



Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

CHAPTER 18

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- 4 Where a warrant of sale is varied under section 35...
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- 6 Where any such further poinding as is mentioned in subsection...
- 7 Where a new date is arranged under section 35(10) of...

Circumstances where liability for expenses is at the discretion of the sheriff

- 8 The liability for any expenses incurred by the creditor or...

Calculation of amount chargeable against debtor under the foregoing provisions

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Circumstances where no expenses are due to or by either party

- 10 Subject to paragraph 11 below, the debtor shall not be...
- 11 If— (a) an application mentioned in paragraph 10(a) above is...

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- 12 Any expenses chargeable against the debtor by virtue of any...

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- 2 Where all the debts are current maintenance, then, in any...
- 3 Subject to paragraph 4 below, where the debts comprise both...
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The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 (c. 43.)

- 1 (1) For section 247 there shall be substituted the following...

The Taxes Management Act 1970 (c. 9.)

- 2 For section 63 there shall be substituted the following sections—...

The Car Tax Act 1983 (c. 53.)

- 3 In paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 1 (recovery of car tax),...

The Value Added Tax Act 1983 (c. 55.)

- 4

SCHEDULE 5 — POINDINGS AND SALES IN PURSUANCE OF SUMMARY WARRANTS

Articles exempt from poinding

- 1 (1) The following articles belonging to a debtor shall be...

Restrictions on time when poinding may be executed

- 2 (1) No poinding shall be executed on Sunday, Christmas Day,...

Power of entry for execution of poinding

- 3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, notwithstanding any warrant authorising...

Value of articles which may be poinded and presumption as to ownership

- 4 (1) The sheriff officer shall be entitled to poind articles...

Poinding procedure

- 5 (1) The procedure in a poinding shall be in accordance...

- 6 (1) The sheriff, on an application by the creditor, the...

Release of poinded article on ground of undue harshness

- 7 (1) The sheriff may, on an application made within 14...

Invalidity, cessation and recall of poinding

- 8 (1) If, at any time before the sale of the...

Second poinding in same premises

- 9 Subject to paragraph 7(2) above and paragraphs 12(2) and (6),...

Sist of proceedings in poinding of mobile homes

- 10 (1) Where a caravan, houseboat or other moveable structure which...

Duration of poinding

- 11 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (5) below, a...

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- 14 (1) A sale in pursuance of a summary warrant shall...

Release or redemption of poinded articles

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Intimation and publication of sale

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- 17 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below and without prejudice to...

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Disposal of proceeds of sale

- 19 The sheriff officer who arranges the sale shall dispose of...

Report of sale

- 20 (1) The sheriff officer who arranged the sale shall within...

Articles belonging to third parties or in common ownership

- 21 (1) A sheriff officer may, at any time after the...
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- 24 A summary warrant shall contain a warrant authorising a sheriff...

Expenses chargeable against the debtor

- 25 (1) Subject to paragraphs 26 to 29 below, there shall...
 26 Where arrangements for a sale are cancelled under sub-paragraph (4)...
 27 Subject to paragraph 28 below, where any such further poinding...
 28 Where any such further poinding as is mentioned in sub-paragraph...
 29 Where a new date is arranged under paragraph 17(2) above...

Circumstances where liability for expenses is at the discretion of the sheriff

- 30 The liability for any expenses incurred by the creditor or...

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Calculation of amount chargeable against debtor under the foregoing provisions

31 Expenses awarded by the sheriff against the debtor in favour...

Circumstances where no expenses are due to or by either party

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1 Any reference in any enactment to an order being enforceable...

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The Bank Notes (Scotland) Act 1765 (c. 49.)

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The Debtors (Scotland) Act 1838 (c. 114.)

3 At the end of section 22 (arrestment to prescribe in...

The Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847 (c. 27.)

4 In section 57 (unserviceable vessels to be altogether removed from...

The Lyon King of Arms Act 1867 (c.17)

5 In section 2 (admittance to office of messengers-at-arms), for the...

The Court of Session Act 1868 (c. 100)

6 At the end of section 14 (induciae of summonses and...

The Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1868 (c. 101)

7 In section 138 (import of short clauses of consent to...

The Debtors (Scotland) Act 1880 (c. 34)

8 In section 4 (abolition of imprisonment for debt, with certain...

The Sea Fisheries Act 1883 (c. 22.)

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The Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (c. 60.)

10 In section 693 (sums ordered to be leviable by pointing...

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The Execution of Diligence (Scotland) Act 1926 (c. 16)

- 11 In section 1 (sheriff officer to have the powers of...
- 12 In section 2(1)(b) (execution of arrestment or charge by registered...

The Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77.)

- 13 In section 12(2)(a) (recovery of fines imposed on master, etc....

The Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971 (c. 60.)

- 14 In section 20(1) (enforcement and application of fines), for the...

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 52)

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The Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 69)

- 16 After section 93 there shall be inserted the following section—...
- 17 In section 129 (time orders)— (a) at the beginning of...

The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21)

- 18 In section 411 (recovery by civil diligence), in subsection (1)...

The Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 21)

- 19 In section 17(1) (extension of powers of Land Court), for...

The Patents Act 1977 (c. 37)

- 20 In section 93(b) and 107(3) (orders for expenses), for the...

The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

- 21 In section 117 (execution and diligence against revenue traders), for...

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 44)

- 22 In paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 (local inquiries), for the...

The Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 (c. 63)

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The British Fishing Boats Act 1983 (c. 8.)

- 24 In section 5(2)(a) (recovery of fines), for the word “poinding”...

The Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 26.)

- 25 In section 8(2)(a) (recovery of fines), for the word “poinding”...

The Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 58.)

- 26 For section 110 (restriction on diligence), there shall be substituted...

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The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 66)

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- 28 In paragraph 24 of Schedule 7 (arrestments and poindings)—

SCHEDULE 7 — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 1 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of subsection (4) of...
- 2 The sheriff may refuse to make a time to pay...
- 3 Without prejudice to paragraphs 4 to 6 of this Schedule,...
- 4
- 5 Nothing in this Act shall affect an arrestment of earnings...
- 6 Where an arrestment of a debtor's earnings in the hands...
- 7 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a summary warrant granted...
- 8 (1) Where before the commencement of paragraphs 21 and 23...
- 9 (1) The provisions of this Act relating to the liability...
- 10 Until the commencement of the repeal of the Supplementary Benefits...

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- s. 1(5)(cc) repealed by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 8](#)
- s. 2(1)(b)(iv) repealed by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 2(2) words inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 5(1)(c) repealed by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 5(5)(c)(d) substituted for s. 5(5)(c) and word by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 9(1)(b)(iv) repealed by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 9(2A) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 13(2) word substituted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(10\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Words already substituted (30.12.2002) by 2002 asp 17, s. 61, Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 17(6))
- s. 15(1) repealed by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 53(2)(b) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2009/98 reg. 2\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2009/98 revoked (28.3.2009) before coming into force by S.S.I. 2009/133, regs, 1(2), 2)
- s. 63(4)(b) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2009/98 reg. 2\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.S.I. 2009/98 revoked (28.3.2009) before coming into force by S.S.I. 2009/133, regs, 1(2), 2)
- s. 99(1) words repealed by [2000 asp 5 Sch. 13 Pt. 1](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 99 repealed (30.12.2002) by Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 17), s. 61, Sch. 3 Pt. 1 para. 17(14) (with s. 63))
- s. 101 repealed by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 6 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 106 words substituted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(14\)\(c\)](#)
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