



Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Act 2019

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PART 1

RETURNS ON INVESTMENT OF DAMAGES

1 Assumed return on investment

(1) Before section 1 of the Damages Act 1996 there is inserted—

“B1 **Assumed rate of return on damages invested: Scotland**

- (1) In determining the return to be expected from the investment of a sum awarded as damages for future pecuniary loss in an action for personal injury, a court must take into account the rate of return set by the official rate-assessor.
- (2) However—
 - (a) the court is to do so subject to and in accordance with rules of court (if any) made for the purpose of subsection (1),
 - (b) the court may take a different rate of return into account if a party to the action shows that the different rate is more appropriate in the circumstances of the case.
- (3) Schedule B1 contains provision about setting the rate of return for the purpose of subsection (1).
- (4) In subsection (1), the reference to the official rate-assessor is to—
 - (a) if no regulations under paragraph (b) are in force, the Government Actuary (but, when that office is vacant, the Deputy Government Actuary), or
 - (b) a person appointed in place of the Government Actuary (including the Deputy as referred to in paragraph (a)) by regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4)(b) may provide for a person to deputise for the person appointed in place of the Government Actuary.

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(6) Before making regulations under subsection (4)(b), the Scottish Ministers must obtain the agreement of—

- (a) as respects appointment in place of the Government Actuary, the person to be appointed,
- (b) as respects deputising as mentioned in subsection (5), the person who is to deputise as provided for.

(7) Regulations under subsection (4)(b) are subject to the affirmative procedure.”.

(2) Section 1 of the Damages Act 1996 is repealed.

Commencement Information

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