
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 759 (C. 55)

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
DEVOLUTION, SCOTLAND**

**The Scotland Act 2016 (Commencement
No. 1) Regulations 2016**

Made - - - - *14th July 2016*

The Secretary of State for Scotland makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 72(4) and (6) of the Scotland Act 2016(1).

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Scotland Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2016.

Provision coming into force on 18th August 2016

2. Section 65 (Office of Communications) of the Scotland Act 2016 comes into force on 18th August 2016.

Provisions coming into force on 5th September 2016

3. The following provisions of Part 3 of the Scotland Act 2016 (welfare benefits and employment support) come into force on 5th September 2016—

- (a) in section 22 (disability, industrial injuries and carer's benefits)—
 - (i) subsection (1) in so far as it relates to subsection (3);
 - (ii) subsection (3);
- (b) in section 23 (benefits for maternity, funeral and heating expenses)—
 - (i) subsection (1) in so far as it relates to subsection (3);
 - (ii) subsection (3);
- (c) section 24 (discretionary payments: top-up of reserved benefits);
- (d) section 26 (discretionary payments and assistance);

- (e) section 28 (power to create other new benefits);
- (f) section 29 (universal credit: costs of claimants who rent accommodation);
- (g) section 30 (universal credit: persons to whom, and time when, paid);
- (h) section 31 (employment support);
- (i) section 32 (functions exercisable within devolved competence);
- (j) section 33 (Social Security Advisory Committee and Industrial Injuries Advisory Council);
- (k) section 34 (information-sharing);
- (l) section 35 (extension of unauthorised disclosure offence).

Provision coming into force on 1st April 2017

4. Section 25 (discretionary housing payments) of the Scotland Act 2016 comes into force on 1st April 2017.

14th July 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force—

- provisions in Part 3 of the Scotland Act 2016, which relate to welfare benefits and employment support;
- section 65 of the Act, which makes various amendments to the Office of Communications Act 2002.