



# Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 49

An Act to make further provision for promoting social welfare in Scotland; to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to the care and protection of children; to amend the law relating to the supervision and care of persons put on probation or released from prison etc.; to restrict the prosecution of children for offences; to establish children's panels to provide children's hearings in the case of children requiring compulsory measures of care; and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters. [26th July 1968]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act modified (1.6.1996) by [Armed Forces Act 1991](#) (c. 62, SIF 7:1), [s. 21\(4\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 1996/1173, [art. 2](#)  
Act: certain functions transferred (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39](#), [s. 127\(1\)](#) (with s. 128); S.I. 1996/323, [art. 4\(1\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** By [Criminal Justice Act 1991](#) (c. 53, SIF 39:1), [S. 101\(1\)](#), [Sch. 12 para. 23](#); S.I. 1991/2208, [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch.1](#) it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by [S.I. 1992/333](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C3** Act: power to modify conferred (12.12.1996 for certain purposes and otherwise 1.4.1997) by [1995 c. 36](#), [s. 33\(5\)\(a\)](#) (with [ss. 99](#), [103\(1\)](#)); S.I. 1996/3201, [art. 3\(1\)\(7\)](#) (which [art. 3\(7\)](#) was substituted (7.3.1997) by [S.I. 1997/744](#), [art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions inserted into [S.I. 1996/3201](#) by [art. 3](#)))  
Act: power to modify conferred (S.) (prosp.) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002](#) (asp 5), [ss. {5\(2\)}](#), [27\(2\)](#)
- C4** Act applied (with modifications) (1.10.2010) by [The Employment and Support Allowance \(Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit\) \(Existing Awards\) Regulations 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/875), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [16](#), [Sch. 2](#) (which amending S.I. was revoked (27.8.2010) by [SI 2010/1906](#), [reg. 2](#))
- C5** Act applied (with modifications) (1.10.2010) by [The Employment and Support Allowance \(Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit\) \(Existing Awards\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/1907), [reg. 16\(2\)\(c\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)
- C6** Act: power to modify conferred (24.6.2013) by [Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011](#) (asp 1), [ss. 190\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#), [206\(2\)](#) (with s. 186); S.S.I. 2013/195, [arts. 2](#), [3](#)

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**C7** Act: power to modify conferred (11.5.2015) by [Community Care and Health \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 5\)](#), **ss. 5(2), 27(2)**; S.S.I. 2015/179, art. 2(1)

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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):

- s. 29(3)(j) repealed by [2005 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 1](#)
- s. 61B inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 36](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 36 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 62(3)(d) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 38 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 64A(1)(e) and word inserted by [2000 asp 4 Sch. 5 para. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 para. 10 repealed (1.4.2002) without ever being in force by 2001 asp 8, Sch. 4; S.S.I. 2002/162, art. 2 (with arts. 3-13))
- s. 87A inserted by [2007 asp 10 s. 66](#)