



Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

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PART 1

REGIONAL TRANSPORT

CHAPTER 1

REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS

Establishment etc.

1 Establishment of regional Transport Partnerships

- (1) The Scottish Ministers shall, by order—
 - (a) divide Scotland into regions for the purposes of this Part of this Act;
 - (b) create, for each region, a body corporate (to be known as the Transport Partnership with the addition of the name given, by or under the order, to the region);
 - (c) provide as to the constitution and membership of each Transport Partnership.
- (2) In carrying out the duty under subsection (1)(c) above, the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) shall secure that the total number of councillor members of a Transport Partnership is not more than 20;
 - (b) shall secure that the membership of a Transport Partnership includes one or more (but not more than five) councillors appointed by and from—
 - (i) each council the area or any part of the area of which falls within the Transport Partnership's region; or
 - (ii) if that region is coterminous with a council's area, that council, (each such member of the Transport Partnership being a “councillor member” and each such council or, as the case may be, that council being, in relation to the Transport Partnership, a or the “constituent council”);
 - (c) shall secure—

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- (i) that during the period ending with the event specified in subsection (3) below, the other members of the Transport Partnership are appointed to it by the Scottish Ministers; and
 - (ii) that afterwards each such member is appointed by the Partnership but subject to the consent of the Scottish Ministers;
 - (d) shall provide as to the duration and termination of membership of members of the Transport Partnership;
 - (e) shall provide as to the determination of questions for decision by the Transport Partnership; and for the purposes of any decision which is to be determined by a vote—
 - (i) shall provide that councillor members may vote on all matters and other members only on such matters as the Transport Partnership determines are appropriate (but not on a question arising under section 3(2)(a) below or on whether to make a request for the making of an order under section 10(1) below);
 - (ii) shall, subject to subsection (4) below, provide as to weightings to be applied to the votes cast by councillor members; and may in so doing provide as to different weightings to be applied to the votes cast by different councillor members;
 - (iii) shall secure, whether in providing as to the weighting of votes of councillor members in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) above or in providing for the number of other members, or in a combination of both, that the minimum voting capacity of all the councillor members of the Partnership is not less than two-thirds of that of its whole membership;
 - (f) may provide that certain of the offices of the Transport Partnership may be held only by councillor members;
 - (g) may provide that councillor members (but only councillor members) may be represented and vote by proxies at meetings of the Transport Partnership;
 - (h) may provide for the delegation by the Transport Partnership of any of its functions to any committee established by the Partnership;
 - (i) may provide for the appointment by each of—
 - (i) the Transport Partnership; and
 - (ii) the Scottish Ministers,
 of one or more observers, that is to say, persons who may (to such extent as may be specified in or provided for in the order) participate in proceedings of the Partnership but who may not hold office in it or participate in its decisions;
 - (j) may provide for the payment by a Transport Partnership of—
 - (i) remuneration to its members or some of them;
 - (ii) reimbursement of its members' expenses.
- (3) The event referred to in subsection (2)(c) above is the holding of the poll at ordinary elections for councillors in 2007.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (2)(e)(ii) above, a vote shall be weighted by making it count as one, two, three or four votes.

Commencement Information

II S. 1 in force at 14.9.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 1

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2 Dissolution of regional Transport Partnerships

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, dissolve any one or more Transport Partnerships or all of them.
- (2) On dissolving a Transport Partnership, the Scottish Ministers may, by order, provide for any function of the Partnership to be carried out by the person who carried it out immediately before the coming into effect of—
 - (a) the order under section 10 below which transferred it to the Partnership; or
 - (b) if there have been two or more orders under that section transferring that function, the first of those orders.
- (3) Before making an order under this section, the Scottish Ministers shall consult—
 - (a) the Transport Partnership or Partnerships to be dissolved;
 - (b) its or their constituent councils or council; and
 - (c) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers think fit.
- (4) An order under this section may modify any enactment.

Commencement Information

I2 S. 2 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

Administration

3 Regional Transport Partnerships: funding and borrowing

- (1) The net expenses of a Transport Partnership for each financial year shall be paid by—
 - (a) its constituent councils; or
 - (b) where there is only one, that council.
- (2) The share of the expenses to be paid by a constituent council under subsection (1)(a) above shall be—
 - (a) such as the Transport Partnership, having regard to its transport strategy, thinks fit; or
 - (b) where the Partnership is unable to decide, such as is determined by the Scottish Ministers by order.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, provide as to the arrangements for the payment of amounts payable under this section.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, the net expenses of a Transport Partnership for a financial year are those of its [^{F1}estimated] expenses for that year[^{F2}, and of any outstanding expenses from the financial year previous to that year,] which are not met—
 - (a) by a grant made by any person which is not repayable;
 - (b) by a grant so made which is subject to a condition requiring repayment and which remains unsatisfied; ^{F3}...
 - (c) by any other income for that year.
 - [^{F4}(d) by funds held by the Transport Partnership that it allocates to meet expenses for that year.]

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- [^{F5}(4A) A Transport Partnership must, having regard to its transport strategy, prepare a forecast of its net expenses for each financial year and provide a copy of the forecast to—
- (a) its constituent councils, or
 - (b) where there is only one, that council.]
- (5) A Transport Partnership may give grants or loans to any person for any purposes that, in its opinion, contribute to the implementation of the Partnership's transport strategy.
- (6) Such grants or loans may be given subject to such conditions (including conditions requiring repayment in specified circumstances) as the Transport Partnership decides.
- (7) A Transport Partnership may borrow money for the purpose of its capital expenditure.
- (8) In this section, “financial year” means the period of 12 months ending with 31st March.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 3(4) inserted (19.3.2020) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 122(1)(a)(i)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); [S.S.I. 2020/68](#), reg. 2(a)
- F2** Words in s. 3(4) inserted (19.3.2020) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 122(1)(a)(ii)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); [S.S.I. 2020/68](#), reg. 2(a)
- F3** Word in s. 3(4) repealed (19.3.2020) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 122(1)(a)(iii)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); [S.S.I. 2020/68](#), reg. 2(a)
- F4** S. 3(4)(d) inserted (19.3.2020) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 122(1)(a)(iv)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); [S.S.I. 2020/68](#), reg. 2(a)
- F5** S. 3(4A) inserted (1.4.2020) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 122(1)(b)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); [S.S.I. 2020/68](#), reg. 2(b)

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 3 in force at 10.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/454](#), art. 2, **Sch. 2**

4 Further provision about regional Transport Partnerships

Schedule 1 provides further as to Transport Partnerships and their members.

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- I4** S. 4 in force at 10.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/454](#), art. 2, **Sch. 2**

Regional transport strategies

5 Formulation and content of regional transport strategies

- (1) It is the duty of each Transport Partnership to draw up a strategy for transport within its region (its “transport strategy”).
- (2) Its transport strategy shall include provision about each of the following matters—
 - (a) the respects in which transport in the region needs to be provided, developed or improved having regard to, among other things—
 - (i) future needs including those occasioned by demographic and land use changes; and

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- (ii) what can be done, taking account of cost, funding and practicability;
 - (b) meeting the needs of all inhabited places, in particular, those which the Partnership considers different from the remainder of the region by reason of their remoteness or the sparsity of their populations;
 - (c) meeting the need for efficient transport links between heavily populated places;
 - (d) how transport in the region will be provided, developed, improved and operated so as—
 - (i) to enhance social and economic well-being;
 - (ii) to promote public safety, including road safety and the safety of users of public transport;
 - (iii) to be consistent with the principle of sustainable development and to conserve and enhance the environment;
 - (iv) to promote social inclusion;
 - (v) to encourage equal opportunities and, in particular, the observance of the equal opportunities requirements;
 - (vi) to facilitate access to hospitals, clinics, surgeries and other places where a health service is provided;
 - (vii) to integrate with transport elsewhere;
 - (e) the order of priority in which different elements of the provision, development and improvement of transport should be undertaken;
 - (f) how the Transport Partnership's functions will be exercised so as to fulfil its transport strategy and, if the Partnership considers that the conferring of further functions is necessary for that purpose, what those functions are;
 - (g) how the Transport Partnership, so as to enable it to fulfil its transport strategy, will seek to influence its constituent councils or council in the performance of their functions relating to transport;
 - (h) the measuring and monitoring of the achievement of the strategy.
- (3) In performing its duty under this section, a Transport Partnership shall have regard to any guidance in that respect given to it or to Transport Partnerships generally by the Scottish Ministers and to any current national transport strategy established by the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) In subsection (2)(d)(v) above, “equal opportunities” and “equal opportunities requirements” have the same meanings as in Section L2 of Part II of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

Commencement Information

I5 S. 5 in force at 10.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/454](#), art. 2, [Sch. 2](#)

6 Procedure before and after the drawing up of regional transport strategies

- (1) A Transport Partnership shall—
- (a) before arriving at its transport strategy, consult—
 - (i) its constituent councils or council;

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- (ii) each Health Board the area or part of the area of which falls within the Transport Partnership's region (or, if that region is coterminous with a Health Board's area, that Health Board); and
- (iii) such other persons as it thinks fit;
- (b) subject to subsection (2) below—
 - (i) in the case of a Partnership created under section 1 above on or before 31 March 2006, by 31 March 2007;
 - (ii) in any other case, within 12 months of its creation, submit its transport strategy to the Scottish Ministers for approval.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may—
 - (a) at the request of a Transport Partnership made to them within 8 months of the creation of the Partnership; and
 - (b) if satisfied that there are good reasons for doing so, authorise the Partnership to submit its transport strategy to them later than the time limit specified in subsection (1)(b) above in relation to the Partnership but not later than such date as is specified in the authorisation.
- (3) A Transport Partnership making a request for the purposes of subsection (2) above shall, if so required by the Scottish Ministers, provide them with reports or information of such kind and in such form as they, for the purposes of that subsection, specify in the requirement.
- (4) A transport strategy has effect for the purposes of this Act when it is approved by the Scottish Ministers.
- (5) In deciding whether to approve a transport strategy, the Scottish Ministers shall include among the matters to which they have regard the extent to which it will contribute to the realisation of their transport policies.
- (6) On approving its transport strategy, the Scottish Ministers shall inform the Transport Partnership of that fact.
- (7) On being so informed, the Transport Partnership shall—
 - (a) inform its constituent councils or council that its transport strategy has effect, specifying the date when it took effect;
 - (b) send each of them or, as the case may be, it a copy of the transport strategy; and
 - (c) publish the transport strategy in such manner as it thinks fit.

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I6 [S. 6](#) in force at 10.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/454](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 2](#)

7 **Review, modification and renewal of regional transport strategies**

- (1) A Transport Partnership—
 - (a) shall keep its transport strategy under review;
 - (b) may modify its transport strategy or draw up a new one;
 - (c) shall, within such period as is specified in a direction by the Scottish Ministers requiring it to do so, draw up a new transport strategy.

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- (2) Sections 5(2) and (3) and 6(1)(a) and (4) to (7) above apply in relation to the modification of a transport strategy and the drawing up of a new one as they apply in relation to the drawing up of a Transport Partnership's original transport strategy.
- (3) A direction given for the purposes of subsection (1)(c) above may be given to one or more or all Transport Partnerships.

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I7 S. 7 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

8 Duty of constituent councils and other public bodies as respects regional transport strategies

- (1) A constituent council shall, so far as possible, perform those of its functions which relate to or which affect or are affected by transport consistently with the transport strategy of the (or, as the case may be, each) Transport Partnership of which it is a constituent council.
- (2) Each—
 - (a) Health Board; and
 - (b) specified public body,shall, so far as possible, perform those of its functions and activities which relate to or which affect or are affected by transport consistently with the transport strategy of the (or, as the case may be, each) Transport Partnership in relation to which it is specified.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers shall, as respects each Health Board, specify by order which Transport Partnership's transport strategy is, or which Transport Partnerships' transport strategies are, for the purposes of subsection (2) above, the strategy or strategies consistently with which the Board is to perform its functions.
- (4) In subsection (2) above, “specified” in relation to a public body mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection means specified by order made by the Scottish Ministers and in specifying a public body for the purposes of that subsection, the Scottish Ministers shall specify the Transport Partnership or Partnerships in relation to which it is specified.

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I8 S. 8 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

9 Joint regional transport strategies

- (1) Two or more Transport Partnerships may together, in the discharge of their respective duties under sections 5 and 6(1) above, draw up a joint transport strategy for transport within their combined regions.
- (2) This Part of this Act applies in relation to the Transport Partnerships which draw up a joint transport strategy, to their combined regions and to that strategy as it applies to a Transport Partnership, its region and its transport strategy.

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19 S. 9 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

Regional transport functions

10 Other transport functions of regional Transport Partnerships

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, as respects a Transport Partnership, and by order, provide for any statutory function relating to transport they think fit, to be carried out by that Transport Partnership—
 - (a) instead of the person who, immediately before it was so provided, was responsible for carrying it out; or
 - (b) concurrently with that person.
- (2) In making an order under subsection (1) above after the coming into effect of the Transport Partnership's transport strategy, the Scottish Ministers shall have regard to that strategy.
- (3) The person referred to in subsection (1) above may be the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) The functions which may be the subject of an order under subsection (1) above may, without prejudice to the generality of that subsection, include any of the following—
 - (a) those conferred on local transport authorities by or under Part 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 2) (bus services) and Part 3 of that Act (road user charging);
 - (b) those conferred by or under any enactment and which relate to the management and maintenance of a bridge constructed in pursuance of functions conferred by, or by an order made under or confirmed by, any enactment;
 - (c) those conferred on traffic authorities by sections 1 to 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27) (traffic regulation orders) and on local traffic authorities by section 19 of that Act (regulation of use of roads by public service vehicles);
 - (d) those conferred on councils by sections 63 and 64 of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) (securing the provision of passenger transport and related consultation and publicity).
- (5) The following are examples of the functions which may be the subject of an order under this section—
 - [^{F6}(za) providing services for the carriage of passengers by road using vehicles that require a PSV operator's licence to do so,]
 - [^{F7}(a) making and implementing bus services improvement partnership plans,]
 - (b) entering into [^{F8}franchising frameworks];
 - (c) entering into ticketing arrangements and ticketing schemes;
 - (d) providing information about bus services;
 - (e) installing bus lanes;
 - (f) providing subsidised bus services;
 - (g) making and implementing road user charging schemes;
 - (h) operating ferry services;

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- (i) managing tolled bridges;
 - (j) operating airports and air services;
 - (k) entering into public service contracts.
- (6) A Transport Partnership which proposes to request the making of an order under subsection (1) above shall, before doing so, consult its constituent councils or council on what the order might do.
- (7) In making such a request, a Transport Partnership shall have regard to any guidance given by the Scottish Ministers as to the form and content of such requests.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (1) above, the Scottish Ministers shall consult—
- (a) except where the order will be made at its request, the Transport Partnership to which the order will relate;
 - (b) its constituent councils or council; and
 - (c) such other persons as the Scottish Ministers think fit.
- (9) An order under subsection (1) above may modify any enactment.

Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 10(5)(za) inserted (24.6.2022) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 4(2)(a)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2022/204, reg. 2(b)
- F7** S. 10(5)(a) substituted (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 4(2)(b)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F8** Words in s. 10(5)(b) substituted (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 4(2)(c)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

Commencement Information

- I10** S. 10 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, **Sch. 2**

11 Alteration of functions of regional Transport Partnerships

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, provide for any function of a Transport Partnership to be carried out by the person who originally carried it out—
- (a) instead of the Transport Partnership; or
 - (b) concurrently with the Transport Partnership.
- (2) In so providing, the Scottish Ministers shall have regard to the Transport Partnership's transport strategy.
- (3) Subsections (6) to (9) of section 10 above apply to an order under this section as they apply to one made under that section.
- (4) In subsection (1) above, the reference to the person who originally carried out a function is a reference to the person who carried out the function immediately before the coming into effect of—
- (a) the order under section 10 above which transferred it to the Transport Partnership; or
 - (b) if there have been two or more orders under that section transferring that function, the first of those orders.

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I11 S. 11 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

12 Manner of performance of functions of regional Transport Partnerships

- (1) A Transport Partnership shall—
- (a) carry out its functions so as to fulfil its transport strategy;
 - (b) in doing so—
 - (i) comply with any directions in that respect given to it or to Transport Partnerships generally by the Scottish Ministers; and
 - (ii) measure and monitor the achievement of the strategy.
- (2) Where a function of a Transport Partnership falls to be carried out before its transport strategy comes into effect, the Transport Partnership shall carry out the function in accordance with such directions as the Scottish Ministers may give it.

Commencement Information

I12 S. 12 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

CHAPTER 2

TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS: FURTHER PROVISIONS

13 Transfer to Scottish Ministers of certain rail provisions

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, provide for any function of the kind specified in subsection (2) below which they think fit to be carried out by them—
- (a) instead of the person who, immediately before it was so provided, was responsible for carrying the function out; or
 - (b) concurrently with that person.
- (2) That kind of function consists of any statutory function—
- (a) which relates to the provision or regulation of rail services; and
 - (b) which was immediately before the provision referred to in subsection (1) above carried out by—
 - (i) the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority; or
 - (ii) the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) above may modify any enactment.

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I13 S. 13 in force at 14.9.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 1

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14 Arrangements for performance by regional Transport Partnership of certain transport functions etc.

A Transport Partnership may enter into arrangements with the Scottish Ministers, a council or any other person having statutory functions relating to transport being arrangements under which the Partnership—

- (a) does, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, the council or that other person, such things relating to transport as are specified in the arrangements;
- (b) provides such services for the purposes of, or in connection with, transport as are so specified.

Commencement Information

I14 S. 14 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

CHAPTER 3

SUPPLEMENTARY AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISION

15 Transfer of staff, property, rights and liabilities

- (1) The TUPE regulations apply in relation to any function transferred by virtue of section 2, 10 or 13 above whether or not those regulations would so apply apart from this subsection.
- (2) Where, by virtue of the TUPE regulations, whether as applied by subsection (1) above or not, a member of staff (the “employee”) of a body, authority or other person (the “former employer”) becomes an employee of another body, authority or other person (the “new employer”) in consequence of the transfer of a function by virtue of section 2, 10 or 13 above, the employee's period of employment by the former employer counts, for the purposes of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18), as a period of employment by the new employer and the change of employment does not break the continuity of the period of employment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2) above, a function is to be regarded as transferred by virtue of section 2, 10 or 13 above irrespective of how the transfer is described in that section or in the order made under it.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) above, a function is to be regarded as transferred irrespective of whether arrangements relating to it are made under section 14 above.
- (5) Where, by virtue of section 2, 10 or 13 above, a function of one body, authority or other person (the “original”)—
 - (a) becomes that of another; or
 - (b) falls to be no longer carried out,the Scottish Ministers may, by order, provide for the transfer to that other body, authority or other person or, as the case may be, to such body, authority or other person as they think fit of such of the original's property, rights and liabilities as are specified in or otherwise identified by the order.
- (6) Subsection (5) above has effect in relation to property, rights and liabilities specified in or identified by an order made under it despite any provision (of whatever nature)

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which would otherwise prevent or restrict its operation or that of the order; and any provision which would penalise that operation is disappplied.

- (7) In this section, the “TUPE regulations” means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 (S.I. 1981/1794) (or any regulations replacing those regulations) as from time to time amended.

Commencement Information

I15 S. 15 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

PART 2

ROAD WORKS

The Scottish Road Works Commissioner

16 Creation, appointment, status and funding of Scottish Road Works Commissioner

- (1) There is, by this Act, created an office, the holder of which is to be known as the Scottish Road Works Commissioner (in this Part, “the Commissioner”).
- (2) The Commissioner shall be appointed, on such terms and conditions as they determine, by the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) Those terms and conditions may include arrangements relating to the payment of pensions, allowances or gratuities to, or in respect of, persons who have ceased to hold office as the Commissioner.
- (4) The Commissioner is not a servant or agent of the Crown and has no status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.
- [^{F9}(4A) The Commissioner is, as such, to be regarded as a juristic person distinct from the individual for the time being holding the office.]
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may make grants to the Commissioner in respect of the Commissioner's expenses.

Textual Amendments

F9 S. 16(4A) inserted (14.1.2021) by *Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17)*, ss. **109(2)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2020/429, reg. 2(f)

Commencement Information

I16 S. 16 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

17 Functions of Commissioner

- (1) The Commissioner has the general functions of—
 - (a) monitoring the carrying out of works in roads in Scotland;

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- (b) promoting compliance with the 1991 Act and obligations imposed under it; and
 - (c) promoting the pursuit of good practice by those persons who have functions conferred on or permissions granted to them by or under that Act,
- as well as the particular functions conferred upon the Commissioner by or under that or this Act.
- (2) In subsection (1) above, “works in roads” includes road works within the meaning given by section 107(3) of the 1991 Act, works for roads purposes within the meaning given by subsection (2) of section 145 of that Act and major works for roads purposes within the meaning given by subsection (3) of that section.
- (3) The Commissioner may, for the purposes of the discharge of the general functions referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) above, assess whether the persons referred to in subsection (1)(c) above are complying with the 1991 Act and any obligations imposed on them under it and are following good practice.
- (4) In this section “good practice” means compliance with—
- (a) any code of practice issued or approved under the 1991 Act or any direction issued under that Act; and
 - (b) subject to such codes and directions, such practice in the doing by the persons referred to in subsection (1)(c) above of what they must or may do by or under the 1991 Act as appears to the Commissioner to be desirable.
- (5) Schedule 2 provides further as to the Commissioner.
- (6) The Commissioner may do anything calculated to facilitate the discharge of any of the Commissioner's functions.

Commencement Information

I17 S. 17 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

18 Duty of road works authority and undertakers to provide Commissioner with information

- (1) A road works authority or an undertaker shall, on being required to do so by the Commissioner, provide the Commissioner with such information relevant to their respective functions and activities as the Commissioner reasonably asks for for the purposes of the performance of the Commissioner's functions.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above, information is relevant to functions or activities if it is information which the authority or undertaker possesses or can reasonably be expected to acquire.
- (3) Where—
- (a) a road works authority or an undertaker; and
 - (b) the Commissioner,
- do not agree as to whether information asked for by the Commissioner in pursuance of subsection (1) above is reasonably asked for, the matter shall be settled in such manner as may be prescribed by the Scottish Ministers by regulations.

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- (4) Where regulations under subsection (3) above prescribe that a matter is to be settled by arbitration, section 158 of the 1991 Act shall apply in relation to that matter as that section applies in relation to a matter which, under Part 4 of that Act, is to be so settled.

Commencement Information

I18 S. 18 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

[^{F10}18A Power to carry out inspections

- (1) The Commissioner or an inspector (“the authorised person”) may—
- (a) enter any premises of the type mentioned in subsection (3) and inspect it and anything in it,
 - (b) require the production of any information relating to the fulfilment of specified functions or obligations, and specify the form in which the information is to be produced,
 - (c) take copies of, or take possession of, information (in whatever form) which relates to the fulfilment of specified functions or obligations and retain it for as long as the authorised person reasonably considers necessary,
 - (d) carry out an examination of, and conduct tests on, any equipment used or to be used in fulfilling specified functions or obligations by—
 - (i) an undertaker,
 - (ii) a road works authority, or
 - (iii) a roads authority,
 - (e) require any person to provide the authorised person with such facilities and assistance as the authorised person reasonably considers necessary.
- (2) The powers in subsection (1) may be exercised only for the purposes of—
- (a) establishing whether an offence has been committed under the 1991 Act,
 - (b) establishing whether a duty under section 118 or 119 of the 1991 Act has been breached, or
 - (c) establishing whether a duty under section 60(3A) or 61B of the 1984 Act has been breached.
- (3) The premises referred to in subsection (1)(a) are—
- (a) any premises (other than any premises that is used as a dwelling) occupied or used by any of the following persons for the purposes of exercising their functions as—
 - (i) an undertaker,
 - (ii) a road works authority, or
 - (iii) a roads authority, or
 - (b) any land on which works in roads are being carried out.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) an “inspector” means a member of staff—
 - (i) appointed under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 2, and
 - (ii) designated by the Scottish Ministers as an inspector for the purpose of this section,
 - (b) a “specified function or obligation” means—

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- (i) any function or obligation under the 1991 Act, or
- (ii) any function or obligation under the 1984 Act so far as it relates to works in roads.

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 18A-18F inserted (1.4.2024) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), ss. 110(2), 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

18B Inspections: warrants

- (1) This section applies to the powers conferred by section 18A(1).
- (2) A sheriff may grant a warrant under this subsection only if the sheriff is satisfied, by evidence on oath—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for entering premises—
 - (i) for a purpose specified in section 18A(2), and
 - (ii) of a type mentioned in section 18A(3)(a), and
 - (b) that—
 - (i) entry to the premises has been refused,
 - (ii) such a refusal is reasonably expected,
 - (iii) the premises are unoccupied, or
 - (iv) the occupier is temporarily absent.
- (3) A warrant authorises an authorised person—
 - (a) to enter the premises,
 - (b) to exercise any other power conferred by section 18A(1), and
 - (c) if necessary, to use reasonable force in doing so.
- (4) A warrant expires—
 - (a) 28 days after the day on which the warrant was granted, or
 - (b) if earlier, when any period as is specified in it for the purpose for which it was granted expires.

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 18A-18F inserted (1.4.2024) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), ss. 110(2), 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

18C Inspections: further provision

- (1) This section applies to the powers conferred by section 18A(1) (whether exercised by virtue of that section or under a warrant granted under section 18B).
- (2) The power of entry may be exercised only at a reasonable time of day.
- (3) An authorised person seeking to exercise a power must, on request, produce evidence of the person's identity and authorisation before exercising the power.

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- (4) An authorised person may take onto the premises such other persons, and such materials and equipment, as the authorised person considers necessary.
- (5) If an authorised person enters the premises by virtue of a warrant, the authorised person must, if taking possession of anything under section 18A(1)(c), leave a statement on the premises giving particulars of what has been taken and by whom.
- (6) On leaving any premises which an authorised person is authorised to enter under a warrant, the person must, if the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent, leave the premises as effectively secured against entry as the authorised person found them.

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 18A-18F inserted (1.4.2024) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 110(2)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

18D Offence of obstructing inspections

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
 - (a) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a requirement of an authorised person, or
 - (b) intentionally obstructs an authorised person in the exercise of a power conferred by section 18A(1) or by virtue of section 18F.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum,
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 18A-18F inserted (1.4.2024) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 110(2)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

18E Liability of authorised persons

- (1) An authorised person does not incur any civil or criminal liability for anything done or omitted to be done in the exercise or purported exercise of a power conferred by section 18A(1) or by virtue of section 18F.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply where it is proved that—
 - (a) the authorised person acted in bad faith,
 - (b) the authorised person failed to exercise a reasonable degree of care and skill, or
 - (c) the authorised person did not act on reasonable grounds.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1), no regard is to be had to any defect in the appointment of an authorised person.
- (4) Subsection (1) does not affect any liability of any other person in respect of things done or omitted to be done by the authorised person.

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F10 Ss. 18A-18F inserted (1.4.2024) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), ss. 110(2), 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

18F Power to make regulations about inspections

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision about the functions of authorised persons in relation to inspections.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision—
 - (a) conferring powers on an authorised person,
 - (b) specifying requirements with which an authorised person must comply.]

Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 18A-18F inserted (1.4.2024) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), ss. 110(2), 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

The Scottish Road Works Register

19 The Scottish Road Works Register

- (1) For section 112 (the road works register) of the 1991 Act there are substituted the following sections—

“112A The Scottish Road Works Register

- (1) The Scottish Road Works Commissioner (in this Part, “the Commissioner”) shall keep a register, to be known as the Scottish Road Works Register (in this Part, “the SRWR”).
- (2) The SRWR shall be kept in such form and manner as may be prescribed.
- (3) The Commissioner shall make arrangements so as to enable any person who is required, by a provision of this Act, to enter particulars, information or a notice in the SRWR, to have access to the SRWR for that purpose.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations—
 - (a) provide that the payment to the Commissioner of the prescribed fee is a condition of access to the SRWR as mentioned in subsection (3) (and different fees may be prescribed for access for different purposes), and
 - (b) make other provision as to the payment to the Commissioner by such persons as are prescribed of such amounts as are prescribed.
- (5) Amounts received by the Commissioner under subsection (4) are to be applied by the Commissioner to the keeping of the SRWR.
- (6) The Commissioner shall make the SRWR available, at all reasonable times and free of charge, for inspection—

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- (a) so far as it relates to restricted information, by any person having authority to execute works of any description in the road in respect of which that restricted information is kept in the SRWR or who, not being a person having that authority, nevertheless appears to the Commissioner to have a sufficient interest in that information,
 - (b) so far as it relates to information which is not restricted, by any person.
- (7) In subsection (6), “restricted” information is information of a prescribed description.

112B Duty to enter certain information in the Scottish Road Works Register

- (1) A road works authority shall enter in the SRWR such particulars of each road for which the authority are responsible as may be prescribed.
- (2) A road works authority proposing to execute works in any such road shall, not later than such time before the date proposed for the start of the works as may be prescribed, enter in the SRWR such information relating to that matter (including such information about the start of the works) as may be prescribed.
- (3) A road works authority which has—
 - (a) under section 109, granted permission as regards apparatus and works,
 - (b) under section 115, given directions as to the timing of works, or
 - (c) under section 115A, given directions as to the placing of apparatus,
 shall enter in the SRWR such information relating to that matter as may be prescribed.
- (4) A local roads authority proposing to execute works in roads in pursuance of section 1 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) (management and maintenance of certain public roads) shall enter in the SRWR such information relating to that matter as may be prescribed.
- (5) If the Scottish Ministers (as roads authority) propose to execute works in roads under section 2 of that Act (management and maintenance of trunk, special and certain other public roads) they shall enter in the SRWR such information relating to that matter as may be prescribed.
- (6) On the completion of works of the kind referred to in subsection (4) or (5) the roads authority which executed them shall enter in the SRWR such information about their completion as may be prescribed.
- (7) A roads authority which has—
 - (a) under subsection (2) of section 56 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54), given an applicant for consent for road works or excavations notice of affected statutory undertakers,
 - (b) under subsection (8) of that section, given notification of unlawful works removed or unlawful excavations filled in,
 - (c) under section 58(1) of that Act, given permission for the occupation of part of a road for the deposit of materials or for the erection of staging or scaffolding projecting over part of a road,

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- (d) under section 61(1) of that Act, given permission for the placing, leaving, retention, maintenance, repair or reinstatement of apparatus in or under a road or the breaking open of or having access to the road,
- (e) under section 85 of that Act, given permission for the deposit of a skip on a road for which a road works authority are responsible,
- (f) under subsection (2) of section 86 of that Act, required the removal or repositioning of a skip deposited on such a road or removed or repositioned such a skip,
- (g) become aware that a constable has, under subsection (1) of that section, required or caused the removal or repositioning of such a skip,
- (h) given notice under—
 - (i) section 87 of that Act requiring the removal of a structure from a road for which a road works authority are responsible and (where considered requisite under that section) the reinstatement of the road, or
 - (ii) section 88 of that Act requiring the removal or alteration of a projection affecting such a road,
- (i) under section 90 of that Act, given consent for the fixing or placing of an overhead bridge, beam, rail or other apparatus along or across such a road,
- (j) under section 91 of that Act, served notice requiring work to be done or carried out work in relation to such a road, or
- (k) under section 92 of that Act, given consent to the planting of a tree or shrub near a carriageway or required its removal, where the carriageway is, or is part of, such a road,

shall enter in the SRWR such information relating to that matter as may be prescribed.

(8) Information to be entered in the SRWR under this section shall be entered in such form and manner as may be prescribed.”.

(2) In section 108(2) of the 1991 Act (roads authority to be regarded in certain circumstances as road works authority for purposes including those of section 112 of the Act) for “112” there is substituted “ 112B (duty to enter certain information in Scottish Road Works Register) ”.

(3) In section 113 of the 1991 Act (giving of advance notice of certain road works)—

- (a) in subsection (1) “to the road works authority” is repealed; and
- (b) for subsection (3) there is substituted—

“(3A) For the purposes of subsection (1) an undertaker gives notice by entering in the SRWR such information as may be prescribed.”.

(4) In section 114 of the 1991 Act (notice of starting date of road works)—

- (a) in subsection (1) the words from “to”, where thirdly occurring, to the end are repealed; and
- (b) for subsection (3) there is substituted—

“(3A) For the purposes of subsection (1) an undertaker gives notice by—

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- (a) giving to any relevant authority (not being the road works authority) and to any other person having apparatus in the road which is likely to be affected by the works a notice—
 - (i) stating the date on which it is proposed to begin the works, and
 - (ii) containing such other information as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) entering in the SRWR a copy of that notice.”.
- (5) In section 116 of the 1991 Act (notice of emergency works)—
- (a) in subsection (2) the words from “to” to the end are repealed; and
 - (b) for subsection (3) there is substituted—
- “(3A) For the purposes of subsection (2) an undertaker gives notice by—
- (a) giving to each person to whom notice would be required to be given under section 114 a notice—
 - (i) stating the undertaker's intention, or as the case may be, the fact that he has begun to execute the works, and
 - (ii) containing such other information as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) entering in the SRWR a copy of that notice.”.
- (6) In subsection (2) of section 117 of the 1991 Act (restriction of works following substantial road works)—
- (a) for “published in the prescribed manner” there is substituted “ entered in the SRWR ”; and
 - (b) for “published”, where secondly and thirdly occurring, there is substituted “ so entered ”.
- (7) In section 165 of the 1991 Act (index for Part 4)—
- (a) after the entry for “carriageway” there is inserted—

“the Commissioner section 112A(1)”;

(b) after the entry for “special enactment” there is inserted—

“the SRWR section 112A(1)”.

Commencement Information

- I19** S. 19(1)(7) in force at 29.2.2008 for specified purposes by S.S.I. 2008/15, **art. 2(1)** (with art. 3)
- I20** S. 19(1)(7) in force at 1.4.2008 in so far as not already in force by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- I21** S. 19(2)-(6) in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)

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Miscellaneous

20 Directions as to timing of road works

(1) Section 115 of the 1991 Act (directions as to timing of road works) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (6) below.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) in paragraph (b) at the end there is added “ or on certain days (or at certain times on certain days) ”; and
- (b) after “the times” there is inserted “ or days (or both) ”.

(3) After that subsection there is inserted—

“(1A) If it appears to a road works authority—

- (a) that subsisting road works are causing or are likely to cause serious disruption to traffic, and
- (b) that the disruption would be avoided or reduced if the works were to continue to be carried out only at certain times or on certain days (or at certain times on certain days),

the authority may give the undertaker such directions as may be appropriate as to the times or days (or both) when the works may or may not continue to be carried out.”

(4) After subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) The Scottish Ministers shall by regulations make provision for appeals against directions under this section, including provision as to the procedure to be followed on an appeal.”

(5) After subsection (3) there is inserted—

“(3A) An undertaker shall be taken not to have failed to fulfil any statutory duty to afford a supply or service if, or to the extent that, the failure is attributable to a direction under this section.”

(6) In subsection (4), for “may” there is substituted “ shall ”.

Commencement Information

I22 S. 20 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

21 Directions as to placing of apparatus in roads

(1) After section 115 of the 1991 Act there is inserted—

“115A Power to give directions as to placing of apparatus

(1) Where—

- (a) an undertaker is proposing to execute road works consisting of the placing of apparatus in a road (the “proposed road”),
- (b) placing the apparatus in the proposed road is likely to cause disruption to traffic, and

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- (c) it appears to the road works authority that—
 - (i) there is another road in which the apparatus could be placed (the “other road”), and
 - (ii) the conditions in subsection (2) are satisfied,

the authority may by directions require the undertaker not to place the apparatus in the proposed road (but shall not require the undertaker to place the apparatus in the other road).

- (2) The conditions referred to in subsection (1)(c)(ii) are that—
 - (a) disruption to traffic would be avoided or reduced if the apparatus were to be placed in the other road,
 - (b) placing the apparatus in the other road would be a reasonable way of achieving the purpose for which the apparatus is to be placed, and
 - (c) it is reasonable to require the undertaker not to place the apparatus in the proposed road.
- (3) Directions under this section may be varied or revoked by further such directions.
- (4) The procedure for giving directions under this section shall be as prescribed.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers shall by regulations make provision for appeals against directions under this section, including provision as to the procedure to be followed on an appeal.
- (6) An undertaker who executes works in contravention of directions under this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (7) An undertaker shall be taken not to have failed to fulfil any statutory duty to afford a supply or service if, or to the extent that, the failure is attributable to a direction under this section.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers shall issue or approve for the purposes of this section a code of practice giving practical guidance as to the exercise by road works authorities of the power conferred by this section; and in exercising that power a road works authority shall have regard to the code of practice.”.

- (2) In section 116 of the 1991 Act (notice of emergency works in roads), in subsection (1), the word “or” is repealed and after “works”, where first occurring, there is inserted “or section 115A (power to give directions as to placing of apparatus) ”.

Commencement Information
I23 S. 21 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

22 Restriction on works following substantial road works

- (1) In section 117 of the 1991 Act (restriction on works following substantial road works)
 - ^{F11}(a)
 - (b) in subsection (6), at the beginning of paragraph (b) there is inserted “ if convicted of an offence under this subsection, ”; and

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(c) at end there is inserted—

“(9) The Scottish Ministers may issue or approve for the purposes of this section a code of practice giving practical guidance as to the performance by road works authorities of their functions under this section; and in carrying out those functions a road works authority shall have regard to the code of practice.”

(2) In section 114 of the 1991 Act (notice of starting date of works), in subsection (2), after “works” there is inserted “ or in cases where the undertaker has been given notice under section 117(1) ”.

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 22(1)(a) repealed (22.9.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 7(2)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

Commencement Information

I24 S. 22(1)(b)(c)(2) in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)

23 Duty of road works authority to co-ordinate road works etc.

(1) Section 118 of the 1991 Act (road works authority's duty to co-ordinate road works etc.) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (5) below.

(2) After subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) In discharging their duty under this section, a road works authority shall have regard to all information in the SRWR which relates to the functions of the authority.

(2B) A road works authority shall, so as to maximise the utility of that information for the purposes of subsection (2A)—

- (a) assist the Commissioner in complying with the duty imposed by subsection (1) of section 112A (as read with subsection (2) of that section), and
- (b) keep that information under surveillance.”

(3) In subsection (3), after “co-ordination”, there is inserted “ and the specific duties imposed by subsections (2) to (2B) ”.

(4) After that subsection there is inserted—

“(3A) In discharging all the duties referred to in subsection (3), a road works authority shall have regard also to such guidance as is contained in the practice referred to in section 17(4)(b) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 12).”

(5) In subsections (4) and (5), for “Secretary of State”, in each place where it occurs, there is substituted “ Commissioner ”.

Commencement Information

I25 S. 23 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1**

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24 Duty of undertakers to co-operate with authorities and other undertakers

(1) Section 119 of the 1991 Act (undertakers' duty to co-operate) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4) below.

(2) After subsection (1) there is inserted—

“(1A) In discharging the duty under this section, an undertaker shall have regard to all information in the SRWR about matters which might affect, or be affected by, works being or proposed to be carried out by the undertaker.

(1B) An undertaker shall, so as to maximise the utility of that information for the purposes of subsection (1A)—

- (a) assist the Commissioner in complying with the duty imposed by subsection (1) of section 112A (as read with subsection (2) of that section), and
- (b) keep that information under surveillance.

(1C) In subsections (1A) and (1B), “undertaker” does not include a person having permission under section 109 to execute road works.”.

(3) After subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) In discharging the duties imposed by subsections (1) to (1B), an undertaker shall—

- (a) comply with any direction in that respect given to the undertaker by the Commissioner, and
- (b) have regard to such guidance as is contained in the practice referred to in section 17(4)(b) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 12), and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) shall apply in relation to any such direction as they apply in relation to the code of practice referred to in that subsection.

(2B) If it appears to the Commissioner that an undertaker is not properly complying with his duty under subsection (1), he may direct the undertaker to supply him with such information as he considers necessary to enable him to decide whether that is the case and, if so, what action to take.

The direction shall specify the information to be provided and the period within which it is to be provided.”.

(4) After subsection (3) there is inserted—

“(4) A direction under this section may be varied or revoked by a further direction.”.

Commencement Information

I26 S. 24 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

25 Enforcement of sections 118 and 119 of 1991 Act

(1) Subsection (3) of section 119 of the 1991 Act (which subsection makes it an offence for an undertaker executing road works to fail to use best endeavours to co-operate with the road works authority and other undertakers) is repealed.

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- (2) After that section (which requires undertakers to co-operate with road works authorities and others in the execution of road works) there is inserted—

“119A Enforcement of sections 118 and 119: imposition of penalties

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision for or in connection with—
- (a) the imposition by the Commissioner of penalties on road works authorities and undertakers who fail to comply with duties imposed on them by sections 118 and 119 respectively,
 - (b) the payment of such penalties.
- (2) The regulations may include provision for or in connection with—
- (a) the notification and enforcement of penalties,
 - (b) the level of penalties,
 - (c) appeals against the imposition of penalties including the appointment of persons to hear and determine such appeals.”.

Commencement Information

I27 S. 25 in force at 1.10.2007 by **S.S.I. 2007/409, art. 2**

26 Qualifications of supervisors and operatives

- (1) Section 126 of the 1991 Act (qualifications of supervisors and operatives) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (5) below.

- (2) After subsection (1) there is inserted—

“(1A) A road works authority may (unless the case is one excepted from subsection (1)) by notice require an undertaker executing road works—

- (a) to notify them of the name of—
 - (i) the person who is currently the qualified supervisor required under subsection (1), and
 - (ii) each person who has previously been the qualified supervisor so required, and
- (b) to provide them with such evidence of the requisite qualification of the person or, as the case may be, each person named as may be prescribed.”.

- (3) After subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) A road works authority may (unless the case is one excepted from subsection (2)) by notice require an undertaker executing road works—

- (a) to notify them of the name of—
 - (i) a person whose presence on site at any time specified in the notice (being a time when the works were in progress) enabled the undertaker to comply with his duty under subsection (2), or

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- (ii) each person whose presence on site during the progress of the works enabled the undertaker to comply with his duty under subsection (2), and
 - (b) to provide them such evidence of the requisite qualification of the or, as the case may be, each person named as may be prescribed.
- (2B) A notice under subsection (1A) or (2A) may be given at any time while the works are being executed or within such period after their completion as may be prescribed.
- (2C) The undertaker shall comply with a notice under subsection (1A) or (2A) within such period and in such way as may be prescribed.”.
- (4) In subsection (3), for “or (2)” there is substituted “, (2) or (2C)”.
- (5) In subsection (4), after paragraph (b) there is inserted “and
- (“ the form of any document to be issued by an approved body to certify or otherwise show that a qualification has been conferred on any person.”.

Commencement Information

I28 S. 26 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

27 Duty of authorities, undertakers etc. to ensure competence of employees etc.

After section 126 of the 1991 Act there is inserted—

“126A Duty of authorities, undertakers etc. to ensure competence of employees etc.

Each of the authorities and other persons set out in the first column below shall use their or, as the case may be, his best endeavours to ensure that each of that authority's or, as the case may be, that person's employees or agents whose duty it is to carry out for that authority or person a function conferred on that authority or person by or under an enactment set out relative to that authority or person in the second column below is competent to perform that duty—

Commencement Information

I29 S. 27 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

28 Duty of undertaker to notify completion of road works: form and procedure

In section 129 of the 1991 Act (duty of undertaker to reinstate road after road works)—

- (a) in subsection (3), for “inform the road works authority” there is substituted “give the required notice”;
- (b) in subsection (4), for “notify the road works authority” there is substituted “give the required notice”;
- (c) after subsection (5) there is inserted—

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- “(5A) For the purposes of subsection (3) or (4) an undertaker gives the required notice by—
- (a) giving to the Commissioner a notice containing such information as may be prescribed, and
 - (b) entering in the SRWR a copy of that notice.”.

Commencement Information

I30 S. 28 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

29 Notices requiring remedial works relating to reinstatements

- (1) In section 131 of the 1991 Act (powers of road works authority in relation to reinstatement of roads)—
- (a) in subsection (3), for “of not less than 7 working days” there is substituted “, not being shorter than such period as may be prescribed, ”; and
 - (b) after that subsection there is inserted—

“(3A) Different minimum periods may be prescribed under subsection (3) for different descriptions of remedial works; and cases may be so prescribed in which no minimum period applies.”.

- (2) In section 149 of the 1991 Act (which, among other things, enables the authorities responsible for sewers, drains and tunnels to require their reinstatement)—
- (a) in subsection (2), for “of not less than 7 working days” there is substituted “, not being shorter than such period as may be prescribed, ”; and
 - (b) after that subsection there is inserted—

“(2A) Different minimum periods may be prescribed under subsection (2) for different descriptions of remedial works; and cases may be so prescribed in which no minimum period applies.”.

Commencement Information

I31 S. 29 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

PROSPECTIVE

Resurfacing

F12³⁰ Power of road works authority to require undertaker to resurface road

Textual Amendments

F12 S. 30 repealed (10.1.2022) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), sch. para. 7(3) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2021/428, reg. 2, sch.

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F13 31 Resurfacing: regulations and guidance

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Textual Amendments

- F13** S. 31 repealed (10.1.2022) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), s. 130(2), [sch. para. 7\(3\)](#) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2021/428, reg. 2, sch.

F14 32 Contributions to costs of resurfacing by undertaker

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Textual Amendments

- F14** S. 32 repealed (10.1.2022) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), s. 130(2), [sch. para. 7\(3\)](#) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2021/428, reg. 2, sch.

Enforcement of 1991 Act

33 Increase in penalties for summary offences under 1991 Act

- (1) The maximum fine for each offence under a provision of the 1991 Act listed in column 1 of the table in schedule 3 is increased from level 3 on the standard scale to the level specified for that provision in column 3 of the table.
- (2) Accordingly, in each provision so listed, for “level 3” there is substituted “ level 4 ” or “ level 5 ” (as specified in column 3 of the table).

Commencement Information

- I32** S. 33 in force at 1.4.2008 by [S.S.I. 2008/15](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 1](#)

34 Fixed penalty offences

- (1) After section 154 of the 1991 Act there is inserted—

“154A Fixed penalties for certain offences under this Part

- (1) Any offence under this Part relating to road works which is listed in the first column of Schedule 6A (and described in general terms in the second column) is a fixed penalty offence for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Offences listed in that Schedule which are committed by virtue of section 166 (offences by bodies corporate and partnerships) are not fixed penalty offences.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by order made by statutory instrument modify that Schedule so as to provide for offences under this Part relating to road works to become (or cease to be) fixed penalty offences.

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- (4) No such order shall be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing it has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (5) Schedule 6B (which makes provision about fixed penalties for fixed penalty offences) has effect.”.
- (2) In section 165 of that Act (index for Part 4), after the entry for “expenses” there is inserted—

“fixed penalty offence section 154A(1)”.

- (3) After Schedule 6 to that Act there are inserted Schedules 6A and 6B as set out in schedules 4 and 5 to this Act.

Commencement Information

I33 S. 34 in force at 1.10.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(3), Sch. 2

PROSPECTIVE

35 Civil penalties for certain offences under 1991 Act

After section 154A of the 1991 Act (as inserted by section 34 above) there is inserted—

“154B Civil penalties for certain offences

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision for or in connection with—
- (a) the imposition by road works authorities of penalty charges in respect of such offences under this Part of this Act as are specified in the regulations,
 - (b) the payment of such charges.
- (2) The regulations shall include provision specifying the person or persons by whom a penalty charge in respect of an offence is to be paid (who may be or, as the case may be, include a person other than the person who committed the offence).
- (3) The regulations shall include provision—
- (a) prohibiting criminal proceedings or the giving of a fixed penalty notice in respect of any description of conduct for which a penalty charge may be imposed, or
 - (b) securing that a penalty charge is not payable or is refunded where the conduct is the subject of criminal proceedings or of a fixed penalty notice.
- (4) The regulations shall include provision about the standard of proof required to establish the commission of an offence in respect of which a penalty charge

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may be imposed and may include other provision for or in connection with evidence and procedure.

- (5) The regulations may set different levels of penalty charges in respect of different offences and in respect of the same offences committed in different circumstances.
- (6) The regulations may include provision for and in connection with—
 - (a) the notification of penalty charges to persons appearing to be liable to pay them,
 - (b) the enabling and effect of the making of representations to road works authorities by persons who are or may be liable to pay those charges,
 - (c) appeals by those persons against the imposition of those charges.
- (7) Regulations shall not be made unless a draft of them has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.”.

Resolution of disputes under 1991 Act

36 Method of settlement of certain disputes under 1991 Act

- (1) In each of the provisions of the 1991 Act mentioned in subsection (2) below, for “by arbitration” there is substituted “ in the prescribed manner ”.
- (2) Those provisions are—
 - (a) section 117(7) (consent to contravene restriction on works following substantial road works);
 - (b) section 120(6) (protected roads: consent as to placing of apparatus);
 - (c) section 121(5) (exercise of powers in relation to protected roads);
 - (d) section 133(2) (meaning of “reasonable period” for the purposes of charges for prolonged road works);
 - (e) section 143(3) (measures necessary where apparatus affected by major works);
 - (f) section 155(3) (disputes about costs and expenses); and
 - (g) in Schedule 6 (roads with special engineering difficulties), paragraph 2(1).
- (3) In section 143(4) of the 1991 Act (failure to comply with agreement or decision)—
 - (a) for “of the arbiter” there is substituted “ made ”; and
 - (b) after “subsection (3)” there is inserted “ in settlement of a dispute ”.
- (4) After section 157 of the 1991 Act (reckoning of time periods) there is inserted—

“157A Regulations prescribing manner of settlement of disputes

Regulations under this Part prescribing the manner in which any question or dispute is to be settled may in particular make provision for the question or, as the case may be, dispute to be settled—

- (a) by the Commissioner, or
- (b) by arbitration.”.

- (5) In Schedule 6 (roads with special engineering difficulties)—

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- (a) in paragraph 10(1), for “arbiter” to “arbitration” there is substituted “ person to whom it falls, by virtue of regulations made under paragraph 2(1), to settle a dispute under that paragraph ”; and
- (b) in paragraph 12—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (2), for “arbitration” there is substituted “ be settled in the prescribed manner ”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (3), for “arbiter” there is substituted “ person to whom it falls to settle the matter ”; and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (4), for “the arbiter” there is substituted “ that person ”.

Commencement Information

I34 S. 36 in force at 1.4.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(2), Sch. 1

Enforcement of certain offences under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

37 Fixed penalty offences under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

- (1) After section 130 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) there is inserted—

“130A Fixed penalties for certain offences

- (1) Any offence under this Act which is listed in the first column of Schedule 8A to this Act (and described in general terms in the second column) is a fixed penalty offence for the purposes of this Act.
 - (2) Offences listed in that Schedule which are committed by virtue of section 130 of this Act (offences committed by bodies corporate, etc.) are not fixed penalty offences.
 - (3) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, modify that Schedule so as to provide that an offence is to cease to be a fixed penalty offence.
 - (4) Schedule 8B to this Act (which makes provision about fixed penalties for fixed penalty offences) has effect.
 - (5) An order under subsection (3) above may make transitional provision.”.
- (2) In section 143 of that Act (which includes provision as to orders under the Act), in subsection (2)(b)(ii), after “section” there is inserted “ 130A or ”.
- (3) After Schedule 8 to that Act there are inserted Schedules 8A and 8B as set out in schedules 6 and 7 to this Act.
- (4) In section 156 of the 1991 Act (service of notices etc.) after subsection (2) there is inserted—
- “(3) References in this section to notices authorised to be given or served for the purposes of this Part include reference to notices under Schedule 8B to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) (fixed penalties for certain offences under that Act).”.

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Commencement Information

I35 S. 37 in force at 1.10.2008 by S.S.I. 2008/15, art. 2(3), Sch. 2

PROSPECTIVE

38 Civil penalties for certain offences under the roads (Scotland) Act 1984

- (1) After section 130A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (as inserted by section 37 above) there is inserted—

“130B Civil penalties for certain offences

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by regulations, make provision for or in connection with—
- (a) the imposition by roads authorities of penalty charges in respect of the offences which, under section 130A of this Act, are fixed penalty offences;
 - (b) the payment of such charges.
- (2) The regulations shall include provision specifying the person or persons by whom a penalty charge in respect of an offence is to be paid (who may be or, as the case may be, include a person other than the person who committed the offence).
- (3) The regulations shall include provision—
- (a) prohibiting criminal proceedings or the giving of a fixed penalty notice in respect of any description of conduct for which a penalty charge may be imposed; or
 - (b) securing that a penalty charge is not payable or is refunded where the conduct is the subject of criminal proceedings or of a fixed penalty notice.
- (4) The regulations shall include provision about the standard of proof required to establish the commission of an offence in respect of which a penalty charge may be imposed and may include other provision for or in connection with evidence and procedure.
- (5) The regulations may set different levels of penalty charges in respect of different offences and in respect of the same offences committed in different circumstances.
- (6) The regulations may include provision for and in connection with—
- (a) the notification of penalty charges to persons appearing to be liable to pay them;
 - (b) the enabling and effect of the making of representations to roads authorities by persons who are or may be liable to pay those charges;
 - (c) appeals by those persons against the imposition of those charges.”
- (2) In section 143 of that Act (which includes provision as to regulations under the Act), in subsection (2)(b)(i) after “17” there is inserted “ or 130B ”.

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39 Consultation on regulations and codes of practice

After section 163 of the 1991 Act there is inserted the following section—

“163A Consultation on regulations and codes of practice

(1) Before—

- (a) making, amending or revoking regulations under or for the purposes of any provision of this Part, or
- (b) issuing, amending or revoking a code of practice under or for the purposes of any such provision or approving any such code of practice or its amendment or revocation,

the Scottish Ministers shall consult the persons and authorities set out in subsection (2).

(2) Those persons and authorities are such—

- (a) persons considered by the Scottish Ministers to be representative of the interests of undertakers,
- (b) road works authorities,
- (c) other persons,

as the Scottish Ministers think appropriate.”.

Commencement Information

I36 S. 39 in force at 1.10.2007 by [S.S.I. 2007/409](#), [art. 2](#)

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS

40 National travel concession schemes

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, make national travel concession schemes.
- (2) A national travel concession scheme is a scheme for the provision of travel concessions to eligible persons travelling on eligible services on eligible journeys.
- (3) A national travel concession scheme may operate throughout Scotland or only in a part or parts of Scotland; and, in any case, may provide differently for different areas.
- (4) A national travel concession scheme shall include provision—
 - (a) determining or for the determination of the rate or rates of travel concessions;
 - (b) specifying or for the specification of the days and times during which travel concessions are provided;
 - (c) requiring or enabling operators of eligible services to provide travel concessions;
 - (d) as to the reimbursement of those operators for providing travel concessions;
 - (e) for enforcement of and appeals against requirements under paragraph (c) above; and

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- (f) for such other matters connected with the scheme as the Scottish Ministers think fit.
- (5) A national travel concession scheme may provide for the modification or revocation of any travel concession scheme established under section 93 of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) (local authority travel concession schemes).
- (6) An operator of eligible services who fails to comply with an obligation imposed by or under a national travel concession scheme on the operator is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (7) In this section—
 - “eligible journey”, in relation to a national travel concession scheme, means a journey beginning at or ending in a place in which the scheme operates;
 - “eligible person” in relation to a national travel concession scheme, means a person who is of such description as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify;
 - “eligible service” means a service of such description as the Scottish Ministers may by order specify; and
 - “travel concession”, in relation to a journey, means—
 - (a) reduction of the fare (within the meaning of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c. 14)) for the journey below the amount applicable to an adult who is not entitled to any reduction; or
 - (b) waiver of such fare.

Commencement Information

I37 S. 40 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

41 Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland

- (1) The Scottish Ministers shall, by order, establish a body corporate to be known as the Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland (in this section, the “Committee”).
- (2) An order under this section may include provision—
 - (a) about the constitution and membership of the Committee (including how members and office-holders are to be appointed);
 - (b) about the proceedings of the Committee;
 - (c) about its staff;
 - (d) about the discharge of its functions (including provision for the discharge of functions by sub-committees with members who are not all members of the Committee);
 - (e) about the making of reports by the Committee to the Scottish Ministers;
 - (f) about the making of payments by way of—
 - (i) allowances to office-holders, other members of the Committee and members of sub-committees who are not members of the Committee;
 - (ii) remuneration to its staff;
 - (iii) the meeting of the expenses of the persons mentioned in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above;
 - (iv) pensions and other payments to or in respect of former staff of the Committee;

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- (g) about the keeping of accounts by the Committee and their audit and submission to the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may—
- (a) make payments to the Committee of such amounts, at such times and on such conditions (if any);
 - (b) make available to the Committee such staff, accommodation, furniture and equipment,
- as they consider appropriate.
- (4) In Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13) (public authorities subject to duty to disclose information), after the entry numbered 75 there is inserted the following entry—

“75A The Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland.”.

Commencement Information

I38 S. 41 in force at 3.4.2006 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 3

42 Functions of the Committee

- (1) The Committee may consider and make recommendations to the Scottish Ministers about any matter relating to public transport services in, from or to Scotland.
- (2) The Committee shall consider and make recommendations about any other matter if asked to do so by the Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may, by order—
 - (a) confer further functions on the Committee;
 - (b) remove functions from the Committee;
 - (c) make changes to any function of the Committee;
 - (d) transfer any function of the Committee to another person (including the Scottish Ministers).
- (4) An order under subsection (3)(a) or (c) above may confer a function or change a function only if the new function or, as the case may be, the function as changed relates to public transport services in, from or to Scotland or facilities for those services.
- (5) The Committee may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of its functions.
- (6) In this section, “public transport services” means all those services (including ferry services used also for carrying freight) on which members of the public rely for getting from place to place when not relying on facilities of their own but does not include—
 - (a) services provided under permits under section 19 of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) (permits in relation to use of buses by educational and other bodies) other than services provided wholly or mainly to meet the needs of members of the public who are elderly or disabled;
 - (b) excursions or tours.

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Commencement Information

I39 S. 42 in force at 3.4.2006 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 3

43 Guidance and direction to the Committee

The Committee shall—

- (a) have regard to any written guidance issued to it by the Scottish Ministers;
 - (b) comply with any written direction given to it by them,
- as to how it is to discharge its functions.

Commencement Information

I40 S. 43 in force at 3.4.2006 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 3

44 Abolition of requirement on local traffic authority to inform the Scottish Ministers about certain pedestrian crossings

In section 23(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)—

- (a) after paragraph (a) there is inserted “ and ”; and
- (b) paragraph (c) (duty of local traffic authority to inform the Scottish Ministers in writing before establishing, altering or removing a pedestrian crossing on a road other than a trunk road) and the word “and” which immediately precedes it are repealed.

Commencement Information

I41 S. 44 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

45 Modification of Highlands and Islands Shipping Services Act 1960 and loans for transport-related purposes

- (1) The Highlands and Islands Shipping Services Act 1960 (c. 31) (financial and other assistance to those concerned with providing sea transport services for the Highlands and Islands), so far as relating to the provision of that assistance by the Scottish Ministers, ceases to have effect.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) above affects any undertaking given, advance made, contract or other obligation or transaction entered into or action entered upon before that subsection comes into force.
- (3) Section 70 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 2) (grants for transport-related purposes) is amended in accordance with subsections (4) to (6) below.
- (4) In subsection (1), after “grants” there is inserted “ or loans ”.
- (5) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) after “Grants” there is inserted “ and loans ”;
 - (b) for “amount” there is substituted “ amounts ”;

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- (c) after “including” there is inserted “, in the case of grants,”.
- (6) In subsection (4)—
 - (a) after “grants” insert “ and loans ”;
 - (b) after “grant”, in both places where it occurs, there is inserted “ or loan ”.

Commencement Information

I42 S. 45 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

46 Amendment of procedure for dealing with applications for harbour orders

(1) Paragraph 18 of Schedule 3 to the Harbours Act 1964 (c. 40) (“the 1964 Act”) (which provides for the holding of an inquiry or public hearing where an objection is made to an application for a harbour revision or empowerment order and is not withdrawn) shall be amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4) below.

(2) For sub-paragraph (1) there is substituted—

“(1) This paragraph applies if an objection to the application was made to the Scottish Ministers and has not been withdrawn.

(1A) It does not apply, however, if—

- (a) the Scottish Ministers decide that the application is not to proceed further;
- (b) they consider the objection is frivolous or trivial;
- (c) the objection does not specify the grounds on which it is made; or
- (d) the objection was not made within the period allowed for making it.

(1B) Before making their decision under paragraph 19, the Scottish Ministers may—

- (a) cause an inquiry to be held; or
- (b) give to the person who made the objection referred to in sub-paragraph (1) an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.

(1C) Where—

- (a) the objection referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is made by a person within sub-paragraph (1D); and
- (b) the person informs the Scottish Ministers in writing that the person wishes the objection to be referred to an inquiry or dealt with in accordance with sub-paragraph (1B)(b),

the Scottish Ministers shall, before making their decision under paragraph 19, either cause an inquiry to be held or, if they so determine, cause the objection to be dealt with in accordance with sub-paragraph (1B)(b).

(1D) The persons within this sub-paragraph are—

- (a) any council constituted under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39) for an area in which the harbour (or any part of it) is situated; and
- (b) if the order will authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, any person who is entitled to be served with notice under paragraph 11.”.

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- (3) In sub-paragraph (2), for “sub-paragraph (1)(a)” there is substituted “ sub-paragraph (1B)(b) ”.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3), paragraph (a) is repealed.
- (5) In paragraph 19 of that Schedule (decisions on an application for a harbour revision or empowerment order), there is inserted at the end of sub-paragraph (1) “; and
 (f) any written representations submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the applicant or any objector in elaboration of the application or, as the case may be, objection.”,
- and the word “and” occurring between sub-paragraphs (1)(d) and (e) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I43 S. 46 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

47 Amendment of procedure where harbour revision orders are made by the Scottish Ministers of their own motion

- (1) For paragraph 28 of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act there is substituted—

- “28 (1) This paragraph applies if an objection to the proposal was made to the Scottish Ministers and has not been withdrawn.
- (2) It does not, however, apply if—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers decide that the proposal is not to proceed further;
 - (b) they consider the objection is frivolous or trivial;
 - (c) the objection does not specify the grounds on which it is made; or
 - (d) the objection was not made within the period allowed for making it.
- (3) Before making their decision under paragraph 29, the Scottish Ministers may—
- (a) cause an inquiry to be held; or
 - (b) give to the person who made the objection referred to in sub-paragraph (1) an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them.
- (4) Where—
- (a) the objection referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is made by a council constituted under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39) for an area in which the harbour (or any part of it) is situated; and
 - (b) the council informs the Scottish Ministers in writing that it wishes the objection to be referred to an inquiry or dealt with in accordance with sub-paragraph (3)(b),

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the Scottish Ministers shall, before making their decision under paragraph 29, either cause an inquiry to be held or, if they so determine, cause the objection to be dealt with in accordance with sub-paragraph (3)(b).

(5) Where an objector is heard in accordance with sub-paragraph (3)(b), the Scottish Ministers shall allow such other persons as they think appropriate to be heard on the same occasion.”

(2) In paragraph 29 of that Schedule (decision on harbour revision order proposed by the Scottish Ministers)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(b), after “inquiry” there is inserted “ and of any person appointed for the purpose of hearing an objector ”; and
- (b) there is inserted at the end of sub-paragraph (1) “; and
- (c) any written representations submitted to the Scottish Ministers by an objector in elaboration of the objection.”,

and the word “and” between sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) is repealed.

Commencement Information

I44 S. 47 in force at 10.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/454](#), art. 2, [Sch. 2](#)

48 Transitional provision for sections 46 and 47

Nothing in section 46 or 47 of this Act applies—

- (a) in relation to an application for an order under section 14 or 16 of the 1964 Act if the application was made before those sections of this Act come into force; or
- (b) in relation to a proposal by the Scottish Ministers to make a harbour revision order of the Scottish Ministers' own motion in respect of which a notice was published in the Edinburgh Gazette under paragraph 26(1)(a) of Schedule 3 to the 1964 Act before those sections of this Act come into force.

Commencement Information

I45 S. 48 in force at 10.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/454](#), art. 2, [Sch. 2](#)

49 Badges for vehicles used for disabled people: change of terminology

In section 21(4) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (c. 44) (badges for display on motor vehicles used by institutions concerned with the care of disabled people) for “institution”, in both places where it occurs, there is substituted “organisation”.

Commencement Information

I46 S. 49 in force at 1.4.2007 by [S.S.I. 2007/161](#), art. 2

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50 Extension of remit of Bus User Complaints Tribunal

In section 41 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 2) (Bus User Complaints Tribunal)—

- (a) in subsection (7), for “local” in both places where it occurs, there is substituted “bus”;
- (b) after that subsection there is inserted—
 - “(8) In subsection (7) above, “bus service” means—
 - (a) a local bus service; or
 - (b) a service which—
 - (i) uses one or more public service vehicles for the carriage of passengers by road at separate fares;
 - (ii) operates between places at least one of which is in Scotland; and
 - (iii) is not a local service.”.

Commencement Information

I47 S. 50 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

51 Minor amendments of Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

- (1) The Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 2) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (9) below.
- (2) In section 48 (interpretation of Part 2 (bus services)), in the definition of “relevant general policies” in paragraph (a)—
 - (a) after second “authority” there is inserted “ (i) ”; and
 - (b) at the end there is inserted “; or
 - (ii) any policies formulated by them from time to time in accordance with that strategy which, were the area to which those policies relate not in a passenger transport area, could have been formulated by them under that provision and which relate to matters which may be the subject matter of a quality partnership scheme or a quality contract scheme;”.
- (3) In section 54(2) (road not to be subject to charges under more than one charging scheme) for “A road shall not” there is substituted “ No part of a road shall ”.
- (4) In section 64 (which enables regulations for, among other things, the determination of disputes and appeals against those determinations)—
 - (a) in subsection (1), in paragraph (a), for “relating to charging schemes” there is substituted “ arising under this Part of this Act ”; and
 - (b) after that subsection there is inserted—
 - “(1A) Provision may be made under subsection (1) above for the appointment of—
 - (a) persons to determine the disputes; and
 - (b) persons to hear and determine the appeals,

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referred to in that subsection.

- (1B) Provision made by virtue of subsection (1A) above may include provision for the payment by charging authorities of expenditure incurred in and in consequence of the making of appointments by virtue of that subsection.
- (1C) Provision made by virtue of subsection (1A) above may—
- (a) include provision conferring the functions referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection on persons appointed to carry out functions similar to those functions; and
 - (b) where it does so, may, so as to give the provision full effect, apply and modify any enactment.”.
- (5) In section 66(4) (application of Act to motor vehicles and persons in public service of the Crown), for “subsection (2)” there is substituted “ subsection (3) ”.
- (6) In section 79(1) (issue of guidance to local traffic and transport authorities), in paragraph (d), after “authorities” there is inserted “ and local traffic authorities (or any one or more local traffic authorities) ”.
- (7) In section 81(4)(b) (which specifies the regulations that are to be made by way of affirmative resolution procedure), after “Act” there is inserted “ or which consist of or include provision made by virtue of section 64(1C) of this Act ”.
- (8) In section 82(1) (interpretation) in the definition of “local transport strategy”—
- (a) the words from “in” (where first occurring) to “Act” are repealed;
 - (b) after “by” there is inserted “ (a) ”; and
 - (c) after “authority” there is inserted “; or
(b) a local traffic authority,”.
- (9) In schedule 1, in paragraph 5 (application by charging authorities of proceeds of road user charging)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), sub-sub-paragraph (b) and the word “or” immediately preceding it are repealed; and
 - (b) after that sub-paragraph there is inserted—
- “(1A) A charging authority may, for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above, pay money to any local traffic authority, local transport authority or other person.”.

Commencement Information

I48 S. 51 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

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PART 4

GENERAL

52 Orders and regulations

- (1) Any power of the Scottish Ministers under this Act to make an order or regulations shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, a statutory instrument containing an order (other than an order made under section 54(2) below) or regulations made under this Act shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing an order made under section 1(1), 2(1) or (2), 10(1), 11(1), 13(1) or 40(1) above [^{F15}or regulations under section 18F] shall not be made unless a draft of the order [^{F16}(or, as the case may be, regulations)] has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) Orders and regulations under this Act may make—
 - (a) different provision for different purposes; and
 - (b) supplemental, incidental, consequential, transitory, transitional or saving provision.

Textual Amendments

- F15** Words in s. 52(3) inserted (1.4.2024) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 110(3)(a)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F16** Words in s. 52(3) inserted (1.4.2024) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 110(3)(b)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

53 Interpretation

- (1) In Part 1 of this Act, “council” means a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39).
- (2) In Part 2 of this Act—
 - [^{F17}“authorised person” has the meaning given in section 18A(1),]
 - “the Commissioner” has the meaning given by section 16 above;
 - [^{F18}“the 1984 Act” means the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984,] and
 - “the 1991 Act” means the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22).
- (3) Expressions used in Part 2 of this Act and in the 1991 Act have, in this Act, the same meaning as in that Act.

Textual Amendments

- F17** Words in s. 53(2) inserted (1.4.2024) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 7(4)(a)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F18** Words in s. 53(2) inserted (1.4.2024) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 17\)](#), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 7(4)(b)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

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Commencement Information

I49 S. 53 in force at 10.10.2005 by S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2

54 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005.
- (2) This Act (except this section and section 52 above) comes into force in accordance with provision made by order by the Scottish Ministers.

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

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