

Land Settlement (Scotland) Act 1919

1919 CHAPTER 97 9 and 10 Geo 5

PART I

PROVISIONS AS TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Pt. I applied by Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948 (c. 45), s. 64

1 Compulsory acquisition of land for purposes of the Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and 1918.

- (1) With the consent of ^{F1} the Treasury, land may ^{F2} be acquired compulsorily by the Board of Agriculture for Scotland (in this Act referred to as "the Board") for the purposes of the Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and 1918, and the powers of acquiring land by agreement under those Acts shall be exercisable ^{F2}
- (2) The word "experimental" occurring in section one of the MISmall Holding Colonies Act, 1916, and so much of section eleven of that Act and section one of the MISmall Holding Colonies Act, 1918, as limits the total area of the land which may be acquired by the Board, or restricts the powers of the Board in acquiring land to taking land on lease, purchasing land in consideration of an annual payment and taking land in feu or requires that three-fourths of the land for the time being acquired shall consist of land suitable to be cultivated as arable land, shall cease to have effect.
- (3) The Board shall, in addition to the powers conferred on them by the said Acts, have in relation to all land acquired by them thereunder, whether before or after the passing of this act and wherever situated, and in relation to the tenants and small landholders occupying such land, the like powers which they possess in relation to land acquired under the M3Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, and in relation to the landholders, cottars and fishermen in that Act mentioned.

Textual Amendments

- Words repealed by Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act 1939 (c. 20), Sch.
- F2 Words repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1927 (c. 42)

Marginal Citations

M1 1916 c. 38.

M2 1918 c. 26.

M3 1897 c. 53.

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 2 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (14 Geo. 6 c. 6)

Provisions as to compulsory acquisition of land, and entry on land to be acquired.

- (1) For the purpose of the compulsory acquisition of land under the foregoing provisions of this Act, the provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect.
- (2) No order for the compulsory acquisition of land made under the provisions of this Act shall authorise the acquisition of any land which at the date of the order forms part of any park, or of any home farm attached to and usually occupied with a mansion house if the land is required for the amenity or convenience of the mansion house, or of any land which at that date forms part of any garden or pleasure ground, or which is woodland, not wholly surrounded by or adjacent to land acquired by the Board under this Act.
- (3) Where an Order for the compulsory acquisition of land has been duly made under the provisions of this Act, then at any time after a notice to treat has been served the Board may, after giving not less than fourteen days' notice to each owner, lessee, and occupier of the land or such part thereof as is specified in the notice, enter on and take possession of the land without previous consent or compliance with sections eighty-three to eighty-eight of the Mac Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, but subject to the payment of the like compensation for the land of which possession is taken and interest on the compensation awarded as would have been payable if those provisions had been complied with.

Marginal Citations

M4 1845 c. 19.

4 Power to contract to pay feu duty, &c.

[F4Where, under the M5Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and M61918, the Board has power to purchase land in consideration of a feu duty, ground annual, or other annual payment, the Board shall have power and shall be deemed always to have had power

to contract to pay the feu duty, ground annual, or other annual payment as and when it becomes due.]

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 4 repealed (28.11.2004) by Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 5), ss. 71, 77(2), Sch. 13 Pts. 1 (with ss. 58, 62, 75); S.S.I. 2003/456, art. 2

Marginal Citations

M5 1916 c. 38.

M6 1918 c. 26.

5 Compensation to labourers.

- (1) In any case of acquisition of land by the Board under this Act, subsection (5) of section one of the Small Holding Colonies Act, 1916 (which relates to compensation to labourers), shall apply with the substitution of references to this Act for references to that Act.
- (2) Subsection (2) of section five of the M7Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897 (which confers power upon limited owners to sell land for the purposes of that Act) shall apply to the purchase of land under the Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and 1918, or under this Act, with the substitution of references to those Acts or to this Act, as the case may be, for references to that Act.

Marginal Citations

M7 1897 c. 53.

6 Duty of Board with respect to Sale or lease of land.

- (1) Land acquired by the Board under the Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and 1918, shall be sold or let by the Board at such price or rent as in the opinion of the Board is reasonable.
- (2) The Board may give to the tenant of a small holding an option to purchase the holding on such terms as may be agreed and may be consistent with the provisions of this section, and on any such sale any increase in the value of the land due to improvements executed by and at the expense of the tenant shall not be taken into account as affecting the price to be paid for the land.
- (3) A tenant of a holding provided by the Board on land acquired by the Board who has been in occupation thereof for a period of not less than six years shall, on notice of his desire to purchase the holding being given to the Board at any time before the tenant has received notice to quit, be entitled to require the sale to him of the holding at the expiration of one month from the date of the notice at the then value of the holding, exclusive of any increase of the value thereof due to any improvement executed thereon by and at the expense of the tenant, and thereupon the Board shall in the first instance sell the holding to the tenant accordingly, [F5 unless it appears to the Secretary of State that there are good and sufficient reasons for refusing the requirements of the tenant.]

- (4) The value of the holding shall, in default of agreement, be determined by the Scottish Land Court.
- (5) Before selling any land which, in the opinion of the Board, is not required for the purposes of this Act, the Board shall, subject as hereinafter provided, offer the land to the person from whom it was purchased or his successor in title at a price to be determined, failing agreement, by the Scottish Land Court:

 Provided that, if in the opinion of the Board the land is suitable for afforestation, the Board shall in the first instance consult the Forestry Commission and shall give the Forestry Commissioners an opportunity of acquiring such land.
- [F6(6) Subsections (3) and (4) above shall not apply to crofts as defined in section 3 of the Crofters Scotland Act 1955.]

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Textual Amendments
F5 Words substituted by S.R. & O. 1939/782 (Rev. XV, p. 172: 1939 II, p. 2933)
F6 S. 6(6) added by Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 1976 (c. 21, SIF 2:4), s. 22(1), Sch. 2 para. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C2 S. 6(3)(4) modified (S.) (6.6.1997) by 1997 c. 26, s. 6(1); S.I. 1997/1430, art. 1.
C3 S. 6(3) modified (S.) (6.6.1997) by 1997 c. 26, s. 6(2); S.I. 1997/1430, art. 1.
C4 S. 6(3) applied (S.) (6.6.1997) by 1997 c. 26, s. 6(3); S.I. 1997/1430, art. 1.
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7 Powers of Board with respect to land acquired.

Without prejudice to any other power conferred on the Board by the M8Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, or the M9Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and M101918, the Board shall have power in any case where in their opinion it is necessary or expedient so to do for the better carrying into effect the purposes of those Acts or of this Act—

- (a) to erect, repair, or improve dwelling-houses and other buildings on any land acquired by the Board, or to execute any other improvement on or in connection with and for the benefit of any such land, or to arrange with the tenant or holder of any such land for the execution of any such improvement on such terms as may be agreed:
- (b) to sell, excamb, or let any such land or any right or interest therein: and
- (c) generally to manage any such land.

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Marginal Citations
M8 1897 c. 53.
M9 1916 c. 38.
M10 1918 c. 26.
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8 Power of entry to inspect land.

The Board, with a view to ascertaining whether any land is suitable for any purpose for which the Board have power to acquire land, may, by writing in that behalf, authorise any person (upon production if so required of his authority) to enter and inspect the

land specified in the authority, and not less than four days' clear notice of any intention so to enter and inspect shall be given by the Board to the landlord or to his agent and to the occupiers of the land, and anyone who obstructs or impedes any person acting under and in accordance with any such authority, after such notice has been given, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding [F7]level 2 on the standard scale.]

Textual Amendments

F7 Words substituted by virtue of Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), s. 289C, s. 289G

PART II

AMENDMENT OF THE SMALL LANDHOLDERS (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911

9 Amendment of section 7 of Act of 1911.

For subsections (8), (9), (10) and (11) of section seven of the M11 Small Landholders (Scotland) Act, 1911 (in this Act referred to asthe Act of 1911), there shall be substituted the following subsections:—

- "(8) (a) Where the Board are satisfied that there is a demand for small holdings and that suitable land is available for that purpose, it shall be the duty of the Board to prepare a scheme for the constitution of one or more new holdings on such land, to be occupied by new holders upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Landholders Acts as the Board think reasonable.
 - (b) Every scheme shall show
 - (i) the situation and the total area of the land on which one or more new holdings are to be constituted;
 - (ii) the number and respective situations and areas of the new holdings;
 - (iii) which, if any, of the existing buildings on the land are to be utilised for the new holdings;
 - (iv) the water supply for each new holding, including the source from which the supply is to be taken, and any necessary pipes or other works;
 - (v) the situation and area of any common pasture or grazing to be occupied in connection with the new holdings; and
 - (vi) the rent of each new holding.
 - (c) Where the Board are satisfied that ther is not available on the landon which the new holdings are to be constituted a supply of water sufficient for the holdings, they may include in the scheme provision for taking and conveying from or through any part of the estate whereof such land forms part such supply of water as may be necessary for the new holdings and which can be taken without detriment to the requirements of the remainder of the estate; and, for the purposes of this section, any land from or through which supply of water is to be taken or conveyed shall be deemed to be comprised in the scheme.

(9) Where the Board intend to prepare such a scheme, they shall give notice of their intention to the landlord of any land which is to be comprised therein, and when a landlord has recieved such notice it shall not be lawful for him, save with the consent of the Board, to let or to enter into any agreement for letting such land or any part thereof until the Board have made an order confirming the scheme, or have abandoned the same:

Provided that—

- such disability shall not in any case continue for a longer period than six months from the date of the notice, and
- for an loss sustained by a landlord, tenant, or occupier from the operation of this subsection, the Board shall pay to him such compensation as may be agreed or as may be determined, failing agreement, by the Land Court on the application of either party.
- (10) When the Board have prepared a scheme under this section, they shall intimate the prepared scheme to the landlord, tenant and occupier of any land comprised therein, and shall give to such landlord, tenant and occupier, an opportunity of considering the scheme and of making representations concerning the same to the Board, and after giving to all persons interested an opportunity of being heard may, with the consent of the Secretary of Scotland, make an order confirming the scheme, in whole or in part, and with or without modification, or may abandon the scheme.
- (11)Where the Board make any such order, they shall notify the same to the landlord, tenant and occupier of any land comprised therein, and shall pay to such landlord, tenant and occupier such compensation for any damage or injury done to him in consequence of and directly attributable to the constitution of new holdings under the scheme (including any damage or injury done to a landlord in respect of an obligation to take over sheep stock at a valuation) as may be agreed or as may be determined, failing agreement, by the Land Court, upon the applicattion of either party, and after giving to all persons interested an opportunity of being heard, and, if they so desire, of leading evidence in the matter.
 - The compensation payable under this subsection shall not include—
 - (i) any allowance on account of the constitution of new holdings being compulsory:
 - (ii) any compensation for injury done to or depreciation in the selling value of the land comprised in the scheme, or of any estate whereof such land forms part, except in so far as the same arises from injury done to or depreciation in the letting value of the land or estate; or
 - (iii) any compensaton for injury done to the value of the sporting rights over such land or estate in so far as it exceeds the estimated valueof such rights if the land or estate were put to the full reasonable use for which it could be let under ordinary lease to ordinary agricultural or pastoral tenants:
 - For the purpose of this subsection, any benefit or relief enhancing the letting value of the land comprised in the scheme or of any estate of which such land forms part resulting to a landlord or to any other person in consequence of and directly attributable to the constitution of new

- holdings under the scheme upon the one hand shall be set against any damage or injury done to him as aforesaid upon the other hand.
- (d) In determining the amount of compensation payable to the tenant of any farm, regard shall be had to the duration of his lease, and in no case shall any allowance for loss of tenant's profits be made in respect of a period exceeding three years.
- (e) (i) Where any compensation has been awarded and the amount thereof determined by the Land Court under this subsection, the Board may, at any time within two months of determination, resolve to abandon the scheme and withdraw the order, paying to any person any expenses reasonbly incurred by him in connection with the making of the order or the claim for compensation, as such expenses may, failing agreement, be determined by the Land Court on the application of either party.
 - (ii) Subject to the foregoing provision, every order made by the Board for the consitution of new holdings shall be recorded in the Landholders' Holdings Book as if it were an order from the Land Court, and shall thereupon have effect and be enforcable in like manner as an order of the Land Court so recorded.
- (f) In any case where the Board have entered into an agreement with alandlord or a tenant or any other person for or in connection with the constitution of one or more new holdings upon land in which such landlord, tenant or other person is interested, the Board may pay to any person so interested, whether a party to the agreement or not, such compensation (or other consideration in money), if any, as the Board consider equitable and consistant with the provisions of this subsection in respect of any damage or injury done to him inconsequence of and directly attributable to the constitution of the new holdings, and it may be a term of any such agreement entered into by the Board with a landlord that section seventeen of this Act shall apply in respect of any such new holding as if the holding had been constituted otherwise than by agreeement, and in that case the said section shall apply accordingly.
- (g) Where any landlord interested represents to the Secretary for Scotland that a prepared scheme ought not to be confirmed, the Secretary may, before giving his consent to the scheme, refer the same to the Land Court for inquiry and report."

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 The text of Ss. 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M11 1911 c.49.

10 Erection of fences.

Where the Board make any order for the constitution of new holdings, they shall, if so requested by the landlord, be bound to erect and maintain, or cause to be erected

and maintained, such march fence, or fences [F8 as the usual and reasonable practice of agriculture and estate management may require in the conditions,] any dispute as to the necessity for or the adequacy of such fence or fences to be settled failing agreement by the Land Court.

Textual Amendments

Words substituted by Small Landholders and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1931 (c. 44), s. 19

11 Amendment of section 16 of Act of 1911.

For the proviso to subsection (1) of section sixteen of the Act of 1911 (which relates to amendment of law as to enlargement of holdings)there shall be substituted the following proviso—

"Provided that all applications for enlargement under section eleven of the Act of 1886 shall be made to the Board, and the provisions of the section of this Act relating to the constitution of new holdings shall, with the necessary modifications, apply as fully for the purpose of applications for enlargement as for the purpose of the constitution of new holdings, and accordingly the Board shall be substituted for the Land Court in sections twelve (except the last paragraph of the said section twelve), thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and twenty-one of the Act of 1886 (except the last two paragraphs of the said section twenty-one), and the said section twenty-one shall be further amended by the omission therefrom of the words "or otherwise interested in" and of the words "including heritable creditors holding securities over the same".

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

The text of Ss. 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

12 Amendment of section 17 of Act of 1911.

Section seventeen of the Act of 1911 (which relates to amendment of law as to vacant holdings) shall be amended by the addition thereto of the following proviso:—

"Provided further that, where a landlord lets a holding otherwise than in compliance with the provisions of this section, the Board shall be entitled to declare the let null and void and without payment of any compensation to treat the holding as if it had been duly constituted a new holding under this Act, or assign the same for the enlargement of a neighbouring holding or holdings."

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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Textual Amendments

F9 S. 13 repealed with saving by Succession (Scotland) Act 1964 (c. 41), s. 34(2), Sch. 3

14 Powers of Land Court as to common pastures or grazings.

For subsection (5) of section twenty-four of the Act of 1911 shall be substituted the following subsection:—

- "(5) (a) The Land Court may, on the application of the landlord, or landlords, or any landholder, and on such conditions as they consider equitable, apportion a common pasture or grazing into separate parts for the exclusive use of the several townships or persons interested, either as arable ground or as pasture, or as sites for houses or other buildings, if satisfied that such apportionment is for the good of the estate or estates, and of the holdings or tenancies concerned.
 - (b) The Land Court may, on the like application, or on the application of the Board, and on the like conditions, admit new holders to participate in a common pasture or grazing occupied by existing landholdrs, statutory small tenants, or others, or apportion a common pasture or grazing for the exclusive use of new holders, either in common or individually, and either as arable ground or pasture, or as sites for houses or other buildings, if satisfied that such apportionment is for the good of the estate or estates and of the holdings or tenancies concerned.
 - (c) The Land Court may, on the application of the Board, and on the like conditions, grant pasture or grazing rights on a common pasture or grazing to cottars who have been in use to pasture or graze stock thereupon."

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 The text of Ss. 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

15 As to land within burgh in crofting counties.

Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (3) of section twenty-six of the Act of 1911, or in the reference to that paragraph in subsection (4) of the said section, a person shall be admissible to registration as a new holder under the Act of 1911 in respect of land within the parliamentary ^{F10}... boundary of any burgh ^{F10}... situate in the counties of Argyll, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Caithness, and Orkney and Shetland.

Textual Amendments

F10 Words in s. 15 omitted (S.) (1.4.2013) by virtue of The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 (S.S.I. 2013/119), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 3**

16 Power to make advances to land banks, &c.

In addition to the purposes mentioned in section six of the Act of 1911, the Board may, on such terms and conditions as they think proper, with the approval of ^{F11} the Treasury, apply the Agriculture (Scotland) Fund constituted under section five of that Act in making or guaranteeing advances, either directly or indirectly, to land banks or co-operative or credit societies having for their object or one of their objects the assistance of tenants under Part I of this Act, landholders, or statutory small tenants, in the stocking, equipment, and profitable working of their holdings.

Textual Amendments

F11 Words repealed by Reorganisation of Offices (Scotland) Act 1939 (c. 20), Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C9 S. 16 extended by Small Landholders and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1931 (c. 44), s. 20

17 Consequential and minor amendments of Act of 1911.

The amendments specified in the second column of the Second Schedule to this Act (which relate to consequential and minor matters) shall be made in the provisions of the Act of 1911 mentioned in the first column of that schedule.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C10 The text of Ss. 9, 11, 12, 14 and 17 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

F12PART III

ALLOTMENTS

Textual Amendments

F12 Pt. 3 repealed (S.) (1.4.2018) by Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 6), s. 142(1), sch. 5; S.S.I. 2017/458, art. 2, sch. (with art. 6)

PART IV

FINANCIAL

26 Loans to Board.

(1) The Board may borrow money as in this section provided for the acquisition and adaptation of land for the purposes of Part I of this Act, and for the adaptation of land for landholders under the Act of 1911.

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(3)	It the end of the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March in the year ineteen hundred and twenty, and of each subsequent year, the Board shall submit to the Treasury, in such form as the Treasury may prescribe, a statement of the loss of any) which has been reasonably or necessarily incurred by the Board during the nancial year so far as such loss relates to expenditure out of loans under this section, and the amount of such loss, to the extent approved by the Treasury, shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.
(4)) If the Treasury so prescribe, and subject to any regulation which may be made by the Treasury, any moneys lent to the Board under this section may be paid into and administered as part of the Agriculture (Scotland) Fund constituted under section five of the Act of 1911.
(5)) References in this section to Part I of this Act include references to the M12Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, and the M13Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and M141918, and the expression "adaptation of land" includes the taking over of sheep stock at a valuation and all operations carried out on the land by the Board under their statutory powers.
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	l Amendments Ss. 25, 26(2)(6) repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1927 (c. 42)
	cations etc. (not altering text) Agriculture (Scotland) Fund wound up by Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948 (c. 45), s. 67
Margir	nal Citations
	1897 c. 53.
	1916 c. 38. 1918 c. 26.
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PART V	
	GENERAL

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Textual Amendments

F15 Ss. 28—30, 32 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1927 (c. 42)

31 Construction.

- (1) This Act, so far as it amends the Act of 1911, shall be construed as one with that Act, and references in this Act to that Act or to any provision of that Act shall be construed as references to that Act or provision as amended by this Act.
- (2) References in this Act to the Act of 1892 shall be construed as references to that Act as amended by this Act.
- (3) References in this Act to the M15 Small Holding Colonies Acts, 1916 and M16 1918, shall be construed as references to those Acts as amended by this Act.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C12 "the Act of 1911" means Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911 (c. 49)

C13 "the Act of 1892" means Allotments (Scotland) Act 1892 (c. 54)

Marginal Citations

M15 1916 c. 38.

M16 1918 c. 26.

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Textual Amendments

F16 Ss. 28—30, 32 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1927 (c. 42)

33 Citation.

This Act may be cited as the Land Settlement (Scotland) Act, 1919, and the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1911, and so much of this Act as amends the Act of 1911 may be cited together as the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts, 1886 to 1919.

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