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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8

Section 97(5).

ENFORCEMENT: SCOTLAND

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies to any sum which has become payable to a ^[F1]local authority under any provision included in regulations under—
- (a) paragraph 2, 3, 6(2) or (3) of Schedule 2 to this Act; or
 - (b) paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to this Act,
- and has not been paid.
- (2) References in sub-paragraph (1) above to a sum which has become payable and has not been paid include references to a sum forming part of a larger sum which has become payable and the other part of which has been paid.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in [Sch. 8 para. 1](#) substituted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39, s. 180\(1\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 176\(18\)](#) (with [s. 128\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 1996/323, art. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)

- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) below, any sum to which this Schedule applies may be recovered by the ^[F2]local authority by diligence—
- (a) authorised by a summary warrant granted under sub-paragraph (2) below; or
 - (b) in pursuance of a decree granted in an action of payment.
- (2) The sheriff, on an application by the authority accompanied by a certificate from them containing such particulars as may be prescribed, shall grant a summary warrant in a form provided for by Act of Sederunt authorising the recovery, by any of the diligences mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) below, of the amount of the sum remaining due and unpaid along with a surcharge of 10 per cent. of that amount.
- (3) The diligences referred to in sub-paragraph (2) above are—
- (a) a poinding and sale in accordance with Schedule 5 to the ^{M1}Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987;
 - (b) an earnings arrestment;
 - (c) an arrestment and action of furthcoming or sale.
- (4) It shall be incompetent for the sheriff to grant a summary warrant under sub-paragraph (2) above in respect of any sum to which this Schedule applies if an action has already been raised for the recovery of that sum; and, without prejudice to sub-paragraph (5) below, on the raising of an action for the recovery of any such sum, any existing summary warrant in so far as it relates to the recovery of that sum shall cease to have effect.

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- (5) It shall be incompetent to raise an action in Scotland for the recovery of any sum to which this Schedule applies if, in pursuance of a summary warrant, any of the diligences mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) above for the recovery of that sum has been executed.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order substitute another percentage for the percentage which is for the time being mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) above.

Textual Amendments

F2 Word in [Sch. 8 para. 2](#) substituted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39, s. 180\(1\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 176\(18\)](#) (with [s. 128\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 1996/323, art. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1987 c. 18](#).

- 3 (1) In any proceedings for the recovery of any sum to which this Schedule applies, whether by summary warrant or otherwise, no person shall be entitled to found upon failure by the [^{F3}local] authority or any other authority or body to comply with any provision included in regulations made under the provisions specified in paragraph 1 above relating to the date by which something shall be done.
- (2) No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place or mistake or informality in any notice or other document or communication relating to the levy or collection of any council tax or council water charge or in any proceedings for the payment thereof shall prejudice the recovery thereof.

Textual Amendments

F3 Word in [Sch. 8 para. 3](#) substituted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39, s. 180\(1\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 176\(18\)](#) (with [s. 128\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 1996/323, art. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)

- 4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below and without prejudice to paragraphs 25 to 34 of Schedule 5 to the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987, the sheriff officer's fees, together with the outlays necessarily incurred by him, in connection with the execution of a summary warrant under paragraph 2 above shall be chargeable against the debtor.
- (2) No fees shall be chargeable by the sheriff officer against the debtor for collecting, and accounting to the [^{F4}local] authority for, the sums paid to him by the debtor in satisfaction of an amount owing to the authority by way of council tax or council water charge.

Textual Amendments

F4 Word in [Sch. 8 para. 4](#) substituted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39, s. 180\(1\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 176\(18\)](#) (with [s. 128\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 1996/323, art. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)

- 5 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may provide that where a summary warrant or a decree in an action for payment has been granted against a person ("the debtor") he shall, during such time as the amount in respect of which the warrant or decree

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was granted remains wholly or partly unpaid, be under a duty to supply relevant information to the authority concerned.

- (2) Relevant information is such information as fulfils the following conditions—
- (a) it is in the debtor's possession or control;
 - (b) the authority request him to supply it; and
 - (c) it falls within a prescribed description of information.
- (3) The regulations may include provision that the information is to be supplied in a prescribed form and within a prescribed period of the request being made.
- 6 (1) Regulations made under this paragraph may provide that where a [^{F5}local] authority has obtained a summary warrant or a decree against a person (the debtor) in respect of arrears of sums payable under paragraph 1(1) above and the debtor is entitled to income support [^{F6} or a jobseeker's allowance]. . .
- (a) the [^{F5}local] authority may, without prejudice to their right to pursue any other means of recovering such arrears, apply to the Secretary of State asking him to deduct sums from any amounts payable to the debtor by way of [^{F7} that benefit] in order to secure the payment of any outstanding sum which is or forms part of the amount in respect of which the summary warrant or decree was granted; and
 - (b) the Secretary of State may deduct such sums and pay them to the authority towards satisfaction of any such outstanding sum.
- (2) Regulations made under this paragraph may include—
- (a) provision allowing or requiring adjudication as regards an application and provision as to appeals and reviews;
 - (b) a scheme containing provision as to the circumstances and manner in which and times at which sums are to be deducted and paid, provision about the calculation of such sums (which may include provision to secure that amounts payable to the debtor by way of income support [^{F8} or a jobseeker's allowance] do not fall below prescribed figures), and provision as to the circumstances in which the Secretary of State is to cease making deductions;
 - (c) provision requiring the Secretary of State to notify the debtor, in a prescribed manner and at any prescribed time, of the total amount of sums deducted up to the time of the notification;
 - (d) provision that, where the whole amount to which the application relates has been paid, the authority shall give notice of that fact to the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in Sch. 8 para. 6 substituted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 176(18)** (with s. 128(8)); S.I. 1996/323, **art. 4(1)(b)(c)**
- F6** Words in Sch. 8 para. 6(1)(a) inserted (22.4.1996) by 1995 c. 18, s. 41(4), **Sch. 2 para. 76(2)(a)**; S.I. 1996/1126, **art. 2**
- F7** Words in Sch. 8. para. 6(1) substituted (22.4.1996) by 1995 c. 18, s. 41(4), **Sch. 2 para. 76(2)(c)**; S.I. 1996/1126, **art. 2**
- F8** Words in Sch. 8. para. 6(2)(b) inserted (22.4.1996) by 1995 c. 18, s. 41(4), **Sch. 2 para. 76(3)**; S.I. 1996/1126, **art. 2**

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