



Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 7

An Act to reform the law of Scotland with regard to the requirement of writing for certain matters and the formal validity of contractual and other documents and presumptions relating thereto; to abolish any rule of law restricting the proof of any matter to writ or oath and to abolish the procedure of reference to oath; and for connected purposes. [1st May 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:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act applied (30.9.2002) by [2001 asp 10, s. 24\(3\)](#); S.S.I.2002/321, art. 2, [Sch.](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3-5)
- C2 Act applied (14.11.2011) by [The Investment Bank Special Administration \(Scotland\) Rules 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2262\)](#), arts. 2, [107\(2\)](#)
- C3 Act applied (12.4.2019) by [The Lerwick Harbour Revision \(Constitution\) Order 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/136\)](#), arts. [1\(1\)](#), [13\(1\)](#)
- C4 Act applied (11.1.2024) by [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. [300\(5\)](#), 334(1); S.I. 2024/32, reg. 2(d)(iii)

Commencement Information

- I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent. Act wholly in force at 1.8.1995 see s. 15(2).

Changes to legislation:

Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 March 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:

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\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2A and cross-heading inserted by [2024 asp 2 s. 79\(2\)](#)