

SCHEDULE 1

AMENDMENTS

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999

- 131.**—(1) The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999 (1) is amended as follows.
- (2) In article 2(1) (interpretation), at the appropriate place, is inserted—
- ““universal postal service provider” means a universal service provider within the meaning of the Postal Services Act 2000.”.
- (3) In article 27 (breach of official duty) in paragraph (3)(b) for the word “postmaster” are substituted the words “official designated by a universal postal service provider”.
- (4) In paragraph (1) of article 58 (right to send election address post free)—
- (a) after the word “of”, where it appears for the second time, is inserted the word “any”;
- (b) after the word “postage” are inserted the words “which would otherwise be made by a universal service provider”;
- (c) for the words “the Post Office Regulations 1987 (as applied and modified by paragraph (6) below)” are substituted the words “such reasonable terms and conditions as the universal postal service provider concerned may specify”.
- (5) In paragraph (2) of that article—
- (a) after the word “any”, where it appears for the second time, is inserted the word “such”;
- (b) after the word “postage” are inserted the words “as mentioned above”.
- (6) In paragraphs (3) and (4) for “the Post Office”, in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted “the universal postal service provider concerned”;
- (7) In paragraph (7), for the words “Head Postmaster, the controlling Head Postmaster for the purposes of the Post Office Regulations 1987” are substituted the words “official designated by a universal postal service provider, the controlling designated official”.
- (8) In paragraph 67 of Schedule 2 (delivery of documents to the sheriff clerk)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) for the words “postmaster (or his deputy) of the principal post office”, are substituted the words “official designated by the universal postal service provider concerned or his deputy”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for the words “postmaster or his deputy”, are substituted the words “the designated official or his deputy”;
- (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(d) for the words “postmaster or deputy postmaster”, in both places where they occur, are substituted the words “the designated official or his deputy”.
- (9) In paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 4 (delivery of postal ballot papers to post office) for the words from “the nearest” to “receipt” are substituted the words “such office or other place as may be arranged with an official designated by the universal postal service provider concerned and that official shall date stamp a receipt”.