



Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 18

An Act to make new provision with regard to Scotland for an extension of time for payment of debts; to amend the law relating to certain diligences; to make provision in respect of messengers-at-arms and sheriff officers; and for connected purposes. [15th May 1987]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act : transfer of functions (19.5.1999), by S.I. 1999/678, art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with arts. 3, 7)
- C2** Act excluded (25.4.1991) by **Companies Act 1989** (c. 40, SIF 27), ss. **154**, 155, 161(4), 213(2)
- C3** Act modified (21.2.2009) by **The Banking Act 2009** (Parts 2 and 3 Consequential Amendments) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/317), arts. 1, 3, **Sch.**
- C4** Act applied (with modifications) (8.2.2011) by **The Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations 2011** (S.I. 2011/245), reg. 1, **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with reg. 27(a))
- C5** Act applied (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by **The International Recovery of Maintenance (Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance 2007) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018** (S.I. 2018/1125), regs. 1, **8**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- C6** Act applied (with modifications) (8.7.2021) by **The Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency Regulations 2021** (S.I. 2021/716), reg. 2, Sch. 3 paras. 2, **3** (with reg. 5) (as amended 4.1.2024) by S.I. 2023/1399, regs. 1(2), **4**, **21(4)**

Changes to legislation:

Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 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.
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))

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

- s. 8(1)(d)(e) substituted for s. 8(1)(d) by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(7\)\(a\)\(v\)](#)