

# Water (Scotland) Act 1980

# CHAPTER 45

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- 1 Where Scottish Water proposes to apply for any order to...
- 2 Not later than the date on which the said notice...
- 3 Scottish Water shall also publish in the Edinburgh Gazette a...
- 4 Scottish Water shall, at the request of any person interested,...
- 5 The Secretary of State may make an order in the...
- 6 If before the expiration of the 28 days referred to...
- 7 After considering the report of any local inquiry under the...
- 8 The expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in connection...
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# Orders made by the Secretary of State under section 13(2) and (if no application by the water authority or water development board) sections 19 and 29(2).

- 10 Before making an order to which this Part of this...
- 11 Not later than the date on which the said notice...
- 12 The Secretary of State shall also publish in the Edinburgh...
- 13 The Secretary of State shall, at the request of any...
- 14 The Secretary of State may make the order either in...
- 15 If before the expiration of the 28 days referred to...
- 16 After considering the report of any local inquiry under the...
- 17 The expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in connection...
- 18 .....

Part III

#### Agreements made by water authorities or water development boards under section 17

- 19 Where Scottish Water proposes to enter into an agreement to...
- 20 Scottish Water shall also publish in the Edinburgh Gazette a...
- 21 The Secretary of State shall not approve the agreement before...
- 22 After considering the report of any local inquiry under the...
- 23 The expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in connection... Part IV

Byelaws made by water authorities or water development boards under sections 70 and 71

- 24 Byelaws to which this Part of this Schedule applies ....
- 25 At least one month before application for confirmation of the...
- 26 For at least one month before such application is made,...
- 27 Scottish Water shall, at the request of any person interested,...
- 28 Any person aggrieved by any such byelaws may, within one...
- 29 The Secretary of State may confirm with or without modification...
- 30 A copy of the byelaws when confirmed shall be printed...
- 31 The production of a printed copy of the byelaws on...

SCHEDULE 2 — Orders under Section 17 Authorising Compulsory Acquisition of Land

- 1 The order shall incorporate the Lands Clauses Acts and section...
- 2 A copy of the notice required by paragraph 1 or...
- 3 Where any such objection as is mentioned in paragraph 6...
- 4 Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 5 or 14 of Schedule 1,...
- 5 Subject as hereinafter provided, Part III of Schedule 1 to...
- 6 As soon as may be after the order has been...
- 7 Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Act of 1947...
- 8 In this Schedule the expression "the Act of 1947" means...

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- 5 Laying of supply pipes, etc.
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- 31 Penalty for misuse of water.
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- 2 The Secretary of State shall cause a copy of a...
- 3 If no objection is duly made under paragraph 1 or...
- 4 If any objection duly made as aforesaid is not withdrawn,...
- 5 The Secretary of State shall not make an amendment order...

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1 A board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession...

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#### Vacation of office by members of boards

- 3 A member of a board may resign his office at...
- 4 A member of a board shall vacate his office if...

#### *Appointments to fill casual vacancies*

5 Where, for any reason whatsoever, the place of a member...

#### Disqualification for, and re-appointment to, membership of boards

- 6 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...
- 7 Subject to the provisions of this Act, a vacating member...

#### First meetings of boards

8 The first meeting of a board shall be held on...

#### Chairman

- 9 The chairman of a board shall be elected by the...
- 10 The election of the chairman shall be the first business...

#### Appointment of committees

11 (1) A board may appoint from their number such committees...

#### Members of committees

12 The number of members of a committee appointed under this...

#### Proceedings of boards and committees

13 The proceedings of a board, or of any committee appointed...

- 14 (1) A board may make standing orders with respect to—...
- 15 At any meeting of a board or of a committee...
- 16 The provisions of sections 38 to 42 of the Local...
- 17 (1) Subject to the next following sub-paragraph, the minutes of...

#### Authentication of documents

- 18 The provisions of section 194 of the Local Government (Scotland)...
- 19 (1) Any notice or other document which a board are...

#### Officers and servants

- 20 A board shall appoint such officers and servants as the...
- 21 The provisions of sections 66 (security to be taken in...

#### Expenses, subscriptions and contributions

- 22 A board may defray— (a) any expenses incurred in the...
- 23 A board may pay reasonable subscriptions, whether annually or otherwise,...

#### General

- 24 The following provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973...
- 25 In this Schedule "board" means a water development board, and...

SCHEDULE 9 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

- 1 In so far as anything done under an enactment repealed...
- 2 Where any period of time specified in an enactment repealed...
- 3 Any reference in any enactment or document, whether express or...
- 4 (1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the enactments repealed...

#### SCHEDULE 10 — Amendment of Enactments

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Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41.)

Requisitioned Land and War Works Act 1948 (c. 17)

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 (c. 55).

Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) (Scotland) Act 1951 (c. 66)

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 (c. 70)

Water Officers Compensation Act 1960 (c. 15)

Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962 (c. 9)

Spray Irrigation (Scotland) Act 1964 (c. 90)

Airports Authority Act 1965 (c. 16)

Gas Act 1965 (c. 36)

In section 15(11)(d), for the word "1946" there shall be... In section 23(5) for the words "Acts 1946 and 1949"... In section 28(1)— (a) in the definition of "limits of...

Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 (c. 86)

Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 47)

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 52)

Control of Pollution Act 1974 (c. 40)

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 30)

Airports Authority Act 1975 (c. 78)

SCHEDULE 11 — REPEALS

#### **Changes to legislation:**

Water (Scotland) Act 1980 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 April 2024. 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

#### Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 24(1) words substituted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(2)
- s. 24(2) words substituted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(4)
- s. 24(3) word substituted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(5)(c)
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- s. 24(3) words substituted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(5)(b)
- s. 24(4) word substituted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(6)(b)
- s. 24(4) words substituted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(6)(a)

# **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. 24(1A) inserted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 3(3)
- s. 110A certain functions transferred by S.I. 1999/1750 art. 3Sch. 2 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 110A by 1995 c. 25, Sch. 21 para. 5 has not yet been brought into force)
- s. 110A inserted by 1995 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 5
- s. 110A(7) words substituted by 1997 c. 11 Sch. 2 para. 30(2)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 110A by 1995 c. 25, Sch. 21 para. 5 has not yet been brought into force)
- s. 110A(8) words substituted by 1997 c. 11 Sch. 2 para. 30(2)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 110A by 1995 c. 25, Sch. 21 para. 5 has not yet been brought into force)
- Sch. 3 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 4(2)
- Sch. 3 para. 6(1A) inserted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 4(3)
- Sch. 4 s. 34(3) inserted by 2003 asp 3 sch. 4 para. 5