
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 359

**The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014
(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 and comes into force on 30th January 2015.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014;

“the day appointed” means 30th January 2015.

(3) For the purposes of the commencement of section 6(7)(d) to (j) of the Act in accordance with the Schedule, criminal proceedings are to be taken as concluded—

- (a) where no appeal against conviction or sentence has been lodged, on the expiry of the time limit for lodging an appeal; or
- (b) where an appeal against conviction or sentence has been lodged, on the final determination of that appeal.

Day appointed

2.—(1) The provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the Schedule (the subject matter of which is specified in column 2 of the Schedule) come into force on the day appointed.

(2) Where a purpose is specified in column 3 of the Schedule, the corresponding provision specified in column 1 of the Schedule only comes into force for that purpose.

Transitional provision: Standards of service

3. Notwithstanding the commencement of section 2 of the Act for the purposes specified in the Schedule, the persons specified in section 2(2) may delay the publication of standards of service in accordance with the obligation in section 2(1) until 30th April 2015 at the latest in order to comply with the duty to consult in section 2(4).

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