
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 374 (S. 28)**MENTAL HEALTH****The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order
1986**

Made - - - - 24th February 1986

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 9(3) of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:-

Citation

1. This order may be cited as the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 (Appointed Day) Order 1986.

Appointed day

2. For the purposes of section 9(3) and (4) of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 the day appointed by the Secretary of State shall be 1st April 1986.

John J. MacKay,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Scottish Office.

New St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
24th February 1986.

(a) 1984 c.36.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order makes 1st April 1986 the appointed day for the purposes of section 9(3) and (4) of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984: on or after that date, before appointing a person to act as a mental health officer or continuing the appointment of a mental health officer, a local authority must ensure that the person meets with the requirements set out in the directions contained in Circular SW2/1985 issued to local authorities by the Secretary of State under the powers conferred on him by the said section 9(3) and (4) of the 1984 Act, namely -

- (a) holds a qualification recognised as appropriate by the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work;
 - (b) has completed a minimum of 2 years' experience as a social worker, including social work with people suffering from mental disorder;
 - (c) has been trained and assessed, or, in the case of persons appointed before the appointed day, that the assessment will be completed not later than 31st March 1987;
 - (d) has demonstrated the ability to apply the necessary knowledge and skills.
- These provisions apply only to Scotland.

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