



Burgh Registers (Scotland) Act 1926

1926 CHAPTER 50 16 and 17 Geo 5

An Act to provide for the discontinuance of the Burgh Registers of Sasines in Scotland. [15th December 1926]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)

1 Burgh register of sasines discontinued.

The whole burgh registers of sasines in Scotland shall be discontinued in the manner aftermentioned:

- (1) As soon as the office of the keeper of any burgh register falls vacant, the town council having the right of appointment to such office shall appoint an interim keeper, and shall intimate the vacancy to the Secretary of State, whereupon the Secretary of State may by order under his hand direct the discontinuance of such burgh register of sasines, and the Secretary of State shall cause such order to be recorded in the division or divisions of the general register of sasines applicable to the county or counties mentioned opposite to such burgh in the First Schedule to this Act annexed, and a copy of such order to be transmitted to the town clerk of the said burgh, and shall cause such order to be advertised in the Edinburgh Gazette, and in any newspaper or newspapers he may deem proper; and such order shall specify the day, not being less than one calendar month after the date of such publication in the Edinburgh Gazette, from and after which such burgh register of sasines is to be discontinued; and after the date so to be specified in any such order, as regards the burgh register of sasines to which such order shall apply, it shall not be competent to present, or for the town clerk of such burgh to receive, any writ for registration therein; and any writ which, previous to the discontinuance of such burgh register might competently have been presented for registration therein, shall, after the said discontinuance, be registrable in the general register of sasines in the division thereof applicable to the county mentioned opposite to such burgh in the First Schedule to this Act annexed or to the county mentioned in the said schedule opposite to the part of the burgh in which the property to which the writ relates is situated, and such registration in the general register of sasines shall have all the force and effect previously attached to registration

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in the appropriate burgh register of sasines; and all such writs may be registered in the general register of sasines, not only for publication, but as in the books of council and session for preservation, or for preservation and execution in like manner with other writs registrable in the general register of sasines: . . . ^{F1}

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Textual Amendments
F1 Words repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), s. 1, Sch. Pt. V
F2 Ss. 1(2), 4, Sch. 2 repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), s. 1, Sch. Pt. V

2 Transmission of burgh registers of sasines to keeper of the records.

(1) As soon as conveniently may be, and in any case not later than one month after the discontinuance of a burgh register of sasines, the whole volumes thereof, from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy, and all minute books and presentment books and other public records relating thereto, shall be transmitted by the town clerk to the keeper of the records in such manner as the keeper of the records may direct or approve, and such volumes and records shall be kept in the custody of the keeper of the records, subject to right of access thereto, and inspection thereof, by members of the public, on such conditions as the Treasury may from time to time prescribe after consultation with the Lord President of the Court of Session, the Lord Advocate, and the Lord Justice Clerk.

(2) The volumes and records of the burgh register so transmitted to the keeper of the records shall remain the property of the burgh from which they were transmitted, and shall be re-transmitted to the town clerk of such burgh as follows: At the end of ten years after the discontinuance of such burgh register the portion applicable to the period from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy, to the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, shall be returned, and at the end of each period of five years thereafter the portion applicable to the five years immediately following those already returned shall be returned until the whole volumes have been returned:

Provided that the keeper of the records, if he or the keeper of the general register of sasines finds it necessary, may, from time to time, with the consent of the Secretary of State, retain the custody of such volumes and records, or require the same or any prior volumes and records to be transmitted to him, for such period as the Secretary of State may fix, but not in any case exceeding three years.

(3) The town council of any burgh mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act shall, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, be responsible for the safe custody of any volumes of the burgh register of sasines for that burgh and relative records which have not been transmitted to the keeper of the records or which have been returned, and shall allow to all members of the public reasonable access to such volumes and records and inspection thereof: Provided that any such town council may, at any time, if they so resolve, deliver such volumes and records to the keeper of the records for permanent custody, and the keeper of the records shall be bound to receive the same, and thereupon all responsibility and obligation of such town council with reference thereto shall cease and determine: Provided further that the custody of such volumes by the keeper of the records shall be subject always to right of access thereto and inspection thereof by members of the public, on such conditions as the Treasury may

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3 Responsibilities of town clerks transferred to keeper of general register of sasines.

The keeper of the general register of sasines shall, from and after the discontinuance of the burgh registers of sasines, or any of them, be subject to such and the like responsibilities and liabilities with respect to the registration in the general register of sasines of writs which, but for the discontinuance of the burgh registers of sasines, or any of them, would have been registrable therein, as the said keeper is now subject to with reference to the registration in the general register of sasines of writs now registrable therein.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Functions of Keeper of the General Register of Sasines now exercisable by Keeper of the Registers of Scotland: [Reorganisation of Offices \(Scotland\) Act 1928 \(c. 34\), s. 5](#) and [Public Registers and Records \(Scotland\) Act 1948 \(c. 57\), s. 1](#)

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Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 1(2), 4, Sch. 2 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\), s. 1, Sch. Pt. V](#)

5 Register of booking for burgh of Paisley.

The provisions of this Act shall apply with the necessary modifications to the register of booking for the burgh of Paisley in like manner as they apply to the burgh registers of sasines of the other burghs mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act.

6 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Burgh Registers (Scotland) Act, 1926.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Name of Burgh.	Division of General Register of Sasines applicable thereto.	Name of Burgh.	Division of General Register of Sasines applicable thereto.
Aberdeen	County of Aberdeen.	Banff	County of Banff.
		Brechin	County of Forfar.
Annan	County of Dumfries.	Burntisland	County of Fife.
Anstruther (Wester).	County of Fife.	Crail	County of Fife.
		Cullen	County of Banff.
Aberbrothock or Arbroath.	County of Forfar.	Culross	County of Fife.
		Cupar	County of Fife.
Auchtermuchty	County of Fife.	Dingwall	County of Ross and Cromarty.
Ayr	County of Ayr.		
Dumbarton	County of Dumbarton.	Kirkcudbright	County of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.
Dumfries—			
So much of the Royalty as lies within the County of Dumfries.	County of Dumfries.	Kirkwall	Counties of Orkney and Zetland.
		Lanark	County of Lanark.
		Lauder	County of Berwick.
The remainder of the Royalty.	County of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.	Linlithgow	County of West Lothian.
		Lochmaben	County of Dumfries.
Dunbar	County of East Lothian.	Montrose	County of Forfar.
Dundee	County of Forfar.	Nairn	County of Nairn.
		Newburgh	County of Fife.
Dunfermline	County of Fife.	New Galloway	County of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.
Dysart	County of Fife.		
Earlsferry	County of Fife.		

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Edinburgh	County of Edinburgh.	North Berwick	County of East Lothian.
Elgin	County of Elgin and Forres.	Paisley	County of Renfrew.
Falkland	County of Fife.	Peebles	County of Peebles.
Forfar	County of Forfar.	Perth	County of Perth.
Forres	County of Elgin and Forres.	Pittenweem	County of Fife.
		Queensferry	County of West Lothian.
Fortrose	County of Ross and Cromarty.	Renfrew	County of Renfrew.
Glasgow	County of the Barony and Regality of Glasgow.	Rothsay	County of Bute.
		Rutherglen—	
		So much of the Royalty as lies within the City of Glasgow.	County of the Barony and Regality of Glasgow.
Haddington	County of East Lothian.		
Inverbervie	County of Kincardine.		
Inverkeithing	County of Fife.	The remainder of the Royalty	County of Lanark.
Inverness	County of Inverness.		
		St. Andrews	County of Fife.
Inverurie or Keithhall	County of Aberdeen.	Sanquhar	County of Dumfries.
Irvine	County of Ayr.	Selkirk	County of Selkirk.
Jedburgh	County of Roxburgh.	Stirling	County of Stirling.
		Stranraer	County of Wigtown.
Kinghorn	County of Fife.	Tain	County of Ross and Cromarty.
Kintore	County of Aberdeen.		
		Whithorn	County of Wigtown.
Kirkcaldy	County of Fife.	Wigtown	County of Wigtown.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

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