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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1005 (S.108)**

**SHERIFF COURT, SCOTLAND**

The Sheriff Court Districts (Alteration  
of Boundaries) Order 1996

*Made* - - - - 29th March 1996  
*Coming into force* - - 1st April 1996

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 3 and 43(1) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971(1) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Sheriff Court Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.

(2) In column 3 of Schedule 1 to this Order—

“area” means the area of a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994(2);

“ward” means an electoral ward specified by the Secretary of State in a direction made under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 to the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 for the purposes of the elections held under section 5(2) of that Act.

**Alteration of boundaries of sheriff court districts**

2.—(1) On 1st April 1996, the boundaries of the sheriff court districts of—

- (a) Airdrie;
- (b) Arbroath;
- (c) Dundee;
- (d) Forfar;
- (e) Glasgow and Strathkelvin; and
- (f) Perth,

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(1) 1971 c. 58.  
(2) 1994 c. 39.

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shall be altered, but all other sheriff court districts existing immediately before that date shall continue in existence without alteration of their boundaries.

- (2) In consequence of paragraph (1) above—
- (a) the six sheriffdoms of Scotland (as specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order) shall continue to be divided into the sheriff court districts specified in column 2 of that Schedule;
  - (b) each of those districts shall on and after 1st April 1996 comprise the area specified in column 3 of that Schedule opposite the name of the district in question; and
  - (c) sheriff courts shall continue to be held in each sheriff court district at the place specified in column 4 of that Schedule opposite the name of the district in question.

### **Revocations**

3. The Orders specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are hereby revoked.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
29th March 1996

*James Douglas-Hamilton*  
Minister of State, Scottish Office

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

## SHERIFF COURT DISTRICTS

Column 1 Sheriffdom	Column 2 Sheriff Court District	Column 3 Area comprised in Sheriff Court District	Column 4 Place where Sheriff Courts to be held
Grampian, Highlands and Islands	Aberdeen	The area of Aberdeen City; and, in the area of Aberdeenshire, wards 19-34.	Aberdeen
	Banff	In the area of Aberdeenshire, wards 1-6 and 13-16.	Banff
	Peterhead	In the area of Aberdeenshire, wards 7-12 and 17 and 18.	Peterhead
	Stonehaven	In the area of Aberdeenshire, wards 35-47.	Stonehaven
	Elgin	The area of Moray.	Elgin
	Wick	In the area of Highland, wards 1-8.	Wick
	Inverness	In the area of Highland, wards 35-64.	Inverness
	Fort William	In the area of Highland, wards 65-72.	Fort William
	Portree	In the area of Highland, wards 18 to 21 and ward 17 (except the parish of Lochalsh).	Portree
	Dingwall	In the area of Highland, wards 16, 25, 26 and 29-34; in ward 17, the parish of Lochalsh; and, in ward 28, the parish of Kiltearn.	Dingwall
Tain	In the area of Highland, wards 22-24 and 27 and, in ward 28, the parish of Alness.	Tain	

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Tayside, Central and Fife	Dornoch	In the area of Highland, wards 9-15.	Dornoch
	Kirkwall	The area of Orkney Islands.	Kirkwall
	Lerwick	The area of Shetland Islands.	Lerwick
	Lochmaddy	In the area of Western Isles, wards 24-30.	Lochmaddy
	Stornoway	In the area of Western Isles, wards 1-23.	Stornoway
	Arbroath	In the area of Angus, wards 1-10, 15-18 and 25 and 26.	Arbroath
	Forfar	In the area of Angus, wards 11-14, 19-22 and 24.	Forfar
	Dundee	The area of Dundee City.	Dundee
	Perth	The area of Perth and Kinross; and, in the area of Angus, ward 23.	Perth
	Alloa	The area of Clackmannanshire.	Alloa
Falkirk	The area of Falkirk.	Falkirk	
Stirling	The area of Stirling.	Stirling	
Cupar	In the area of Fife, wards 75-92.	Cupar	
Dunfermline	In the area of Fife, wards 1-34.	Dunfermline	
Kirkcaldy	In the area of Fife, wards 35-74.	Kirkcaldy	
Lothian and Borders	Haddington	The area of East Lothian.	Haddington
	Edinburgh	The areas of City of Edinburgh and Midlothian.	Edinburgh
	Linlithgow	The area of West Lothian.	Linlithgow

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	Duns	In the area of Scottish Borders, wards 1-10.	Duns
	Selkirk	In the area of Scottish Borders, wards 11-14 and 17-28.	Selkirk
	Jedburgh	In the area of Scottish Borders, wards 15, 16 and 29-46.	Jedburgh
	Peebles	In the area of Scottish Borders, wards 47-58.	Peebles
Glasgow and Strathkelvin	Glasgow and Strathkelvin	The area of City of Glasgow; in the area of East Dunbartonshire, wards 11-26; and, in the area of South Lanarkshire, wards 62-74.	Glasgow
North Strathclyde	Campbeltown	In the area of Argyll and Bute, wards 1-5 and 10; that part of ward 6 not comprised in the sheriff court district of Dunoon; and, in ward 11, the islands of Islay and Jura.	Campbeltown
	Dunoon	In the area of Argyll and Bute, wards 7 and 22-27; in ward 6, that part of the parish of South Knapdale which lies to the north of the line of the B8024 road from Clachbreck on Loch Caolisport in the west to the junction of the B8024 road with the A83 road in the east; ward 8 (except the parish of Craignish); and, in ward 21, the parish of Kilmodan.	Dunoon
	Oban	In the area of Argyll and Bute, wards 9 and 12-17; in ward 8, the	Oban

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		parish of Craignish; and ward 11 (except the islands of Islay and Jura).	
	Rothesay	In the area of Argyll and Bute, wards 18-20 and, in ward 21, the Isle of Bute.	Rothesay
	Dumbarton	The area of West Dunbartonshire; in the area of Argyll and Bute, wards 28-33; and in the area of East Dunbartonshire, wards 1-10.	Dumbarton
	Greenock	The area of Inverclyde.	Greenock
	Kilmarnock	The area of North Ayrshire; and in the area of East Ayrshire, wards 1-20.	Kilmarnock
	Paisley	The areas of East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire.	Paisley
South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries	In the area of Dumfries and Galloway, wards 27-70.	Dumfries
	Kirkcudbright	In the area of Dumfries and Galloway, wards 15-26.	Kirkcudbright
	Stranraer	In the area of Dumfries and Galloway, wards 1-14.	Stranraer
	Airdrie	In the area of North Lanarkshire, wards 31-69.	Airdrie
	Ayr	The area of South Ayrshire; and, in the area of East Ayrshire, wards 21-30.	Ayr
	Hamilton	In the area of North Lanarkshire, wards	Hamilton

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		1-30; and, in the area of South Lanarkshire, wards 17-61.	
	Lanark	In the area of South Lanarkshire, wards 1-16.	Lanark

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

## REVOCATIONS

Orders revoked	References
The Sheriff Court Districts Reorganisation Order 1975	<a href="#">S.I. 1975/637</a>
The Sheriff Court Districts (Amendment) Order 1975	<a href="#">S.I. 1975/1539</a>
The Sheriff Court Districts (Amendment) Order 1977	<a href="#">S.I. 1977/672</a>
The Sheriff Court Districts Amendment Order 1978	<a href="#">S.I. 1978/152</a>
The Sheriff Court Districts (Amendment) Order 1983	<a href="#">S.I. 1983/1028</a>

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Sheriff Court Districts Reorganisation Order 1975 (“the 1975 Order”) divided Scotland’s six sheriffdoms into 50 sheriff court districts (one of which was subsequently abolished). This Order alters the boundaries of 6 of these districts with effect from 1st April 1996.

Under the Sheriffdoms (Alteration of Boundaries) Order 1996 ([S.I. 1996/1006](#)), an area around Chryston is to be transferred from the sheriffdom of Glasgow and Strathkelvin into the sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway. This Order makes the consequential transfer of that area from the sheriff court district of Glasgow and Strathkelvin into the sheriff court district of Airdrie. The other changes involve the transfer of three areas from the sheriff court district of Dundee into the sheriff court districts of Arbroath, Forfar and Perth. All changes made by the Order are linked to the reorganisation of local government areas in Scotland which takes effect on 1st April 1996.

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Since the 1975 Order specified the areas of sheriff court districts for the most part by reference to the areas of district and islands councils (which bodies are to be abolished as at 1st April 1996), that Order is now revoked and Schedule 1 to this Order specifies the sheriff court district areas for the most part by reference to new local authority areas and electoral wards.