



# Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

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### PUBLIC HEALTH ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008

#### PART 1

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- 5 Designation of competent persons by local authorities

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##### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, NOTIFIABLE ORGANISMS AND HEALTH RISK STATES

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- 59 Recall of orders granted in absence of person to whom application relates

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- 69 Offences arising from breach of orders under this Part
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**PART 5**

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- 72 Provision of facilities for disinfection etc.

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- 73 Notice on occupier or owner of infected etc. premises or things
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- 75 Failure to comply with notice
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- 81 Recovery of expenses

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- 88 Provision of mortuaries by health boards
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- 96 Prohibition on sale or hire of sunbeds to persons under 18
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## Part 1 — NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Anthrax Botulism Brucellosis Cholera Clinical syndrome due to E.coli O157...

## Part 2 — NOTIFIABLE ORGANISMS

Bacillus anthracis Bacillus cereus Bordetella pertussis Borrelia burgdorferi Brucella genus...

## SCHEDULE 2 — Minor and consequential amendments

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*The Public Works Loans Act 1887 (c. 37)*

- 1 In the Public Works Loans Act 1887, in section 4(2)...

*The Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 (c. 37)*

- 2 In the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937, in...

*The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 (c. 55)*

- 3 In the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, in...

*The Pests Act 1954 (c. 68)*

- 4 In the Pests Act 1954, in section 6 (charges for...

*The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (c. 41)*

- 5 In the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, in...

*The Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1076)*

- 6 (1) The Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 are amended...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals and revocations

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Part 2 — REVOCATIONS

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