

CORONAVIRUS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DETAIL ABOUT PROVISIONS

Schedule 7 - Other measures in response to coronavirus

Land registration

Electronic delivery of copy of deed to Registers of Scotland

269. The paragraphs under this heading modify the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 and the Land Registers (Scotland) Act 1868 for the duration of the Act, to make provision for registration in the Land Register and recording in the Register of Sasines to proceed on a copy of a deed submitted to the Keeper by electronic means.
270. Paragraphs 11 and 12 make provision for the Land Register, adjusting the effect of section 21 of the 2012 Act. The new section 21(5) sets out that a copy of a deed submitted electronically is sufficient to allow registration to proceed. Inserted section 21(6) provides that this applies when the means and form for electronic submission of copy deeds are specified as acceptable on the Keeper's website. Inserted section 21(7) sets out the forms submission by electronic means can take, such as attachment to an email.
271. Paragraphs 13 and 14 make similar provision for the Register of Sasines, adjusting the effect of the 1868 Act. For the purposes of the Act, paragraph 14(a) removes reference to electronic documents to allow section 6A of the 1868 Act to apply to copies of deeds transmitted electronically. Paragraph 14(b) makes other temporary modifications as for the Land Register. Inserted section 6A(6) sets out that a copy of a deed submitted electronically is sufficient to allow recording in the Register of Sasines to proceed. Inserted section 6A(7) provides that this applies when the means and form for electronic submission of copy deeds are specified as acceptable on the Keeper's website. Inserted section 6A(8) sets out the forms submission by electronic means can take.