



Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 46

PART I

ORGANISATION

The Law Society of Scotland

1 Establishment and objects of Law Society of Scotland.

- (1) The Law Society of Scotland (referred to in this Act as “the Society”) shall continue to exist and shall exercise the functions conferred upon it by this Act [^{F1}and sections 16 to 23 (which relate to the provision of conveyancing and executry services) of the 1990 Act].
- (2) The objects of the Society shall include the promotion of—
 - (a) the interests of the solicitors’ profession in Scotland; and
 - (b) the interests of the public in relation to that profession.
- (3) The Society may do anything that is incidental or conducive to the exercise of these functions or the attainment of those objects.
- (4) Schedule 1 shall have effect in relation to the Society.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) inserted (15.8.2003) by [Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(asp 4\)](#), ss. **12(a)**, 21(2)(3); S.S.I. 2003/384, **art. 2**

[^{F2}1A Power to act as statutory regulator

The Society may—

- (a) act as an approved regulator within the meaning of Part 2 of the 2010 Act,
- (b) do anything that is necessary or expedient for the purposes of doing so.]

Changes to legislation: *Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980, Cross Heading: The Law Society of Scotland is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 1A inserted (1.4.2011) by [Legal Services \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 16\)](#), **ss. 131**, 150(2); S.S.I. 2011/180, art. 3, Sch.

2 Membership of Society.

- (1) Every solicitor having in force a practising certificate shall be a member of the Society.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the Council may admit as a member of the Society any solicitor not having in force a practising certificate on such terms and conditions (including the payment by him of a reduced annual subscription) as they may determine.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), a solicitor shall—
 - (a) be treated as if he were not a member of the Society while suspended from practice as a solicitor under any enactment;
 - (b) cease to be a member of the Society when his practising certificate ceases to have effect.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 12A(2)(ba) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(3\)](#)
- s. 32(1)(d) and word inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 32(2D) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 1A(b)(ia) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(b\)](#)