



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:—

Annotations:

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.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 4](#)
- Blanket amendment text amended by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Scotland Act 1998:

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2010/298 art. 2 Sch.](#) commences (2009 c. 23)
- [S.I. 2010/2703 art. 2](#) commences (2010 c. 25)
- [S.I. 2011/1274 art. 2](#) commences (2010 c. 25)
- [S.I. 2011/1418 art. 2](#) commences (2010 c. 23)
- [S.S.I. 2011/4 art. 3 4](#) commences (2010 asp 10)
- [S.S.I. 2011/17 art. 3 4](#) commences (2010 asp 10)
- [S.R. 2010/113 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 26)