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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 5(8)

ALTERATIONS MADE TO A [F¹TRADITIONAL DOCUMENT] AFTER IT HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 1 title substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, [Sch. 3 para. 24](#) (with s. 121, [Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16](#)); [S.S.I. 2014/41](#), art. 2(1)(c)(2), [Sch. Pt. 3](#) (with arts. 3, 4) (see [S.S.I. 2014/127](#), art. 2)

Presumption as to granter's signature or date or place of signing

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (7) below, where—
- (a) an alteration to a [F²traditional document] bears to have been signed by a granter of the document;
 - (b) the alteration bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of that granter's signature and the alteration, or the testing clause or its equivalent, bears to state the name and address of the witness; and
 - (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed by that granter as it bears to have been so signed; or
 - (ii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below,the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by that granter.
- (2) Where an alteration to a testamentary document consists of more than one sheet, the alteration shall not be presumed to have been signed by a granter as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above unless, in addition to it bearing to have been signed by him on the last sheet and otherwise complying with that sub-paragraph, it bears to have been signed by him on every other sheet.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b) above—
- (a) the name and address of a witness may be added at any time before the alteration is—
 - (i) founded on in legal proceedings; or
 - (ii) registered for preservation in the Books of Council and Session or in sheriff court books; and
 - (b) the name and address of a witness need not be written by the witness himself.
- (4) Where, in any proceedings relating to an alteration to a document in which a question arises as to a granter's signature, it is established—
- (a) that a signature bearing to be the signature of the witness of that granter's signature is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;

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- (b) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of that granter's signature is a person who is named in the document as a granter of the document;
- (c) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of that granter's signature, at the time of signing—
 - (i) did not know the granter;
 - (ii) was under the age of 16 years; or
 - (iii) was mentally incapable of acting as a witness;
- (d) that the person who signed the alteration, purporting to be the witness of that granter's signature, did not witness such signature;
- (e) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of that granter's signature did not sign the alteration after him or that the signing of the alteration by the granter or, as the case may be, the granter's acknowledgement of his signature and the signing by the person as witness were not one continuous process;
- (f) that the name or address of the witness of that granter's signature was added after the alteration was founded on or registered as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(a) above or is erroneous in any material respect; or
- (g) in the case of an alteration to a testamentary document consisting of more than one sheet, that a signature on any sheet of the alteration bearing to be the signature of the granter is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise,

then, for the purposes of those proceedings, there shall be no presumption that the alteration has been signed by that granter.

- (5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)(c)(i) above, the witness shall be regarded as having known the person whose signature he has witnessed at the time of witnessing if he had credible information at that time of his identity.
- (6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)(e) above, where—
 - (a) an alteration to a document is made by more than one granter; and
 - (b) a person is the witness to the signature of more than one granter,
 the signing of the alteration by any such granter or the acknowledgement of his signature and the signing by the person witnessing that granter's signature shall not be regarded as not being one continuous process by reason only that, between the time of signing or acknowledgement by that granter and of signing by that witness, another granter has signed the alteration or acknowledged his signature.
- (7) For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph a person witnesses a granter's signature of an alteration—
 - (a) if he sees the granter sign it; or
 - (b) if the granter acknowledges his signature to that person.
- (8) Where—
 - (a) by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) above an alteration to a document to which this sub-paragraph applies is presumed to have been signed by a granter of the document;
 - (b) the alteration, or the testing clause or its equivalent, bears to state the date or place of signing of the alteration by that granter; and
 - (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates that that statement as to date or place is incorrect,

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there shall be a presumption that the alteration was signed by that granter on the date or at the place as stated.

(9) Sub-paragraph (8) above applies to any document other than a testamentary document.

(10) Where—

(a) an alteration to a testamentary document bears to have been signed and the alteration, or the testing clause or its equivalent, bears to state the date or place of signing (whether or not it is presumed under sub-paragraphs (1) to (7) above to have been signed by a granter of the document); and

(b) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates that that statement as to date or place is incorrect,

there shall be a presumption that the statement as to date or place is correct.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words in Sch. 1 para. 1(1)(a) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, [Sch. 3 para. 23\(a\)](#) (with s. 121, [Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16](#)); [S.S.I. 2014/41](#), art. 2(1)(c)(2), [Sch. Pt. 3](#) (with arts. 3, 4) (see [S.S.I. 2014/127](#), art. 2)

Presumption as to granter's signature or date or place of signing when established in court proceedings

- 2 (1) Where an alteration to a [^{F3}traditional document] bears to have been signed by a granter of the document, but there is no presumption under paragraph 1 above that the alteration has been signed by that granter, then, if the court, on an application being made to it by any person having an interest in the document, is satisfied that the alteration was signed by that granter, it shall—
- (a) cause the document to be endorsed with a certificate to that effect; or
 - (b) where the document has already been registered in the Books of Council and Session or in sheriff court books, grant decree to that effect.
- (2) Where an alteration to a [^{F4}traditional document] bears to have been signed by a granter of the document, but there is no presumption under paragraph 1 above as to the date or place of signing, then, if the court, on an application being made to it by any person having an interest in the document, is satisfied as to the date or place of signing, it shall—
- (a) cause the document to be endorsed with a certificate to that effect; or
 - (b) where the document has already been registered in the Books of Council and Session or in sheriff court books, grant decree to that effect.
- (3) In relation to an application under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) above evidence shall, unless the court otherwise directs, be given by affidavit.
- (4) An application under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) above may be made either as a summary application or as incidental to and in the course of other proceedings.
- (5) The effect of a certificate or decree—
- (a) under sub-paragraph (1) above shall be to establish a presumption that the alteration has been signed by the granter concerned;

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- (b) under sub-paragraph (2) above shall be to establish a presumption that the statement in the certificate or decree as to date or place is correct.
- (6) In this paragraph “the court” means—
- (a) in the case of a summary application—
- (i) the sheriff in whose sheriffdom the applicant resides; or
- (ii) if the applicant does not reside in Scotland, the sheriff at Edinburgh;
- and
- (b) in the case of an application made in the course of other proceedings, the court before which those proceedings are pending.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in Sch. 1 para. 2(1) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 23(b)(i)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F4** Words in Sch. 1 para. 2(2) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 23(b)(ii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

SCHEDULE 2

Section 7(7)

SUBSCRIPTION AND SIGNING: SPECIAL CASES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 2 applied (with modifications) (temp.) (11.5.2014) by [The Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2014 \(S.S.I. 2014/41\)](#), **art. 4** (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

General

- 1 Any reference in this Act to subscription or signing by a granter of a [^{F5}traditional document] or an alteration to a document, in a case where the granter is a person to whom any of paragraphs 2 to 6 of this Schedule applies shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to subscription or, as the case may be, signing of the document or alteration by a person in accordance with that paragraph.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in Sch. 2 para. 1 substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(a)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

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Partnerships

- 2 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a granter of a [F6traditional document] is a partnership, the document is signed by the partnership if it is signed on its behalf by a partner or by a person authorised to sign the document on its behalf.
- (2) A person signing on behalf of a partnership under this paragraph may use his own name or the firm name.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph apply in relation to the signing of an alteration made to a document as they apply in relation to the signing of a document.
- (4) In this paragraph “partnership” has the same meaning as in section 1 of the M1Partnership Act 1890.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(1) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(b)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

Marginal Citations

M1 1890 c. 39.

Companies

- 3 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a granter of a [F7traditional document] is a company, the document is signed by the company if it is signed on its behalf by a director, or by the secretary, of the company or by a person authorised to sign the document on its behalf.
- (2) This Act is without prejudice to—
 - [F8(a) sections 270(3) and 274 of the Companies Act 2006; and]
 - (b) paragraph 9 of Schedule 1, paragraph 9 of Schedule 2, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 4, to the M2Insolvency Act 1986.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph apply in relation to the signing of an alteration made to a document as they apply in relation to the signing of a document.
- (4) Where a granter of a [F9traditional document] is a company, section 3 of and Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) below.
- (5) In section 3—
 - (a) for subsection (1) there shall be substituted the following subsections—

“(1) Subject to subsections (1A) to (7) below, where—

 - (a) a [F10traditional document] bears to have been subscribed on behalf of a company by a director, or by the secretary, of the company or by a person bearing to have been authorised to subscribe the document on its behalf;

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- (b) the document bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the subscription of the director, secretary or other person subscribing on behalf of the company and to state the name and address of the witness; and
- (c) nothing in the document, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that it was not subscribed on behalf of the company as it bears to have been so subscribed; or
 - (ii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (4) below,

the document shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the company.

- (1A) Where a document does not bear to have been signed by a person as a witness of the subscription of the director, secretary or other person subscribing on behalf of the company it shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the company if it bears to have been subscribed on behalf of the company by—
 - (a) two directors of the company; or
 - (b) a director and secretary of the company; or
 - (c) two persons bearing to have been authorised to subscribe the document on its behalf.

- (1B) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the document itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.

- (1C) A presumption under subsection (1) or (1A) above as to subscription of a document does not include a presumption—
 - (a) that a person bearing to subscribe the document as a director or the secretary of the company was such director or secretary; or
 - (b) that a person subscribing the document on behalf of the company bearing to have been authorised to do so was authorised to do so.”;

- (b) in subsection (4) after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
 - “(h) if the document does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been subscribed on behalf of the company by two of the directors of the company, or by a director and secretary of the company, or by two authorised persons, that a signature bearing to be the signature of a director, secretary or authorised person is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;”.

- (6) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1—

- (a) for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) to (7) below, where—

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- (a) an alteration to a [F11traditional document] bears to have been signed on behalf of a company by a director, or by the secretary, of the company or by a person bearing to have been authorised to sign the alteration on its behalf;
 - (b) the alteration bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the signature of the director, secretary or other person signing on behalf of the company and to state the name and address of the witness; and
 - (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed on behalf of the company as it bears to have been so signed; or
 - (ii) that the alteration was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below,the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by the company.
- (1A) Where an alteration does not bear to have been signed by a person as a witness of the signature of the director, secretary or other person signing on behalf of the company it shall be presumed to have been signed by the company if it bears to have been signed on behalf of the company by—
- (a) two directors of the company; or
 - (b) a director and secretary of the company; or
 - (c) two persons bearing to have been authorised to sign the alteration on its behalf.
- (1B) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the alteration itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.
- (1C) A presumption under sub-paragraph (1) or (1A) above as to signing of an alteration to a document does not include a presumption—
- (a) that a person bearing to sign the alteration as a director or the secretary of the company was such director or secretary; or
 - (b) that a person signing the alteration on behalf of the company bearing to have been authorised to do so was authorised to do so.”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (4) after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “(h) if the alteration does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been signed on behalf of the company by two of the directors of the company, or by a director and secretary of the company, or by two authorised persons, that a signature bearing to be the signature of a director, secretary or authorised person is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;”.

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Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3(1) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(c)(i)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F8** Sch. 2 para. 3(2)(a) substituted (6.4.2008) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments etc\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/948\)](#), arts. 2, 3(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 199** (with arts. 6, 11, 12)
- F9** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3(4) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(c)(ii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F10** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3(5)(a) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(c)(iii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F11** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3(6)(a) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(c)(iv)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1986 c. 45.

^{F12}Limited Liability Partnerships

Textual Amendments

- F12** Sch. 2 para. 3A and heading inserted (6.4.2001) by [S.S.I. 2001/128](#), **reg. 5 Sch. 4 para. 5**

- ^{F13} 3A (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a granter of a [^{F14}traditional document] is a limited liability partnership, the document is signed by the limited liability partnership if it is signed on its behalf by a member of the limited liability partnership.
- (2) This Act is without prejudice to paragraph 9 of Schedule 1, paragraph 9 of Schedule 2, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 4, to the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph apply in relation to the signing of an alteration made to a document as they apply in relation to the signing of a document.
- (4) Where a granter of a [^{F15}traditional document] is a limited liability partnership, section 3 of and Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) below.
- (5) In section 3–
- (a) for subsection (1) there shall be substituted the following subsections– “
- (1) Subject to subsections (1A) to (7) below, where–
- (a) a [^{F16}traditional document] bears to have been subscribed on behalf of a limited liability partnership by a member of the limited liability partnership;
- (b) the document bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the subscription of the member of the limited liability partnership and to state the name and address of the witness; and
- (c) nothing in the document, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates–

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- (i) that it was not subscribed on behalf of the limited liability partnership as it bears to have been so subscribed; or
 - (ii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (4) below,

the document shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the limited liability partnership.
- (1A) Where a document does not bear to have been signed by a person as a witness of the subscription of the member of the limited liability partnership it shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the limited liability partnership if it bears to have been subscribed on behalf of the limited liability partnership by two members of the limited liability partnership.
- (1B) A presumption under subsection (1) or (1A) above as to subscription of a document does not include a presumption that a person bearing to subscribe the document as a member of the limited liability partnership was such member.”;
 - (b) in subsection (4) after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph– “
 - (h) if the document does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been subscribed on behalf of the limited liability partnership by two of the members of the limited liability partnership, that a signature bearing to be the signature of a member is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;”.
- (6) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1–
 - (a) for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs– “
- (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) to (7) below, where–
 - (a) an alteration to a [F17traditional document] bears to have been signed on behalf of a limited liability partnership by a member of the limited liability partnership;
 - (b) the alteration bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the signature of the member of the limited liability partnership and to state the name and address of the witness; and
 - (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates–
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed on behalf of the limited liability partnership as it bears to have been so signed; or
 - (ii) that the alteration was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below,

the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by the limited liability partnership.
- (1A) Where an alteration does not bear to have been signed by a person as a witness of the signature of the member of the limited liability partnership it shall be presumed to have been signed by the limited liability partnership if it bears to have been signed on behalf of the limited liability partnership by two members of the limited liability partnership.
- (1B) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the alteration itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.

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- (1C) A presumption under sub-paragraph (1) or (1A) above as to signing of an alteration to a document does not include a presumption that a person bearing to sign the alteration as a member of the limited liability partnership was such member”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (4) after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following—
- “
- ; or
- (h) if the alteration does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been signed on behalf of the limited liability partnership by two of the members of the limited liability partnership, that a signature bearing to be the signature of a member is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;”.]

Textual Amendments

- F13** Sch. 2 para. 3A and heading inserted (6.4.2001) by [S.S.I. 2001/128, reg. 5 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- F14** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3A(1) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\), ss. 122, 123, Sch. 3 para. 25\(d\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); [S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)\(2\), Sch. Pt. 3](#) (with arts. 3, 4) (see [S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2](#))
- F15** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3A(4) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\), ss. 122, 123, Sch. 3 para. 25\(d\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); [S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)\(2\), Sch. Pt. 3](#) (with arts. 3, 4) (see [S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2](#))
- F16** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3A(5)(a) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\), ss. 122, 123, Sch. 3 para. 25\(d\)\(iii\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); [S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)\(2\), Sch. Pt. 3](#) (with arts. 3, 4) (see [S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2](#))
- F17** Words in Sch. 2 para. 3A(6)(a) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\), ss. 122, 123, Sch. 3 para. 25\(d\)\(iv\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); [S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2\(1\)\(c\)\(2\), Sch. Pt. 3](#) (with arts. 3, 4) (see [S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2](#))

Local authorities

- 4 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a granter of a [F18traditional document] is a local authority, the document is signed by the authority if it is signed on their behalf by the proper officer of the authority.
- (2) For the purposes of the signing of a document under this paragraph, a person purporting to sign on behalf of a local authority as an officer of the authority shall be presumed to be the proper officer of the authority.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph apply in relation to the signing of an alteration made to a document as they apply in relation to the signing of a document.
- (4) Where a granter of a [F19traditional document] is a local authority, section 3 of and Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in sub-paragraphs (5) to (8) below.
- (5) For section 3(1) there shall be substituted the following subsections—
- “(1) Subject to subsections (1A) to (7) below, where—
- (a) a [F20traditional document] bears to have been subscribed on behalf of a local authority by the proper officer of the authority;
- (b) the document bears—

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- (i) to have been signed by a person as a witness of the proper officer’s subscription and to state the name and address of the witness; or
 - (ii) (if the subscription is not so witnessed), to have been sealed with the common seal of the authority; and
- (c) nothing in the document, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
- (i) that it was not subscribed on behalf of the authority as it bears to have been so subscribed; or
 - (ii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (4) below or that it was not sealed as it bears to have been sealed or that it was not validly sealed for the reason specified in subsection (4)(h) below,

the document shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the proper officer and by the authority.

(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(i) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the document itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.”.

- (6) In section 3(4) after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “(h) if the document does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been sealed with the common seal of the authority, that it was sealed by a person without authority to do so or was not sealed on the date on which it was subscribed on behalf of the authority;”.

- (7) For paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) to (7) below, where—

- (a) an alteration to a [F21traditional document] bears to have been signed on behalf of a local authority by the proper officer of the authority;
- (b) the alteration bears—
 - (i) to have been signed by a person as a witness of the proper officer’s signature and to state the name and address of the witness; or
 - (ii) (if the signature is not so witnessed), to have been sealed with the common seal of the authority; and
- (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed on behalf of the authority as it bears to have been so signed; or
 - (ii) that the alteration was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below or that it was not sealed as it bears to have been sealed or that it was not validly sealed for the reason specified in sub-paragraph (4)(h) below,

the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by the proper officer and by the authority.

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(1A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b)(i) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the alteration itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.”

(8) In paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 1 after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(h) if the alteration does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been sealed with the common seal of the authority, that it was sealed by a person without authority to do so or was not sealed on the date on which it was signed on behalf of the authority;”.

Textual Amendments

- F18** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(1) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(e)(i)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F19** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(4) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(e)(ii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F20** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(5) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(e)(iii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F21** Words in Sch. 2 para. 4(7) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(e)(iv)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

Other bodies corporate

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies to any body corporate other than a company or a local authority.
- (2) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a granter of a [F22traditional document] is a body corporate to which this paragraph applies, the document is signed by the body if it is signed on its behalf by—
- a member of the body’s governing board or, if there is no governing board, a member of the body;
 - the secretary of the body by whatever name he is called; or
 - a person authorised to sign the document on behalf of the body.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph apply in relation to the signing of an alteration made to a document as they apply in relation to the signing of a document.
- (4) Where a granter of a [F23traditional document] is a body corporate to which this paragraph applies, section 3 of and Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in sub-paragraphs (5) to (8) below.
- (5) For section 3(1) there shall be substituted the following subsections—
- “(1) Subject to subsections (1A) to (7) below, where—
- [F24traditional document] bears to have been subscribed on behalf of a body corporate to which paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to this Act applies by—

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- (i) a member of the body’s governing board or, if there is no governing board, a member of the body;
 - (ii) the secretary of the body; or
 - (iii) a person bearing to have been authorised to subscribe the document on its behalf;
- (b) the document bears—
- (i) to have been signed by a person as a witness of the subscription of the member, secretary or other person signing on behalf of the body and to state the name and address of the witness; or
 - (ii) (if the subscription is not so witnessed), to have been sealed with the common seal of the body; and
- (c) nothing in the document, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
- (i) that it was not subscribed on behalf of the body as it bears to have been so subscribed; or
 - (ii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (4) below or that it was not sealed as it bears to have been sealed or that it was not validly sealed for the reason specified in subsection (4)(h) below,

the document shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the member, secretary or authorised person (as the case may be) and by the body.

(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(i) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the document itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.

(1B) A presumption under subsection (1) above as to subscription of a document does not include a presumption—

- (a) that a person bearing to subscribe the document as a member of the body’s governing board, a member of the body or the secretary of the body was such member or secretary; or
- (b) that a person subscribing the document on behalf of the body bearing to have been authorised to do so was authorised to do so.”.

(6) In section 3(4) after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(h) if the document does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been sealed with the common seal of the body, that it was sealed by a person without authority to do so or was not sealed on the date on which it was subscribed on behalf of the body;”.

(7) For paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) to (7) below, where—

- (a) an alteration to a [F25traditional document] bears to have been signed on behalf of a body corporate to which paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to this Act applies by—
 - (i) a member of the body’s governing board or, if there is no governing board, a member of the body;
 - (ii) the secretary of the body; or

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- (iii) a person bearing to have been authorised to sign the alteration on its behalf;
 - (b) the alteration bears—
 - (i) to have been signed by a person as a witness of the signature of the member, secretary or other person signing on behalf of the body and to state the name and address of the witness; or
 - (ii) (if the signature is not so witnessed), to have been sealed with the common seal of the body; and
 - (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed on behalf of the body as it bears to have been so signed; or
 - (ii) that the alteration was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below or that it was not sealed as it bears to have been sealed or that it was not validly sealed for the reason specified in sub-paragraph (4)(h) below,
 the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by the member, secretary or authorised person (as the case may be) and by the body.
- (1A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b)(i) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the alteration itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.
- (1B) A presumption under sub-paragraph (1) above as to signing of an alteration to a document does not include a presumption—
- (a) that a person bearing to sign the alteration as a member of the body’s governing board, a member of the body or the secretary of the body was such member or secretary; or
 - (b) that a person signing the alteration on behalf of the body bearing to have been authorised to do so was authorised to do so.”.
- (8) In paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 1 after paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
- “(h) if the alteration does not bear to have been witnessed, but bears to have been sealed with the common seal of the body, that it was sealed by a person without authority to do so or was not sealed on the date on which it was signed on behalf of the body;”.

Textual Amendments

- F22** Words in Sch. 2 para. 5(2) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(f)(i)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F23** Words in Sch. 2 para. 5(4) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(f)(ii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F24** Words in Sch. 2 para. 5(5) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(f)(iii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

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F25 Words in Sch. 2 para. 5(7) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, [Sch. 3 para. 25\(f\)\(iv\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Sch. 2 para. 5(2) applied (2.3.2005) by [The Scrabster Harbour Revision \(Constitution\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/133\)](#), [art. 18](#)

Ministers of the Crown and office-holders

- 6 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a granter of a [F26traditional document] is a Minister or an office-holder, the document is signed by the Minister or office-holder if it is signed—
- (a) by him personally; or
 - (b) in a case where by virtue of any enactment or rule of law a document by a Minister may be signed by an officer of his or by any other Minister, by that officer or by that other Minister as the case may be; or
 - (c) in a case where by virtue of any enactment or rule of law a document by an office-holder may be signed by an officer of his, by that officer; or
 - (d) by any other person authorised to sign the document on his behalf.
- (2) For the purposes of the signing of a document under this paragraph, a person purporting to sign—
- (a) as an officer as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (1)(c) above;
 - (b) as another Minister as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) above;
 - (c) as a person authorised as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(d) above,
- shall be presumed to be the officer, other Minister or authorised person, as the case may be.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph are without prejudice to section 3 of and Schedule 1 to the ^{M3}Ministers of the Crown Act 1975.
- (4) Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of this paragraph apply in relation to the signing of an alteration made to a document as they apply in relation to the signing of a document.
- (5) Where a granter of a [F27traditional document] is a Minister or office-holder, section 3 of and Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the modifications set out in sub-paragraphs (6) and (7) below.
- (6) For section 3(1) there shall be substituted the following subsections—
- “(1) Subject to subsections (1A) to (7) below, where—
- (a) a [F28traditional document] bears to have been subscribed—
 - (i) by a Minister or, in a case where by virtue of any enactment or rule of law a document by a Minister may be signed by an officer of his or by any other Minister, by that officer or by that other Minister; or
 - (ii) by an office-holder or, in a case where by virtue of any enactment or rule of law a document by an office-holder may be signed by an officer of his, by that officer; or

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- (iii) by any other person bearing to have been authorised to subscribe the document on behalf of the Minister or office-holder;
- (b) the document bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the subscription mentioned in paragraph (a) above and to state the name and address of the witness; and
- (c) nothing in the document, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that it was not subscribed as it bears to have been subscribed; or
 - (ii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (4) below,

the document shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the officer, other Minister or authorised person and by the Minister or office-holder, as the case may be.

(1A) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the document itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.”.

(7) For paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1A) to (7) below, where—

- (a) an alteration to a [^{F29}traditional document] bears to have been signed by—
 - (i) a Minister or, in a case where by virtue of any enactment or rule of law a document by a Minister may be signed by an officer of his or by any other Minister, by that officer or by that other Minister; or
 - (ii) an office-holder or, in a case where by virtue of any enactment or rule of law a document by an office-holder may be signed by an officer of his, by that officer; or
 - (iii) any other person bearing to have been authorised to sign the alteration on behalf of the Minister or office-holder;
- (b) the alteration bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the signature mentioned in paragraph (a) above and to state the name and address of the witness; and
- (c) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed as it bears to have been signed; or
 - (ii) that the alteration was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below,

the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by the officer, other Minister or authorised person and by the Minister or office-holder, as the case may be.

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(1A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(b) above, the name and address of the witness may bear to be stated in the alteration itself or in the testing clause or its equivalent.”.

Textual Amendments

- F26** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(1) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(g)(i)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F27** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(5) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(g)(ii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F28** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(6) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(g)(iii)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)
- F29** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6(7) substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 25(g)(iv)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Sch. 2 para. 6 applied (1.4.2000) by S.S.I. 2000/47 art. 5, Sch. Pt. II
Sch. 2 para. 6 applied (6.4.2001) by S.S.I. 2001/137, art. 5(1), **Sch. Pt. II**
Sch. 2 para. 6 applied (31.3.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/103, art. 6, **Sch. Pt. II** (with art. 4(4))
Sch. 2 para. 6 applied (27.6.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/305, art. 5(1), **Sch. Pt. II** (with art. 4(4))
- C4** Sch. 2 para. 6 applied by S.I. 1990/2639 art. 4(3)(b) (as substituted (1.4.2003) by [The Health Education Board for Scotland Amendment Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/154\)](#), art. 5(3))
- C5** Sch. 2 para. 6 applied (7.12.2019) by [The Public Health Scotland Order 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/336\)](#), art. 1(2), **sch. 1 Pt. 2** (with art. 4(4)(5))

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- M3** 1975 c. 26.

SCHEDULE 3

Section 9(3)

MODIFICATIONS OF THIS ACT IN RELATION TO SUBSCRIPTION OR SIGNING BY RELEVANT PERSON UNDER SECTION 9

- 1 For any reference to the subscription or signing of a document by a granter there shall be substituted a reference to such subscription or signing by a relevant person under section 9(1).
- 2 For section 3(1) there shall be substituted the following subsection—
- “(1) Subject to subsections (2) to (6) below, where—
- (a) a [F30traditional document] bears to have been subscribed by a relevant person with the authority of a granter of it;
 - (b) the document, or the testing clause or its equivalent, states that the document was read to that granter by the relevant person before such subscription or states that it was not so read because the granter made a declaration that he did not wish him to do so;

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- (c) the document bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the relevant person’s subscription and the document, or the testing clause or its equivalent, bears to state the name and address of the witness; and
- (d) nothing in the document, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that it was not subscribed by the relevant person as it bears to have been so subscribed;
 - (ii) that the statement mentioned in paragraph (b) above is incorrect; or
 - (iii) that it was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (4) below (as modified by paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to this Act),

the document shall be presumed to have been subscribed by the relevant person and the statement so mentioned shall be presumed to be correct.”.

Textual Amendments

F30 Words in Sch. 3 para. 2 substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\), ss. 122, 123, Sch. 3 para. 26\(a\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

3 In section 3(3) for the words “subsection (1)(b)” there shall be substituted the words “subsection (1)(c)”.

4 For section 3(4) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(4) Where, in any proceedings relating to a [^{F31}traditional document] in which a question arises as to a relevant person’s subscription on behalf of a granter under section 9(1) of this Act, it is established—

- (a) that a signature bearing to be the signature of the witness of the relevant person’s subscription is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;
- (b) that the person who signed the document as the witness of the relevant person’s subscription is a person who is named in the document as a granter of it;
- (c) that the person who signed the document as the witness of the relevant person’s subscription, at the time of signing—
 - (i) did not know the granter on whose behalf the relevant person had so subscribed;
 - (ii) was under the age of 16 years; or
 - (iii) was mentally incapable of acting as a witness;
- (d) that the person who signed the document, purporting to be the witness of the relevant person’s subscription, did not see him subscribe it;
- (dd) that the person who signed the document as the witness of the relevant person’s subscription did not witness the granting of authority by the granter concerned to the relevant person to subscribe the document on his behalf or did not witness the reading of the document to the granter by the relevant person or the declaration that the granter did not wish him to do so;

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- (e) that the person who signed the document as the witness of the relevant person's subscription did not sign the document after him or that such subscription and signature were not one continuous process;
- (f) that the name or address of such a witness was added after the document was founded on or registered as mentioned in subsection (3)(a) above or is erroneous in any material respect; or
- (g) in the case of a testamentary document consisting of more than one sheet, that a signature on any sheet bearing to be the signature of the relevant person is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise,

then, for the purposes of those proceedings, there shall be no presumption that the document has been subscribed by the relevant person on behalf of the grantor concerned.”.

Textual Amendments

F31 Words in Sch. 3 para. 4 substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 26(b)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

5 In section 3(6) the words “or acknowledgement” in both places where they occur shall be omitted.

6 Section 3(7) shall be omitted.

7 For section 4(1) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(1) Where—

- (a) a [^{F32}traditional document] bears to have been subscribed by a relevant person under section 9(1) of this Act on behalf of a grantor of it; but
- (b) there is no presumption under section 3 of this Act (as modified by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to this Act) that the document has been subscribed by that person or that the procedure referred to section 3(1)(b) of this Act as so modified was followed,

then, if the court, on an application being made to it by any person who has an interest in the document, is satisfied that the document was so subscribed by the relevant person with the authority of the grantor and that the relevant person read the document to the grantor before subscription or did not so read it because the grantor declared that he did not wish him to do so, it shall—

- (i) cause the document to be endorsed with a certificate to that effect; or
- (ii) where the document has already been registered in the Books of Council and Session or in sheriff court books, grant decree to that effect.”.

Textual Amendments

F32 Words in Sch. 3 para. 7 substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 26(c)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

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8 At the end of section 4(5)(a) there shall be added the following words— “ and that the procedure referred to in section 3(1)(b) of this Act as modified by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to this Act was followed. ”.

9 For paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (6) below, where—

- (a) an alteration to a [F33traditional document] bears to have been signed by a relevant person with the authority of a granter of the document;
- (b) the document or alteration, or the testing clause or its equivalent, states that the alteration was read to that granter by the relevant person before such signature or states that the alteration was not so read because the granter made a declaration that he did not wish him to do so;
- (c) the alteration bears to have been signed by a person as a witness of the relevant person’s signature and the alteration, or the testing clause or its equivalent, bears to state the name and address of the witness; and
- (d) nothing in the document or alteration, or in the testing clause or its equivalent, indicates—
 - (i) that the alteration was not signed by the relevant person as it bears to have been so signed;
 - (ii) that the statement mentioned in paragraph (b) above is incorrect; or
 - (iii) that the alteration was not validly witnessed for any reason specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of sub-paragraph (4) below (as modified by paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to this Act),

the alteration shall be presumed to have been signed by the relevant person and the statement so mentioned shall be presumed to be correct.”.

Textual Amendments

F33 Words in Sch. 3 para. 9 substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, **Sch. 3 para. 26(d)** (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

10 In paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 1 for the words “sub-paragraph (1)(b)” there shall be substituted the words “ sub-paragraph (1)(c) ”.

11 For paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(4) Where, in any proceedings relating to an alteration to a document in which a question arises as to a relevant person’s signature on behalf of a granter under section 9(1) of this Act, it is established—

- (a) that a signature bearing to be the signature of the witness of the relevant person’s signature is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise;

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- (b) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of the relevant person's signature is a person who is named in the document as a granter of it;
 - (c) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of the relevant person's signature, at the time of signing—
 - (i) did not know the granter on whose behalf the relevant person had so signed;
 - (ii) was under the age of 16 years; or
 - (iii) was mentally incapable of acting as a witness;
 - (d) that the person who signed the alteration, purporting to be the witness of the relevant person's signature, did not see him sign it;
 - (dd) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of the relevant person's signature did not witness the granting of authority by the granter concerned to the relevant person to sign the alteration on his behalf or did not witness the reading of the alteration to the granter by the relevant person or the declaration that the granter did not wish him to do so;
 - (e) that the person who signed the alteration as the witness of the relevant person's signature did not sign the alteration after him or that the signing of the alteration by the granter and the witness was not one continuous process;
 - (f) that the name or address of such a witness was added after the alteration was founded on or registered as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(a) above or is erroneous in any material respect; or
 - (g) in the case of an alteration to a testamentary document consisting of more than one sheet, that a signature on any sheet of the alteration bearing to be the signature of the relevant person is not such a signature, whether by reason of forgery or otherwise,
- then, for the purposes of those proceedings, there shall be no presumption that the alteration has been signed by the relevant person on behalf of the granter concerned.”.

12 In paragraph 1(6) of Schedule 1 the words “or the acknowledgement of his signature” and the words “or acknowledgement” shall be omitted.

13 Paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 1 shall be omitted.

14 For paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(1) Where—

- (a) an alteration to a [^{F34}traditional document] bears to have been signed by a relevant person under section 9(1) of this Act on behalf of a granter of the document; but
- (b) there is no presumption under paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to this Act (as modified by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to this Act) that the alteration has been signed by that person or that the procedure referred to in paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to this Act as so modified was followed,

then, if the court, on an application being made to it by any person who has an interest in the document, is satisfied that the alteration was so signed by the relevant person with the authority of the granter and that the relevant

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person read the alteration to the granter before signing or did not so read it because the granter declared that he did not wish him to do so, it shall—

- (i) cause the document to be endorsed with a certificate to that effect; or
- (ii) where the document has already been registered in the Books of Council and Session or in sheriff court books, grant decree to that effect.”.

Textual Amendments

F34 Words in Sch. 3 para. 14 substituted (8.12.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, [Sch. 3 para. 26\(e\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(c)(2), Sch. Pt. 3 (with arts. 3, 4) (see S.S.I. 2014/127, art. 2)

- 15 At the end of paragraph 2(5)(a) of Schedule 1 there shall be added the following words— “ and that the procedure referred to in paragraph 1(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to this Act as modified by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to this Act was followed. ”.

SCHEDULE 4

Section 14(1)

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

General adaptation

- 1 (1) Any reference in any other enactment to a probative document shall, in relation to a document executed after the commencement of this Act, be construed as a reference to a document in relation to which section 6(2)[^{F35}or [^{F36}9G(2)]] of this Act applies.
- (2) For the purposes of any enactment—
- (a) providing for a document to be executed by a body corporate by affixing its common seal; or
 - (b) referring (in whatever terms) to a document so executed, a document signed [^{F37}, subscribed or authenticated] by or on behalf of the body corporate in accordance with the provisions of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995 shall have effect as if so executed.

Textual Amendments

F35 Words in Sch. 4 para. 1(1) inserted (11.5.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, [Sch. 3 para. 27\(a\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(b)(2), Sch. Pt. 2 (with arts. 3, 4)

F36 Word in Sch. 4 para. 1(1) substituted (8.12.2014) by [The Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Amendment and Transitional\) Order 2014 \(S.S.I. 2014/346\)](#), arts. 1(2), [2\(I\)](#)

F37 Words in Sch. 4 para. 1(2) substituted (11.5.2014 for specified purposes) by [Land Registration etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 5\)](#), ss. 122, 123, [Sch. 3 para. 27\(b\)](#) (with s. 121, Sch. 4 paras. 13, 16); S.S.I. 2014/41, art. 2(1)(b)(2), Sch. Pt. 2 (with arts. 3, 4)

Specific enactments

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Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845

- 2 In Schedules (A) and (B) to the ^{M4}Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845 at the end of each of the forms there shall be added—

“Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M4 1845 c. 19.

Infertment Act 1845

- 3 In Schedules (A) and (B) to the ^{M5}Infertment Act 1845 for the words from “In witness” to the end there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M5 1845 c. 35.

Commissioners Clauses Act 1847

- 4 At the end of section 59 of the ^{M6}Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 there shall be added the following subsection—

“(2) This section shall apply to Scotland as if—

- (a) for the words from “by deed under” to “recorded” there were substituted the words—

“by a document—

- (a) if they are a corporation, subscribed in accordance with section 7 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to, the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995;
- (b) if they are not a corporation, subscribed in accordance with the said section 7 by the commissioners or any two of them acting by the authority of and on behalf of the commissioners;

and a document so subscribed, followed by infertment duly recorded.”;

- (b) for the words from “under such” to “acting” there were substituted the word “subscribed”.”

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M6 1847 c. 16.

- 5 At the end of section 75 of that Act there shall be added the following subsection—

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“(2) This section shall apply to Scotland as if for the words “by deed” to “five of them” there were substituted the words—in a document—

- (a) which is duly stamped;
- (b) in which the consideration is truly stated; and
- (c) which is subscribed, if the commissioners—
 - (i) are a corporation, in accordance with section 7 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to, the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995;
 - (ii) are not a corporation, in accordance with the said section 7 by the commissioners or any five of them.”.

6 At the end of section 77 of that Act there shall be added the following subsection—

“(2) This section shall apply to Scotland as if for the words “by deed duly stamped” there were substituted the words “in a document which is duly stamped and which is subscribed in accordance with the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.”.”.

7 In Schedule (B) to that Act—

- (a) the words from “or, if the deed” to “case may be,” are hereby repealed;
- (b) at the end there shall be added the words “[or, if the document is granted under Scots law, insert testing clause+]”

+Note—As regards a document granted under Scots law, subscription of it by the granter will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

8 In Schedule (C) to that Act—

- (a) the words from “[or, if the deed” to “Scotland,]” are hereby repealed;
- (b) at the end there shall be added the words “[or, if the document is granted under Scots law, insert testing clause+]”

+Note—As regards a document granted under Scots law, subscription of it by the granter will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Entail Amendment Act 1848

9 In section 50 of the ^{M7}Entail Amendment Act 1848 for the word “tested” there shall be substituted the word “subscribed”.

Marginal Citations

M7 1848 c. 36.

10 In the Schedule to that Act—

- (a) the words “and of the witnesses subscribing,” are hereby repealed;
- (b) for the words from “In witness whereof” to the end there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+”

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+Note—Subscription of the document by the heir of entail in possession and the notary public will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Ordnance Board Transfer Act 1855

- 11 At the end of section 5 of the ^{M8}Ordnance Board Transfer Act 1855 there shall be added the following subsection—

“(2) This section shall apply to Scotland as if for the words from “signing” to “his deed” there were substituted the words “subscribing it in accordance with the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995”.”.

Marginal Citations

M8 1855 c. 117.

Registration of Leases (Scotland) Act 1857

- 12 In Schedule (A) to the ^{M9}Registration of Leases (Scotland) Act 1857 for the words “in common form” there shall be substituted—

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+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M9 1857 c. 26.

- 13 In each of Schedules (B), (C), (D), (F), (G) and (H) to that Act after the words “Testing clause” there shall be inserted “+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Transmission of Moveable Property (Scotland) Act 1862

- 14 In each of Schedules A and B to the ^{M10}Transmission of Moveable Property (Scotland) Act 1862 for the words from “In witness whereof” to the end there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

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M10 1862 c. 85.

- 15 In Schedule C to that Act for the words from “and D” to the end there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause ”.

Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1868

- 16 In Schedule (B) nos. 1 and 2 and (AA) no. 3 to the ^{M11}Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1868 for the words from “In witness whereof” to “usual form]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M11 1868 c. 101.

- 17 In Schedules (J), (BB) no. 1, (CC) nos. 1 and 2 and (OO) to that Act for the words from “In witness whereof” to the end there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 18 In Schedule (FF) no. 1 to that Act—
- (a) for the words from “In witness whereof” to “usual form]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end there shall be added “+ Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 19 In Schedule (GG) to that Act—
- (a) for the words from “In witness whereof” to “I K Witness” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) after Note (b) there shall be inserted—

“(c) Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 20 In Schedule (NN) to that Act—
- (a) for the words from “In witness whereof” to “G H Witness” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end there shall be added—

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“+Subscription of the document by the granter if it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1874

- 21 In Schedules C, F, L nos. 1 and 2 and N to the ^{M12}Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1874 for the words “In witness whereof [testing clause]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+”

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M12 1874 c. 94.

- 22 In Schedule G to that Act—
- (a) for the words “In witness whereof [testing clause]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end of the Note there shall be added—

“+Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 23 In Schedule M to that Act for the words “and add testing clause]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+]”

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Colonial Stock Act 1877

- 24 At the end of subsection (1) of section 4 of the ^{M13}Colonial Stock Act 1877 there shall be added the words “or, in relation to Scotland, subscribed in accordance with section 7 of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.”.

Marginal Citations

M13 1877 c. 59.

- 25 At the end of section 6 of that Act there shall be added the following subsection—
- “(2) This section shall have effect in relation to Scotland as if for the words from “given” to “attested” there were substituted the words “subscribed by the person not under disability in accordance with section 7 of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.”.”.

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Colonial Stock Act 1892

26 After subsection (2) of section 2 of the ^{M14}Colonial Stock Act 1892 there shall be added the following subsection—

“(2A) This section shall have effect in relation to Scotland as if—

- (a) in subsection (1) for the words from “deed according” to “parties” there were substituted the words “a document in the form set out in the Schedule to this Act or to the like effect and the document as executed”;
- (b) in subsection (2) for the words “by deed” there were substituted the words “under this section”.

Marginal Citations

M14 1892 c. 35.

27 At the end of the Schedule to that Act there shall be added the words “[If the document is granted under the law of Scotland, for the words from “Witness our hands” to the end substitute “[Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).]”].

Feudal Casualties (Scotland) Act 1914

28 In each of Schedules B and C to the ^{M15}Feudal Casualties (Scotland) Act 1914—

- (a) for the words “In witness whereof” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause ”; and
- (b) at the end of the Note there shall be added the words “Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M15 1914 c. 48.

Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921

29 In Schedule A to the ^{M16}Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921—

- (a) for the words “(To be attested)” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+ ”;
- (b) at the end there shall be added—

“+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

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M16 1921 c. 58.

- 30 In Schedule B to that Act for the words “(To be attested)” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+”

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter or granters of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924

- 31 In Schedule B to the ^{M17}Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924—
- (a) in forms nos. 1 to 6 for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
- (b) at the end of the Notes there shall be added—

“+Note 8—Subscription of the document by the notary public (or law agent) on behalf of the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M17 1924 c. 27.

- 32 In Schedule E to that Act for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+”

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 33 In Schedules G and H to that Act for the words “[to be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+”

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 34 In Schedule K to that Act—

- (a) in forms nos 1 to 7 for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
- (b) at the end of the notes there shall be added—

“+Note 5—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 35 In Schedule L to that Act, in form 4, for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+”

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+Note—Subscription of the document by the notary public or law agent on behalf of the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 36 In Schedule N to that Act for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Long Leases (Scotland) Act 1954

- 37 In the Fourth Schedule to the ^{M18}Long Leases (Scotland) Act 1954—
- (a) for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words— “Testing clause+ ”;
- (b) at the end of the Notes there shall be added—

“+4 Subscription of the feu contract by the parties to it will be sufficient for the contract to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Marginal Citations

M18 1954 c. 49.

Succession (Scotland) Act 1964

- 38 At the end of section 21 of the ^{M19}Succession (Scotland) Act 1964 there shall be added the following subsection—

“(2) This section shall not apply to a testamentary document executed after the commencement of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.”.

Marginal Citations

M19 1964 c. 41.

- 39 After section 21 of that Act there shall be inserted the following section—

“21A Evidence as to testamentary documents in commissary proceedings.

Confirmation of an executor to property disposed of in a testamentary document executed after the commencement of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995 shall not be granted unless the formal validity of the document is governed—

- (a) by Scots law and the document is presumed under section 3 or 4 of that Act to have been subscribed by the granter so disposing of that property; or

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- (b) by a law other than Scots law and the court is satisfied that the document is formally valid according to the law governing such validity.”.

40 For section 32 of that Act there shall be substituted the following section—

“32 Certain testamentary dispositions to be formally valid.

- (1) For the purpose of any question arising as to entitlement, by virtue of a testamentary disposition, to any relevant property or to any interest therein, the disposition shall be treated as valid in respect of the formalities of execution.
- (2) Subsection (1) above is without prejudice to any right to challenge the validity of the testamentary disposition on the ground of forgery or on any other ground of essential invalidity.
- (3) In this section “relevant property” means property disposed of in the testamentary disposition in respect of which—
 - (a) confirmation has been granted; or
 - (b) probate, letters of administration or other grant of representation—
 - (i) has been issued, and has noted the domicile of the deceased to be, in England and Wales or Northern Ireland; or
 - (ii) has been issued outwith the United Kingdom and had been sealed in Scotland under section 2 of the Colonial Probates Act 1892.”.

41 In Schedule 1 to that Act for the words “[To be attested by two witnesses] [Signature of A B]” there shall be substituted the words “Testing clause+

+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965

F38 42

Textual Amendments

F38 Sch. 4 para. 42 repealed (1.8.2014) by Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (c. 14), s. 154, Sch. 7 (with Sch. 5)

F39 43

Textual Amendments

F39 Sch. 4 para. 43 repealed (1.8.2014) by Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (c. 14), s. 154, Sch. 7 (with Sch. 5)

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Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970

- 44 In Schedule 2 to the ^{M20}Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970—
 - (a) in forms A and B for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end of the Notes there shall be added—

“+Note 8—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

<p>Marginal Citations M20 1970 c. 35.</p>
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- 45 In Schedule 4 to that Act—
 - (a) in form A and forms C to F for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end of the Notes there shall be added—

“+Note 7—Subscription of the document by the granter of it, or in the case of form E the granter and the consentor to the variation, will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 46 In Schedule 5 to that Act, in form D—
 - (a) in nos 1 and 2 for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end there shall be added—

“+Note—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

- 47 In Schedule 9 to that Act—
 - (a) for the words “[To be attested]” there shall be substituted the words “ Testing clause+ ”;
 - (b) at the end of the Notes there shall be added—

“+Note 4—Subscription of the document by the granter of it will be sufficient for the document to be formally valid, but witnessing of it may be necessary or desirable for other purposes (see the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995).”.

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975

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Textual Amendments

F40 Sch. 4 para. 48 repealed (15.2.1999) by [Petroleum Act 1998 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 51(1), 52(4), [Sch. 5](#), Pt. I; S.I. 1999/161, [art. 2\(1\)](#)

Patents Act 1977

49 In section 31(6) of the ^{M21}Patents Act 1977 for the words from “probative” to the end there shall be substituted the words “subscribed in accordance with the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.”

Marginal Citations

M21 1977 c. 37.

Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982

[^{F41}50

Textual Amendments

F41 Sch. 4 para. 50 repealed (15.2.1999) by [Petroleum Act 1998 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 51(1), 52(4), [Sch. 5](#), Pt. I; S.I. 1999/161, [art. 2\(1\)](#)

Companies Act 1985

51 ^{F42}

Textual Amendments

F42 Sch. 4 paras. 51- 54 repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300(2), [Sch. 16](#); S.I. 2008/2860, [art. 4](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (with arts. 5, 7, 8, [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18; S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2(4))

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Textual Amendments

F43 Sch. 4 paras. 51- 54 repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300(2), [Sch. 16](#); S.I. 2008/2860, [art. 4](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (with arts. 5, 7, 8, [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, art. 18; S.I. 2009/2476, reg. 2(4))

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54 **F45**

Textual Amendments

F45 Sch. 4 paras. 51- 54 repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300(2), [Sch. 16](#); [S.I. 2008/2860](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (with arts. 5, 7, 8, [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2009/1802](#), [art. 18](#); [S.I. 2009/2476](#), [reg. 2\(4\)](#))

55 **F46**

Textual Amendments

F46 Sch. 4 paras. 55, 56 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300(2), [Sch. 16](#); [S.I. 2007/3495](#), [art. 8\(a\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. 1](#) (with [art. 12](#))

56 **F47**

Textual Amendments

F47 Sch. 4 paras. 55, 56 repealed (6.4.2008) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1295, 1300(2), [Sch. 16](#); [S.I. 2007/3495](#), [art. 8\(a\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. 1](#) (with [art. 12](#))

Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985

57 At the end of section 11 of the ^{M22}Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 there shall be added the following subsection—

“(3) The foregoing provisions of this section are without prejudice to the right of a company to subscribe such securities and documents in accordance with the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.”.

Marginal Citations

M22 1985 c. 9.

Insolvency Act 1986

58 In section 53 of the ^{M23}Insolvency Act 1986—

- (a) in subsection (1) for the words “a validly executed instrument in writing” there shall be substituted the words “ an instrument subscribed in accordance with the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995 ”;
- (b) for subsection (4) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

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“(4) If the receiver is to be appointed by the holders of a series of secured debentures, the instrument of appointment may be executed on behalf of the holders of the floating charge by any person authorised by resolution of the debenture-holders to execute the instrument.”.

Marginal Citations

M23 1986 c. 45.

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

F48 59

Textual Amendments

F48 Sch. 4 para. 59 repealed (30.9.2002) by 2001 asp 10, ss. 112, Sch. 10 para. 22; S.S.I. 2002/321, art. 2, Sch. Table (subject to transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3-5)

F49 60

Textual Amendments

F49 Sch. 4 para. 60 repealed (30.9.2002) by 2001 asp 10, s. 112, sch. 10 para. 22; S.S.I. 2002/321, art. 2, Sch. Table (subject to transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3-5)

SCHEDULE 5

Section 14(2)

REPEALS

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1540 c. 37 (S.).	The Subscription of Deeds Act 1540.	The whole Act.
1579 c. 18 (S.).	The Subscription of Deeds Act 1579.	The whole Act.
1672 c. 47 (S.).	The Lyon King of Arms Act 1672.	The words from “And his Maiestie with consent” to “contraveiners heirof”.
1681 c. 5 (S.).	The Subscription of Deeds Act 1681.	The whole Act.
1696 c. 15 (S.).	The Deeds Act 1696.	The whole Act.
1696 c. 25 (S.).	The Blank Bonds and Trusts Act 1696.	The whole Act.
1698 c. 4 (S.).	The Registration Act 1698.	The whole Act.

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10 & 11 Vict. c. 16.	The Commissioners Clauses Act 1847.	<p>In section 56, the words from “(that is to say,)” to “discharge the same” where they first occur.</p> <p>In Schedule (B), the words from “or, if the deed” to “case may be,”.</p> <p>In Schedule (C), the words from “[or, if the deed” to “Scotland,]”.</p>
11 & 12 Vict. c. 36.	The Entail Amendment Act 1848.	In the Schedule the words “and of the witnesses subscribing,”.
19 & 20 Vict. c. 60.	The Mercantile Law Amendment Act, Scotland 1856.	Section 6.
31 & 32 Vict. c. 101.	The Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1868.	Sections 139 and 149.
37 & 38 Vict. c. 94.	The Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1874.	Sections 38 to 41.
7 Edw. 7 c. 51.	The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907.	<p>Schedule I.</p> <p>In section 35 the words “either holograph or attested by one witness”.</p> <p>In Schedule 1, paragraph 67 and in the Appendix in Form M the words from “If not holograph” to the end of the form.</p>
4 & 5 Geo. 5 c. 48.	The Feudal Casualties (Scotland) Act 1914.	In section 8 the words “which need not be tested or holograph”.
14 & 15 Geo. 5 c. 27.	The Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924.	Section 18.
23 & 24 Geo. 5 c. 44.	The Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) (Amendment) Act 1933.	Schedule I.
2 & 3 Geo. 6 c. 20.	The Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act 1939.	Section 13.
1959 c. 40.	The Deer (Scotland) Act 1959.	<p>In section 1(8) the words from “and any such” to the end.</p> <p>In Schedule 1, paragraphs 12 and 13.</p>

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1963 c. 18.	The Stock Transfer Act 1963.	Section 2(4).
1965 c. 12.	The Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965.	In section 34(5)(a), in the definition of “receipt” the words from “signed by two members” to “as such”. Section 36.
1967 c. 10.	The Forestry Act 1967.	Section 39(5).
1968 c. 16.	The New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968.	In Schedule 2, paragraphs 10 and 11.
1970 c. 35.	The Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970.	Section 44.
1973 c. 52.	The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Act 1973.	Section 5(2). In Schedule 1, paragraphs 2(c), 3 and 4(b).
1973 c. 65.	The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.	Section 194, other than subsection (2). In Schedule 8, paragraph 5.
1978 c. 29.	The National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.	In section 79(1A) the words from “and where” to the end of the subsection. In Schedule 1, paragraphs 9 and 10. In Schedule 5, paragraphs 10 and 11.
1980 c. 46.	The Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.	In Schedule 1, paragraph 12.
1985 c. 6.	The Companies Act 1985.	In section 2(6) the words from “and that” to the end. In section 7(3)(c) the words from “(which attestation)” to the end. Section 462(3).
1985 c. 16.	The National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1985.	In Schedule 1, paragraphs 8 and 19.
1986 c. 47.	The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.	In Schedule 1, paragraph 14.
1988 c. 43.	The Housing (Scotland) Act 1988.	In Schedule 1, paragraphs 18 and 19.

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1990 c. 40.	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990.	Section 72. Section 75(6). In Schedule 8, paragraph 33.
1990 c. 35.	The Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990.	In Schedule 1, paragraph 23.
1991 c. 28.	The Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991.	In Schedule 1, paragraph 18.
1993 c. 44.	The Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993.	In Schedule 1, paragraphs 14 and 15.
1994 c. 39.	The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.	In section 172(4), paragraph (h). In Schedule 3, paragraph 11. In Schedule 5, in Part II, paragraph 8. In Schedule 7, paragraph 17. In Schedule 12, paragraph 13. In Schedule 13, paragraph 92(60).

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 7(7) words inserted by [2024 asp 2 s. 79\(1\)](#)
- s. 9G(1)(d) excluded by [2023 asp 3 s. 115](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 2930 repealed by [2024 asp 2 Sch. 2](#)

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. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 s. 48\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2A and cross-heading inserted by [2024 asp 2 s. 79\(2\)](#)