



Tenures Abolition Act 1746

1746 CHAPTER 50 20 Geo 2

An Act for taking away the tenure of ward holding in Scotland, and for converting the same into blanch and feu holdings; and for regulating the casualty of non-entry in certain cases; and for taking away the casualties of single and life-rent escheats, incurred there by horning and denunciation for civil causes; and for giving to heirs and successors there a summary process against superiors; and for discharging the attendance of vassals at head courts there; and for ascertaining the services of tenants there; and for allowing heirs of tailzie there to sell lands to the Crown for erecting buildings and making settlements in the Highlands.

^{F1}Whereas it has been found by experience, that the tenure of lands in . . . ^{F2} Scotland, by ward holding, and the consequences of the same, being the casualties of ward marriage and recognition, have been much more burthensome, grievous and prejudicial to the vassals proprietors of the lands held by that tenure, than they have been beneficial to the superiors;

Textual Amendments

- F1** Act (except ss. 21, 22) repealed (S.) (*prosp.*) by [2000 asp 5](#), ss. 76(2), 77(2)(a)(d), [Sch. 13 Pt. 1](#) (with ss. 58, 62, 75)
- F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948](#) (c. 62), [s. 4\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Short title “The Tenures Abolition Act 1746” given by [Short Titles Act 1896](#) (c. 14)
- C2** Certain words of enactment repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1888](#) (c. 3) and remainder omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948](#) (c. 62), [s. 3](#)

Changes to legislation:

Tenures Abolition Act 1746, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 September 2022. 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.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Tenures Abolition Act 1746

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.S.I. 2003/456 art. 2](#) commences ([2000 asp 5](#))