
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 497

Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001

[^{F1}PART 6

SUPPLY OF REGISTER ETC

Supply on publication and specific restrictions

[^{F1}Supply of free copy of full register etc to [^{F2}Statistics Board] and restrictions on use

- 98.**—(1) Each registration officer shall supply, free of charge and on publication, one copy of—
- (a) any revised version of the register published under section 13(1) or (3) of the 1983 Act;
 - (b) any notice setting out an alteration to the register published under section 13A(2) [^{F3}13AB(2),] or 13B(3) [^{F4}, (3B) or (3D)] of that Act;
 - (c) any list of overseas electors,

to the [^{F5}Statistics Board] (in this regulation referred to as [^{F5}“the Board”]) [^{F6}and the General Register Office for Scotland (in this regulation referred to as “GROS”) respectively].

(2) In paragraph (1) above the duty to supply is a duty to supply in data form unless, prior to publication, [^{F7}the Board][^{F8}or GROS] has requested in writing a printed copy instead.

- (3) [^{F9}Subject to paragraph (6)] no person employed by [^{F10}the Board][^{F11}or GROS] may—
- (a) supply a copy of the full register other than to another such person;
 - (b) disclose any information contained in it (that is not contained in the edited register) otherwise than in accordance with paragraph (4) below, or
 - (c) make use of any such information other than for statistical purposes.

(4) [^{F12}Subject to paragraph (6)] no information which is contained in the full register (that is not contained in the edited register) may be disclosed otherwise than—

- (a) by allowing a person using the premises of [^{F13}the Board][^{F14}or GROS] to inspect it under supervision, and
- (b) by publishing information about electors which does not include the name or address of any elector.

[^{F15}(4A) Where a copy of the full register is made available by providing the register on a computer screen or otherwise in data form, [^{F16}the Board] and GROS shall ensure that the manner in, and equipment on, which that copy is provided do not permit any person consulting that copy to—

- (a) search it by electronic means by reference to the name of any person; or
- (b) copy or transmit any part of that copy by electronic, or any other, means.]

(5) A person who inspects the full register [^{F17}, whether a printed copy or in data form,] may not—

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- (a) make copies of any part of it, or
- (b) record any particulars included in it,

except by means of hand-written notes.

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^{F18}(6) A person employed by [^{F19}the Board] or GROS is not prohibited from supplying a copy of, or disclosing information contained in, a version of the full register where–

- (a) more than ten years have expired since that version of the register was first published in accordance with regulation 43; and
- (b) the supply or disclosure is for [^{F20}Article 89 GDPR purposes in accordance with the relevant requirement].

(7) No person who obtains a copy of the full register or to whom information contained in it that is not contained in the edited register is disclosed under the circumstances described in paragraph (6) may–

- (a) supply a copy of it,
- (b) disclose any such information, or
- (c) make use of any such information,

otherwise than for [^{F20}Article 89 GDPR purposes in accordance with the relevant requirement].]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 6 inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/1872), regs. 2(2), **14**
- F2** Words in reg. 98 heading substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(1)**
- F3** Word in reg. 98(1)(b) inserted (6.4.2014) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Description of Electoral Registers and Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/3206), regs. 1(4), **44**
- F4** Words in reg. 98(1)(b) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(2)(3)(a) of the amending S.I.) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/925), regs. 1(1), **27**
- F5** Words in reg. 98(1) substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(2)(a)**
- F6** Words in reg. 98(1) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(2)**
- F7** Words in reg. 98(2) substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(2)(b)**
- F8** Words in reg. 98(2) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(3)**
- F9** Words in reg. 98(3) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(4)(a)**
- F10** Words in reg. 98(3) substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(2)(b)**
- F11** Words in reg. 98(3) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(4)(b)**
- F12** Words in reg. 98(4) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(5)(a)**
- F13** Words in reg. 98(4)(a) substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(2)(b)**
- F14** Words in reg. 98(4)(a) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(5)(b)**

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- F15** Reg. 98(4A) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(6)**
- F16** Words in reg. 98(4A) substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(2)(b)**
- F17** Words in reg. 98(5) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(7)**
- F18** Reg. 98(6)(7) inserted (23.3.2006) by The Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/834), regs. 1(1), **16(8)**
- F19** Words in reg. 98(6) substituted (17.3.2009) by The Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/725), regs. 1(1), **15(2)(b)**
- F20** Words in reg. 98(6)(7) substituted (25.5.2018) by Data Protection Act 2018 (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 275** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 31I(3)(t) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 39\(2\)](#)