



Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995

CHAPTER 7

REQUIREMENTS OF WRITING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

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SCHEDULE 1 — Alterations Made to a traditional document After it has been Subscribed

Presumption as to granter's signature or date or place of signing

- 1 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (7) below, where—

Presumption as to granter's signature or date or place of signing when established in court proceedings

- 2 (1) Where an alteration to a traditional document bears to...

SCHEDULE 2 — Subscription and Signing: Special Cases

General

- 1 Any reference in this Act to subscription or signing by...

Partnerships

- 2 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a...

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Companies

- 3 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a...

Limited Liability Partnerships

- 3A (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a...

Local authorities

- 4 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a...

Other bodies corporate

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies to any body corporate other than...

Ministers of the Crown and office-holders

- 6 (1) Except where an enactment expressly provides otherwise, where a...

SCHEDULE 3 — Modifications of This Act in Relation to Subscription or Signing by Relevant Person under Section 9

- 1 For any reference to the subscription or signing of a...
- 2 For section 3(1) there shall be substituted the following subsection—...
- 3 In section 3(3) for the words “subsection (1)(b)” there shall...
- 4 For section 3(4) there shall be substituted the following subsection—...
- 5 In section 3(6) the words “or acknowledgement” in both places...
- 6 Section 3(7) shall be omitted.
- 7 For section 4(1) there shall be substituted the following subsection—...
- 8 At the end of section 4(5)(a) there shall be added...
- 9 For paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted...
- 10 In paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 1 for the words “sub-paragraph...
- 11 For paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted...
- 12 In paragraph 1(6) of Schedule 1 the words “or the...
- 13 Paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 1 shall be omitted.
- 14 For paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted...
- 15 At the end of paragraph 2(5)(a) of Schedule 1 there...

SCHEDULE 4 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

General adaptation

- 1 (1) Any reference in any other enactment to a probative...

Specific enactments

Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1845

- 2 In Schedules (A) and (B) to the Lands Clauses Consolidation...

Infertment Act 1845

- 3 In Schedules (A) and (B) to the Infertment Act 1845...

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Commissioners Clauses Act 1847

- 4 At the end of section 59 of the Commissioners Clauses...
- 5 At the end of section 75 of that Act there...
- 6 At the end of section 77 of that Act there...
- 7 In Schedule (B) to that Act— (a) the words from...
- 8 In Schedule (C) to that Act— (a) the words from...

Entail Amendment Act 1848

- 9 In section 50 of the Entail Amendment Act 1848 for...
- 10 In the Schedule to that Act— (a) the words “and...

Ordnance Board Transfer Act 1855

- 11 At the end of section 5 of the Ordnance Board...

Registration of Leases (Scotland) Act 1857

- 12 In Schedule (A) to the Registration of Leases (Scotland) Act...
- 13 In each of Schedules (B), (C), (D), (F), (G) and...

Transmission of Moveable Property (Scotland) Act 1862

- 14 In each of Schedules A and B to the Transmission...
- 15 In Schedule C to that Act for the words from...

Titles to Land Consolidation (Scotland) Act 1868

- 16 In Schedule (B) nos. 1 and 2 and (AA) no....
- 17 In Schedules (J), (BB) no. 1, (CC) nos. 1 and...
- 18 In Schedule (FF) no. 1 to that Act—
- 19 In Schedule (GG) to that Act— (a) for the words...
- 20 In Schedule (NN) to that Act— (a) for the words...

Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1874

- 21 In Schedules C, F, L nos. 1 and 2 and...
- 22 In Schedule G to that Act— (a) for the words...
- 23 In Schedule M to that Act for the words “and...

Colonial Stock Act 1877

- 24 At the end of subsection (1) of section 4 of...
- 25 At the end of section 6 of that Act there...

Colonial Stock Act 1892

- 26 After subsection (2) of section 2 of the Colonial Stock...
- 27 At the end of the Schedule to that Act there...

Feudal Casualties (Scotland) Act 1914

- 28 In each of Schedules B and C to the Feudal...

Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921

- 29 In Schedule A to the Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921—

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30 In Schedule B to that Act for the words “(To...

Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924

31 In Schedule B to the Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924—

32 In Schedule E to that Act for the words “[To...

33 In Schedules G and H to that Act for the...

34 In Schedule K to that Act— (a) in forms nos...

35 In Schedule L to that Act, in form 4, for...

36 In Schedule N to that Act for the words “[To...

Long Leases (Scotland) Act 1954

37 In the Fourth Schedule to the Long Leases (Scotland) Act...

Succession (Scotland) Act 1964

38 At the end of section 21 of the Succession (Scotland)...

39 After section 21 of that Act there shall be inserted...

40 For section 32 of that Act there shall be substituted...

41 In Schedule 1 to that Act for the words “[To...

Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965

42 In Schedule 3 to the Industrial and Provident Societies Act...

43 In Schedule 4 to that Act, in Form C for...

Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970

44 In Schedule 2 to the Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland)...

45 In Schedule 4 to that Act— (a) in form A...

46 In Schedule 5 to that Act, in form D—

47 In Schedule 9 to that Act— (a) for the words...

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975

48 Minor and Consequential Amendments

Patents Act 1977

49 In section 31(6) of the Patents Act 1977 for the...

Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982

50 Minor and Consequential Amendments

Companies Act 1985

51 Minor and Consequential Amendments

52 Minor and Consequential Amendments

53 Minor and Consequential Amendments

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Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985

57 At the end of section 11 of the Companies Consolidation...

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Insolvency Act 1986

58 In section 53 of the Insolvency Act 1986—

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

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SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 9G(1)(d) excluded by [2023 asp 3 s. 115](#)

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. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 s. 48\(1\)](#)