



Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

2014 asp 18

PART 2

THE SHERIFF APPEAL COURT

CHAPTER 1

ESTABLISHMENT AND ROLE

48 Status of decisions of the Sheriff Appeal Court in precedent

- (1) A decision of the Sheriff Appeal Court on the interpretation or application of the law is binding—
- in proceedings before a sheriff anywhere in Scotland,
 - in proceedings before a justice of the peace court anywhere in Scotland,
 - in proceedings before the Sheriff Appeal Court, except in a case where the Court hearing the proceedings is constituted by a greater number of Appeal Sheriffs than those constituting the Court which made the decision.
- (2) In subsection (1)(a), the reference to proceedings before a sheriff includes, in the case of criminal proceedings, a reference to solemn proceedings before a sheriff and jury.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 48 in force at 22.9.2015 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2015/247, art. 2, **Sch.**
- I2** S. 48 in force at 1.1.2016 in so far as not already in force by S.S.I. 2015/378, art. 2, **Sch.**

Changes to legislation:

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, Section 48 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

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):

- sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 9](#)
- sch. 1 para. 2(g)(h) inserted by [2021 asp 16 s. 15\(8\)](#)