



# Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

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### PART 1

#### KEY DEFINITIONS

#### **1 Meaning of “island” and of “inhabited island”**

- (1) In this Act, “island” means a naturally formed area of land which is—
- (a) surrounded on all sides by the sea (ignoring artificial structures such as bridges), and
  - (b) above water at high tide.
- (2) In this Act, “inhabited island” means an island permanently inhabited by at least one individual.

#### **2 Meaning of “island community”**

In this Act—

“island community” means a community which—

- (a) consists of two or more individuals, all of whom permanently inhabit an island (whether or not the same island), and
- (b) is based on common interest, identity or geography (including in relation to any uninhabited island whose natural environment and terrestrial, marine and associated ecosystems contribute to the natural or cultural heritage or economy of an inhabited island).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, Part 1 .