



Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

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PART 1

KEY DEFINITIONS

“Carer”, “young carer” and “adult carer”

1 Meaning of “carer”

- (1) In this Act “carer” means an individual who provides or intends to provide care for another individual (the “cared-for person”).
- (2) But subsection (1) does not apply—
 - (a) in the case of a cared-for person under 18 years old, to the extent that the care is or would be provided by virtue of the person’s age, or
 - (b) in any case, to the extent that the care is or would be provided—
 - (i) under or by virtue of a contract, or
 - (ii) as voluntary work.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) provide that “contract” in subsection (2)(b)(i) does or, as the case may be, does not include agreements of a kind specified in the regulations,
 - (b) permit a relevant authority to disregard subsection (2)(b) where the authority considers that the relationship between the carer and the cared-for person is such that it would be appropriate to do so.
- (4) In this Part “relevant authority” means a responsible local authority or a responsible authority (see section 41(1)).

2 Meaning of “young carer”

In this Act “young carer” means a carer who—

- (a) is under 18 years old, or
- (b) has attained the age of 18 years while a pupil at a school, and has since attaining that age remained a pupil at that or another school.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

3 Meaning of “adult carer”

In this Act “adult carer” means a carer who is at least 18 years old but is not a young carer.