



# Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

## 2017 asp 6

### *General*

#### **14 Interpretation**

- (1) In this Act—
- “2030 targets” has the meaning given by section 1(2),
  - “child” means—
    - (a) a person under the age of 16, or
    - (b) a person who is a qualifying young person for the purposes of Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992,
  - “interim targets” has the meaning given by section 2(2),
  - “parent” includes an individual with whom a child resides and who has care of the child,
  - “protected characteristics” means the characteristics listed in section 149(7) of the Equality Act 2010.
- (2) In sections 9, 10 and 13, a reference to “child poverty targets”, in relation to a plan or a report, is a reference to—
- (a) the interim targets and the 2030 targets, to the extent that the plan or report relates to a period ending on or before 31 March 2024,
  - (b) the 2030 targets, to the extent that the plan or report relates to a period beginning on or after 1 April 2024.

#### **15 References to the Commission**

- (1) In this Act, references to the Commission are to be construed in accordance with section 8(1).
- (2) But until that section comes into force, the references to the Commission in sections 9(6) and 10(4) and (5) are to be read as references to the body known as the Poverty and Inequality Commission established by the Scottish Ministers on 3 July 2017.

#### **16 Commencement**

- (1) This section and sections 14 and 17 come into force on the day after Royal Assent.

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- (2) Section 8 (and the schedule) come into force on 1 July 2019.
- (3) The other provisions of this Act come into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day of Royal Assent.

**17 Short title**

The short title of this Act is the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017.

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