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# Prescription (Scotland) Act 2018

## 2018 asp 15

*20-year negative prescription*

PROSPECTIVE

### **6 Obligations: 20-year prescriptive period and extension**

- (1) The 1973 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 7 (extinction of obligations by prescriptive periods of twenty years)—
  - (a) for subsection (1) substitute—

“(1) An obligation to which this section applies is extinguished on the expiry of the continuous period of 20 years after the date on which the obligation became enforceable.”,
  - (b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(3) Subsection (4) applies if—

    - (a) a relevant claim is made in relation to an obligation to which this section applies,
    - (b) the claim is made before the time at which the prescriptive period mentioned in subsection (1) would, but for subsection (4), expire, and
    - (c) at that time—
      - (i) the claim has not been finally disposed of, and
      - (ii) the proceedings in which the claim is made have not otherwise come to an end.
- (4) The prescriptive period is extended so that it expires—
  - (a) when the claim is finally disposed of, or
  - (b) when the proceedings in which the claim is made come to an end (where the proceedings come to an end without the claim having been finally disposed of).

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(5) In subsections (3) and (4), the references to proceedings in which a relevant claim is made include references to any other process in or by which a relevant claim is made.”

- (3) In section 10 (relevant acknowledgement for purposes of sections 6 and 7)—
- (a) in each of subsections (1), (2)(a) and (3), for “sections 6 7 and 8A” substitute “ sections 6 and 8A ”,
  - (b) in the section title, for “7” substitute “ 8A ”.

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- s. 6 coming into force by [S.S.I. 2022/78 reg. 2\(1\)](#)