
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, brings into force on 1st April 2015 all of the remaining provisions of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the 2014 Act”), with the exception of section 77 and paragraph 13 of schedule 9.

The 2014 Act establishes the First-tier and Upper Tribunals for Scotland. A range of subordinate legislation will be brought forward in due course to make these Tribunals operational , including various transfer of functions orders. However, by virtue of the transitional provisions in paragraphs 7 to 9 of schedule 9 to the 2014 Act, no chambers within the First-tier Tribunal or divisions within the Upper Tribunal are required to be created on day one.

Paragraph 4 of schedule 9 to the 2014 Act allows for the Scottish Ministers to write tribunal procedural rules (subject to consultation requirements) until such a time when the Scottish Civil Justice Council are ready to adopt this work on the commencement of paragraph 13 of schedule 9.

The Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 ([S.S.I. 2014/183](#)) commenced section 4(1) to (3) of the 2014 Act, and section 4(5) of the 2014 Act for limited purposes. This Order commences section 4(5) of the 2014 Act for all remaining purposes from 1st April 2015.