



Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

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PART 1

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND

General functions

2 Functions of Historic Environment Scotland

- (1) Historic Environment Scotland has the general function of investigating, caring for and promoting Scotland's historic environment.
- (2) In exercising its general function, Historic Environment Scotland has the following particular functions—
 - (a) identifying and recording the historic environment,
 - (b) understanding and interpreting the historic environment,
 - (c) learning about, and educating others about, the historic environment,
 - (d) protecting and managing the historic environment,
 - (e) conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
- (3) Historic Environment Scotland also has the function of managing its collections as a national resource for reference, study and research.
- (4) In exercising that function, Historic Environment Scotland has the following particular functions—
 - (a) preserving, conserving and developing its collections,
 - (b) making the collections accessible to the public and to persons wishing to carry out study and research,
 - (c) exhibiting and interpreting objects in the collections.
- (5) Historic Environment Scotland, in exercising its functions, is to do so with a view to—
 - (a) encouraging education and research,
 - (b) promoting and contributing to understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment and of its collections,
 - (c) promoting the diversity of persons accessing the historic environment and its collections,

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- (d) offering and promoting leadership in relation to the historic environment,
 - (e) working in collaboration with other persons (whether in partnership or in other ways),
 - (f) contributing, as appropriate, to the development and delivery of policies and strategies in relation to the historic environment.
- (6) Historic Environment Scotland may support and assist any other person exercising functions in relation to the historic environment of a similar nature to its functions.
- (7) Support and assistance under subsection (6) may take the form of financial support and assistance.
- (8) In exercising its functions, Historic Environment Scotland must have regard—
- (a) to any relevant policy or strategy published by the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (b) as may be appropriate in the circumstances, to the interests of local communities.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 2 in force at 27.2.2015 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2015/31](#), art. 2, **Sch.**
- I2** S. 2 in force at 1.10.2015 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2015/196](#), art. 2, **Sch.** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.S.I. 2015/239](#), arts. 2-19)

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