



# Scotland Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 46

An Act to provide for the establishment of a Scottish Parliament and Administration and other changes in the government of Scotland; to provide for changes in the constitution and functions of certain public authorities; to provide for the variation of the basic rate of income tax in relation to income of Scottish taxpayers in accordance with a resolution of the Scottish Parliament; to amend the law about parliamentary constituencies in Scotland; and for connected purposes. [19th November 1998]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act modified (30.6.1999) by 1999 c. 8, s. 66(1)  
Act modified (E.W.S.) (30.6.1999) by 1999 c. 9, s. 14(3)
- C2** Act extended (16.10.2000) by 1999 c. 18, s. 16(2); S.I. 2000/2821, art. 2
- C3** Act extended (27.7.1999) by 1999 c. 23, s. 68(2)
- C4** Act extended (1.4.2000) by 1999 c. 28, s. 18(2) (with s. 38)  
Act extended (1.4.2000) by 1999 c. 28, s. 35(1) (with s. 38); S.I. 2000/1066, art. 2
- C5** Act amended (11.11.1999) by 1999 c. 30, s. 91(4)
- C6** Act amended (E.W.S.) (10.3.1999) by 1999 c. 3, s. 21(4)
- C7** Act modified (27.7.1999) by 1999 c. 22, s. 109(7) (with s. 107, Sch. 14 para. 7(2))
- C8** Act modified (27.7.1999) by 1999 c. 24, s. 5(3)  
Act modified (25.8.2000) by 2000 c. 6, ss. 167(5), 168(1)  
Act modified (20.7.2000) by 2000 c. 12, s. 19(1)(3)  
Act modified by 1976 c. 74, s. 71B(1) (as substituted (2.4.2001) by 2000 c. 34, s. 2(1) (with s. 10(5))); S.I. 2001/566, art. 2(1)  
Act modified (30.11.2000) for specified purposes and otherwise (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 41, ss. 133(2), 163(2)(3)(d) (with s. 156(6)); S.I. 2001/222, art. 2, Sch. I Pt. I  
Act modified (E.W.) (30.11.2000) by 2000 c. 43, s. 81(6)

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- Act modified (8.1.2001 for E.W.N.I. and 1.8.2003 to the extent, if any, that s. 7(2) of the amending Act is not in force already for S. at Royal Assent (30.11.2000)) by 2000 c. 44, s. 7(2)(3); S.I. 2000/3303, art. 2; S.I. 2003/1935, art. 2
- C9** Act modified (E.W.S. and, in so far as relating to importation, N.I.) (31.3.2002) by The Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/528), reg. 2(3)
- C10** Act modified (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278(1), 279, Sch. 25 para. 2(3); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C11** Act modified (20.6.2003) by Enterprise Act 2002 (c. 40), ss. 278(1), 279, Sch. 25 para. 10(10); S.I. 2003/1397, art. 2(1), Sch.
- C12** Act modified (20.11.2003) by Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42), ss. 141(1), 142(6)
- C13** Act modified (7.6.2005) by International Organisations Act 2005 (c. 20), ss. 10, 11(3)
- C14** Act modified (1.10.2009) by The Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/2231), arts. 1(2), 3; S.S.I. 2009/318, art. 2, Sch.
- C15** Act modified (1.4.2012) by The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/700), art. 3(1)
- C16** Act modified (1.1.2015) by The Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3294), art. 3(1)
- C17** Act modified (1.4.2015) by The Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/444), art. 3(1) (with art. 3(2))
- C18** Act modified (23.5.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), ss. 46(1)(3), 51(1)
- C19** Act modified (5.9.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), s. 32(1)(2), 72(4)(b); S.I. 2016/759, reg. 3(i)
- C20** Act modified (1.4.2017) by The Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/241), art. 3
- C21** Act modified (18.5.2017 immediately after 2016 c. 11, ss. 3-8, 10-12 come into force) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), ss. 9(1), 72(4)(a); S.I. 2017/608, reg. 2(1)(g)(2)
- C22** Act modified (1.10.2021) by The UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/760), arts. 1(2), 3; S.S.I. 2021/304, art. 2
- C23** Act modified (13.1.2022) by The Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/34), arts. 1(1), 3 (with art. 5)

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