



Children (Scotland) Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 36

An Act to reform the law of Scotland relating to children, to the adoption of children and to young persons who as children have been looked after by a local authority; to make new provision as respects the relationship between parent and child and guardian and child in the law of Scotland; to make provision as respects residential establishments for children and certain other residential establishments; and for connected purposes. [19th July 1995]

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:—

Changes to legislation:

Children (Scotland) Act 1995, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 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 the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). These Regulations never came into effect, having been revoked before coming into force by [S.I. 2010/1906, reg. 2](#))

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

- s. 3(3A)(ba) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 25](#)
- s. 4B inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 28\(2\)](#)
- s. 6(1A)-(1D) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 10(1A) inserted by [2024 asp 2 Sch. 1 para. 18\(b\)](#)
- s. 11(14) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 11B11C inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 11B(2) power to amend conferred by [2020 asp 16 s. 32](#)
- s. 11D inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- s. 11D(3) power to amend conferred by [2020 asp 16 s. 32](#)
- s. 11E inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- s. 11F inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 11G inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 22\(2\)](#)
- s. 11ZA11ZB inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 11ZA(2A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- s. 11ZA(3)(f) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 16(1A) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 30\(3\)](#)
- s. 16(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 16(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 1\(6\)](#)
- s. 100A inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 21\(2\)](#)
- s. 101D inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- s. 101E inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 12\(2\)](#)