
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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Children's Hearings (Scotland) Rules 1996

PART I

INTERPRETATION, ETC

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “the Act” means the Children (Scotland) Act 1995;
 - “the 1978 Act” means the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978⁽¹⁾;
 - “the 1994 Act” means the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994⁽²⁾;
 - “the 1995 Act” means the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995⁽³⁾;
 - “the 1996 Regulations” means the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 1996⁽⁴⁾;
 - “chairman” means the chairman of a children’s hearing;
 - “child” has the meaning given to that term by section 93(2)(b) of the Act;
 - “child protection order” has the meaning given to that term by section 57 of the Act;
 - “children’s hearing” means a children’s hearing as defined in section 39(3) of the Act;
 - “day” means a period of twenty-four hours commencing at midnight;
 - “enactment” includes any order, regulation or other instrument made under the Act;
 - “local authority” means the local authority for the area of the children’s hearing;
 - “relevant person” has the meaning given to that term by section 93(2)(b) of the Act;
 - “Principal Reporter” has the meaning given to that term by section 93(1) of the Act;
 - “representative” has the meaning given to that term by rule 11(3) below;
 - “safeguarder” means a person appointed by a children’s hearing under section 41(1) of the Act for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of the child in the proceedings;
 - “Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration” has the meaning given to that term by section 128 of the 1994 Act;
 - “secure accommodation” means accommodation provided in a residential establishment in accordance with the 1996 regulations for the purpose of restricting the liberty of children.
- (2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Rules to:
- (a) a numbered rule or Form shall be construed as a reference to the rule or Form bearing that number in these Rules; and any reference to a specified paragraph or sub-paragraph shall

(1) 1978 c. 28.
(2) 1994 c. 39.
(3) 1995 c. 46.
(4) 1996 S.I. 3255.

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be construed as a reference to that paragraph or sub-paragraph in the rule in which that reference occurs; and

- (b) a Form includes a Form substantially to the same effect as that set out in these Rules with such variation as circumstances may require.