
Part 2 — ACTIVITIES

*Caring for children*

- 3 Caring for children (except caring for children which is merely...

*Teaching, instructing, training or supervising children*

- 4 Teaching, instructing, training or supervising children (except teaching, instructing, or...

*Being in sole charge of children*

- 5 Being in sole charge of children.

*Unsupervised contact with children*

- 6 Contact with children— (a) under arrangements made by a responsible...

*Providing advice or guidance to children*

- 7 Providing advice or guidance to a child or to particular...

*Moderating certain interactive communication services*

- 8 Moderating a public electronic interactive communication service which is intended...

*Provision of care home services*

- 9 Providing, or working for an organisation which provides, a care...

*Provision of independent health care services*

- 10 Providing, or working for an organisation which provides, an independent...

*Work on day care premises*

- 11 Work on any part of day care premises at times...  
Part 3 — ESTABLISHMENTS

*Children's detention institution*

- 12 An institution which is exclusively or mainly for the detention...

*Children's hospital*

- 13 A hospital which is exclusively or mainly for the reception...

*Educational institutions etc.*

- 14 A school.  
15 A further education institution. "Further education institution" means a body listed...

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- 16 A hostel used mainly by pupils attending a school or...

*Children's home*

- 17 A home which is exclusively or mainly for children and...

Part 4 — POSITIONS

*Manager of educational institutions etc.*

- 18 Manager, or member of a governing body, body of trustees...

*Member of council committee*

- 19 Member of— (a) a committee (including joint committee) of a...

*Member of children's panel etc.*

- 20 Member of— (a) a children's panel established by section 39(1)...

*Chief social work officer*

- 21 Chief social work officer of a council.

*Chief education officer*

- 22 Chief education officer (however called) of a council.

*Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland*

- 23 Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland.

- 24 Member of that Commissioner's staff.

*Registrar of Independent Schools in Scotland*

- 25 Registrar of Independent Schools in Scotland.

*Fostering*

- 26 Foster carer.

*Charity trustee*

- 27 Charity trustee of a children's charity. "Children's charity" means a charity...

Part 5 — GENERAL

*Power to amend schedule*

- 28 Ministers may by order modify this schedule as they think...

- 29 An order under paragraph 28 may disapply or otherwise modify...

SCHEDULE 3 — Regulated work with adults

Part 1 — PRELIMINARY

*Regulated work with adults*

- 1 Regulated work with adults is work in—

Part 2 — ACTIVITIES

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### *Caring for adults*

- 2 Caring for protected adults (except caring for protected adults under...

#### *Teaching, instructing, training and supervising adults*

- 3 Teaching, instructing, training or supervising protected adults (except teaching, instructing,...

#### *Being in sole charge of adults*

- 4 Being in sole charge of protected adults (except being in...

#### *Providing assistance, advice or guidance to adults*

- 5 Providing assistance, advice or guidance to a protected adult or...

#### *Provision of care home services*

- 6 Providing, or working for an organisation which provides, a care...

### *Inspecting care services on behalf of the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care*

- 7 Inspecting adult care services (including inspecting any premises used for...

#### Part 3 — ESTABLISHMENTS

#### *Care home*

- 8 A care home. “Care home” means accommodation occupied mainly or exclusively...

#### *Residential establishment or accommodation*

- 9 A residential establishment or accommodation occupied exclusively or mainly by...

#### Part 4 — POSITIONS

#### *Member of council committee*

- 10 Member of a committee (including joint committee) of a council...

#### *Chief social work officer*

- 11 Chief social work officer of a council.

#### *Charity trustee*

- 12 Charity trustee of a charity whose— (a) workers normally include...

#### Part 5 — GENERAL

#### *Power to amend schedule*

- 13 Ministers may by order modify this schedule as they think...  
14 An order under paragraph 13 may disapply or otherwise modify...

### SCHEDULE 4 — Minor and consequential amendments and repeals

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*Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965 (c. 19)*

- 1 The Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965 is amended as follows....
- 2 In section 6— (a) in subsection (2C), for the words...
- 3 In section 10B(1)(b)— (a) paragraphs (i) to (iii), and
- 4 In section 11(8), for the words from “such” to “but”...

*Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 44)*

- 5 The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 is amended as follows.
- 6 In section 98A— (a) in subsection (5)(a)(ii), for “disqualified from...
- 7 In section 99(1A)— (a) in paragraph (g)(ii), for “disqualified from...
- 8 In section 135(1)— (a) after the definition of “attendance order”...

*Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 56)*

- 9 The Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984 is amended as follows....
- 10 In section 7, after subsection (2) insert—
- 11 In section 15, after subsection (2) insert—
- 12 In section 21, before the definition of “care home service”...

*Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46)*

- 13 The 1995 Act is amended as follows.
- 14 In section 106(1)— (a) paragraphs (db) and (dc) are repealed,...
- 15 In section 110(1)(a), the words “, the proposal to make...”
- 16 Section 111(3) is repealed.
- 17 In section 116, for subsection (2) substitute—
- 18 In section 118— (a) in subsection (4), for the words...
- 19 In section 121A(1), the words “(other than an appeal under...”
- 20 In section 173(2), the words “or (cb)” are repealed.
- 21 In section 175— (a) in subsection (2)—
- 22 Section 181(4) is repealed.
- 23 In section 186— (a) the words “or (cb)”, where they...
- 24 In section 187(1), the words “or (cb)” are repealed.
- 25 In section 189— (a) subsection (2A) is repealed,
- 26 In section 193A(1), the words “(other than by way of...”

*Police Act 1997 (c. 50)*

- 27 Part 5 of the 1997 Act is amended as follows....
- 28 In section 113A, after subsection (5) insert—
- 29 After section 113B insert— Suitability information relating to children  
(1) In such cases as are prescribed, an enhanced criminal...
- 30 Sections 113C to 113F are repealed.
- 31 In section 114— (a) in subsection (2), for “a Minister...”
- 32 In section 116— (a) in subsection (2), for “a Minister...”
- 33 In section 117, after subsection (2) insert—
- 34 In section 118— (a) in subsection (2A)(a), for “United Kingdom...”
- 35 In section 119A(2), the words from “; and” to the...
- 36 In section 120(5)(b) for the words from “countersign” to “113B”...
- 37 In section 120A— (a) in subsection (3)(b), for “included in...”
- 38 Section 121 is repealed.
- 39 In section 122— (a) in subsection (3)—

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40 Before section 123 insert— Delegation of functions of Scottish Ministers...

41 In section 126(1), after the definition of “Minister of the...

*Protection of Children (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 5)*

42 The whole Act (other than sections 13 and 16) is...

*Criminal Procedure (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 5)*

43 Section 24(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2004...

*Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 10)*

44 Paragraph 15 of schedule 4 to the Charities and Trustee...

*Inquiries Act 2005 (c. 12)*

45 Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Inquiries Act 2005...

*Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 10)*

46 The following provisions of the Police, Public Order and Criminal...

SCHEDULE 5 — Index

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Pt. 2 modified by S.I. 2010/2660 art. 21
- s. 4(1)(c) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 9
- s. 4(2)(b) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 9
- s. 8(2) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 28(a)
- s. 8(2) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(a)(i)
- s. 8(2) text amended by S.I. 2010/231 Sch. 4 para. 16(a)
- s. 8(3) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 28(b)(iii)
- s. 8(3)(a) text amended by S.S.I. 2011/215 Sch. 6 para. 2(2)
- s. 8(3)(c) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 28(b)(i)(ii)
- s. 8(3)(aa) inserted by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(a)(ii)
- s. 8(3)(ca) inserted by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 28(b)(iv)
- s. 10(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 4(2)
- s. 10(4) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 4(3)
- s. 13 extended by S.S.I. 2010/180 art. 5
- s. 17(5)(c) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 29(b)
- s. 17(5)(c)(x) repealed by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 29(a)
- s. 17(5)(c)(xii) added by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 29(c)
- s. 18(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 5(2)
- s. 18(2) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 5(3)
- s. 18(3) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 5(4)
- s. 19(3) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 30
- s. 19(3) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(b)
- s. 19(3) text amended by S.S.I. 2011/211 Sch. 1 para. 19(a)
- s. 19(3) text amended by S.I. 2010/231 Sch. 4 para. 16(b)
- s. 30 modified by S.S.I. 2010/180 art. 4(4) 6(4)
- s. 30(7) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 31
- s. 30(7) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(c)
- s. 32(3)(b)(i) text amended by 2010 asp 13 Sch. 7 para. 84
- s. 38(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 6(2)
- s. 38(2) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 6(3)
- s. 39 text amended by 2009 c. 26 s. 81(2)s. 81(3)(n)
- s. 39(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(2)
- s. 39(2)(a) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(3)
- s. 39(3)(a) substituted by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(4)(a)
- s. 39(3)(b) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(4)(b)
- s. 39(4)(b) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(5)
- s. 39(5) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(6)(a)
- s. 39(5)(a)(b) repealed by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(6)(b)
- s. 39(6)(7) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 7(7)
- s. 40 text amended by 2009 c. 26 s. 81(2)s. 81(3)(n)
- s. 40(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(2)
- s. 40(2)(a) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(3)
- s. 40(3)(a) substituted by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(4)(a)
- s. 40(3)(b) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(4)(b)
- s. 40(4)(b) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(5)
- s. 40(5) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(6)(a)
- s. 40(5)(a)(b) repealed by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(6)(b)
- s. 40(6)(7) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 8(7)
- s. 73(c) text amended by S.S.I. 2011/215 Sch. 6 para. 2(3)
- s. 73(d) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 32
- s. 75(2) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 10(2)

- s. 75(3) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 10(3)
- s. 75(4) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 10(4)
- s. 75(5) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 10(5)
- s. 76(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 11(2)
- s. 76(1)(c) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 11(3)
- s. 76(2) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 11(4)
- s. 77 modified by S.S.I. 2010/180 art. 7
- s. 92 modified by S.S.I. 2010/346 art. 2
- s. 94(1)(a) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 33(a)
- s. 94(3) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 33(b)
- s. 94(3)(c) inserted by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(d)
- s. 97 text amended by 2009 c. 26 s. 81(2)s. 81(3)(n)
- s. 97(1) text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 34
- s. 97(1) text amended by S.S.I. 2011/211 Sch. 1 para. 19(b)
- s. 97(1) text amended by S.I. 2010/231 Sch. 4 para. 16(c)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(w)-(zs) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 6
- Sch. 1 para. 2(aa) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 8
- Sch. 1 para. 2(ba) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 9
- Sch. 1 para. 2(ea)-(er) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 10
- Sch. 1 para. 2(h)-(l) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 11
- Sch. 1 para. 2(za) inserted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 7
- Sch. 1 para. 1(g) omitted by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 3
- Sch. 1 para. 1(i)(ia) substituted for Sch. 1 para. 1(i) by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 5
- Sch. 1 para. 1(h) text amended by S.S.I. 2010/246 art. 4
- Sch. 2 para. 1A inserted by S.S.I. 2010/240 art. 4
- Sch. 2 para. 2A inserted by S.S.I. 2010/240 art. 5
- Sch. 2 para. 11A inserted by S.S.I. 2010/240 art. 7
- Sch. 2 para. 1(b) substituted by S.S.I. 2010/240 art. 3
- Sch. 2 para. 6 substituted by S.S.I. 2010/240 art. 6
- Sch. 2 para. 27 substituted by S.S.I. 2010/240 art. 8
- Sch. 2 para. 6 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 35(a)
- Sch. 2 para. 9 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 35(b)
- Sch. 2 para. 10 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(e)
- Sch. 2 para. 11 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 35(c)
- Sch. 2 para. 1 text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 12
- Sch. 2 para. 1A(d) text amended by S.S.I. 2011/211 Sch. 1 para. 19(c)
- Sch. 3 para. 6 omitted by S.S.I. 2010/245 art. 4
- Sch. 3 para. 1(b) substituted by S.S.I. 2010/245 art. 3(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 12 substituted by S.S.I. 2010/245 art. 5
- Sch. 3 para. 6 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 36(a)
- Sch. 3 para. 7 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 36(b)
- Sch. 3 para. 7 text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(f)
- Sch. 3 para. 7 heading text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 14 para. 36(c)
- Sch. 3 para. 7 heading text amended by 2010 asp 8 Sch. 17 para. 36(g)
- Sch. 3 para. 1 text amended by S.S.I. 2010/245 art. 3(b)
- Sch. 3 para. 1 text amended by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 13
- Sch. 3 para. 8 text amended by S.S.I. 2011/211 Sch. 1 para. 19(d)
- Sch. 4 para. 2 repealed by S.S.I. 2010/446 art. 21
- Sch. 4 para. 1 repealed by S.S.I. 2011/215 Sch. 7
- Sch. 4 para. 3 repealed by S.S.I. 2011/215 Sch. 7
- Sch. 4 para. 4 repealed by S.S.I. 2011/215 Sch. 7
- Sch. 5 Table text amended by S.S.I. 2011/211 Sch. 1 para. 19(e)
- Sch. 5 text amended by 2009 c. 26 s. 81(2)s. 81(3)(n)
- Sch. 5 text amended by S.I. 2010/231 Sch. 4 para. 16(d)

**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. 30A inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 5 para. 12](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007:**

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.S.I. 2007/385 art. 2 Sch.](#) commences (2007 asp 14)
- [S.S.I. 2007/564 art. 2 Sch.](#) commences (2007 asp 14)
- [S.S.I. 2010/133 art. 2 Sch.](#) commences (2007 asp 14)
- [S.S.I. 2010/344 art. 2](#) commences (2007 asp 14)
- [S.S.I. 2011/157 art. 2](#) commences (2007 asp 14)

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2010/1621 art. 1 2](#) commences ([S.I. 2010/231](#))
- [S.S.I. 2010/321 art. 3](#) commences (2010 asp 8)
- [S.S.I. 2011/122 art. 2 3](#) commences (2010 asp 8)