



Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 2

THE POLICE SERVICE OF SCOTLAND

Constables: appointment, ranks and terms of office

10 Constable's declaration

- (1) An appointment of an individual as a constable has effect only where the individual has made a declaration in the following terms before a sheriff [^{F1}, summary sheriff] or justice of the peace—

“I, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of constable with fairness, integrity, diligence and impartiality, and that I will uphold fundamental human rights and accord equal respect to all people, according to law.”

- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by order modify the declaration.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(1) inserted (1.4.2016) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2016 \(S.S.I. 2016/142\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 5\(2\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 10 applied by 2003 c. 20, s. 25(4) (as substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 41\(3\)](#))

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C2 S. 10 applied by 2003 c. 20, s. 24(4) (as substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 41\(2\)](#))

Commencement Information

I1 S. 10 in force at 1.4.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/51](#), [art. 2](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Ch. 12A inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 1\(1\)](#)
- s. 17(2)(h) inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 17(4)(b)(iv) inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 20A inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 3](#)