



Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019

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Timeframes for vulnerable witness notices

7 Timeframe for considering vulnerable witness notice

- (1) The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 271A(3A), for “measure, subsection (3)(a) does not apply” substitute “measure—
 - (a) subsection (3)(a) does not apply, and
 - (b) subsection (5) has effect as if the words “not earlier than 7 days and” were omitted”.

8 Vulnerable witness notice: lodging deadline

- (1) The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
 - (2) In section 271A(13A), for paragraphs (a) to (c) substitute—
 - “(a) any time before a date has been fixed for one of the following—
 - (i) a preliminary hearing in the High Court,
 - (ii) a first diet in the sheriff court, or
 - (iii) a hearing at which the evidence is to be given, or
 - (b) if a date has been fixed—
 - (i) for a preliminary hearing in the High Court, no later than 14 clear days before the preliminary hearing,
 - (ii) for a first diet in the sheriff court in the case of proceedings on indictment, no later than 7 clear days before the first diet, or
 - (iii) in a case in which the proceedings are not to take place in the High Court or on indictment in the sheriff court, for a hearing at which the evidence is to be given, no later than 14 clear days before that hearing.”.
- Reporting requirement”.