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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**SOCIAL WORK, SCOTLAND  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS**

**The Fostering of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1996**

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**THE FOSTERING OF CHILDREN  
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1996**

1. Citation and commencement
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**PART II**

**APPROVAL OF FOSTER CARERS**

4. Appointment and composition of fostering panels
5. A local authority shall satisfy themselves that the numbers, relevant...
6. Functions of fostering panel
7. Approval of foster carers by a local authority
8. Agreements with foster carers
9. Payment of allowances
10. Reviews and Terminations of Approval

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11. Local authorities fostering a child looked after by them under section 17(6) of the Act
12. Decision to place a child in a foster placement
13. Emergency and Immediate Placements
14. (1) Where a local authority are satisfied that the immediate...
15. Recommendations by a local authority

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#### PART IV

##### ARRANGEMENTS WITH VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

16. (1) Local authorities may individually or jointly enter into arrangements...
17. Circumstances necessitating visits by local authorities

#### PART V

##### RECORDS

18. Case records for foster carers and others with whom a child is placed
19. Retention and confidentiality of records  
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#### SCHEDULE 1 — INFORMATION AS TO PROSPECTIVE FOSTER CARER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY

1. His date of birth, health (supported by a medical report),...
2. Particulars of the other adult members of the household and...
3. Particulars of the children in his family, whether or not...
4. Address and particulars of his accommodation.
5. His religious persuasion, the degree of his religious observance and...
6. His racial origin, cultural and linguistic background and his capacity...
7. His past and present employment or occupation, and his standard...
8. Leisure activities and interests.
9. His present capacity to care for his own and other...
10. Any previous criminal convictions and those of other members of...
11. The outcome of any request or application made by him...
12. Particulars of any previous approval under regulation 7, or refusal...
13. An analysis of the applicant's motivation in wanting to be...
14. References from third parties as to the applicant's character and...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — MATTERS AND OBLIGATIONS IN FOSTER CARER AGREEMENTS

1. The support and training to be given to the fosterer...
2. The procedure for the review of approval of a fosterer...
3. The procedure for handling of complaints against foster carers.
4. The procedure in connection with the placement of children, and...
5. The foster carer's obligation to give written notice to the...
6. The foster carer's obligation not to administer corporal punishment to...
7. The foster carer's obligation to ensure that any information relating...
8. The foster carer's obligation to comply with the terms of...
9. The foster carer's obligation to notify the local authority immediately...
10. The foster carer's obligation where the placement is terminated, to...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — MATTERS AND OBLIGATIONS TO BE COVERED IN FOSTER PLACEMENT AGREEMENTS

1. The provision by the local authority of a statement containing...
2. The local authority's arrangements for the financial support of the...
3. Any arrangements for delegation of parental responsibility for consent to...
4. The circumstances in which it is necessary to obtain in...
5. The arrangements for visits to the child, in connection with...

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6. The arrangements for the child to have contact with his...
7. Compliance by the foster carer with the terms of the...
8. Co-operation by the foster carer with any arrangements made by...

Explanatory Note