



# Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021

2021 asp 10

## PART 1

### DEFAMATION

#### *Defences*

#### **8 Abolition of common law defences and transitional provision**

- (1) Any rules of law providing for—
- (a) the defence of innocent dissemination,
  - (b) the defence of veritas,
  - (c) the defence known as the Reynolds defence,
  - (d) the defence of fair comment,
- cease to have effect.
- (2) Nothing in sections 5 to 7 or subsection (1) of this section has effect in relation to defamation proceedings if the right to bring the proceedings accrued before the commencement of the section or subsection in question.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 8 in force at 8.8.2022 by [S.S.I. 2022/154](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 2](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 08/08/2022.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021, Section 8.