

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

[Rural Support \(Improvement\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To make modifications to provisions in the main Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) legislation that the Scottish Ministers consider will improve the operation of those provisions. They provide for:
- payment for agricultural practices beneficial to the environment.
 - persons receiving basic payments for a particular year to be required to prepare any two out of five ‘whole farm’ plans or reports for the holding in respect of that year.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 19 February 2025 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instrument be approved. The Committee’s [report was published on 24 February 2025](#).

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

4. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (the Disclosure Act) reforms the system of disclosure of criminal records administered by the Scottish Ministers. Prior to the Disclosure Act, disclosure functions were performed in accordance with Part 5 of the Police Act 1997 (the Police Act) and Part 2 of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (the PVG Act). The Disclosure Act repeals Part 5 of the Police Act as it applies in Scotland and amends the PVG Act.
6. This instrument makes various incidental, supplementary and consequential modifications to primary and secondary legislation to ensure that the disclosure

system operates as the Disclosure Act intended and to reflect the changes made to the disclosure system by that Act. It also revokes various enactments which, as a consequence of the changes made by the Disclosure Act, are no longer required.

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(List A and B Offences\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

7. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (List A and B Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

8. To amend schedules 1 and 2 of the Disclosure Act.
9. Regulation 2 makes amendments to the list of offences in schedule 1 (List A offences) to update the list of offences for which convictions must and children's hearing outcomes may be disclosed on a Level 2 disclosure provided under the Disclosure Act, unless that conviction is removed by the Scottish Ministers, the independent reviewer or a sheriff.
10. Regulation 3 makes amendments to schedule 2 (List B offences) to update the list of offences for which convictions must and children's hearing outcomes may be disclosed on a Level 2 disclosure provided under the Disclosure Act until they become non-disclosable within the meaning of sections 9 and 10 of the Disclosure Act.

[Regulated Roles with Children and Adults \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

11. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

12. These Regulations modify schedules 2 and 3 of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Act, as substituted by schedules 3 and 4 of the Disclosure Act. Schedule 2 defines regulated roles with children and schedule 3 defines regulated roles with protected adults.
13. These modifications:
 - substitute and expand the definition of 'contact' with children and protected adults to include visual communication and to make the definition clearer.

- insert new activities (including further healthcare professions) which mean that individuals carrying out those activities will be carrying out a regulated role with children or protected adults if the conditions in paragraph 1(2) of each of the schedules are met.
- make minor textual amendments to certain activities in each of the schedules to include additional establishments and activities.
- re-introduce the concept of unsupervised contact with protected adults into schedule 3 in connection with the carrying out of specific activities.

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

14. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

15. This Amendment Order makes amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Order 2013 (the 2013 Order). It:
- makes provision to update and replace references to outdated terminology no longer used in the Disclosure Act, for the purposes of the 2013 Order - these amendments reflect the changes made to the disclosure system by the Disclosure Act, ensuring that both the state and self disclosure regimes in Scotland continue to work as intended.
 - adds new provisions to the 2013 Order, to add the concept of non-disclosable children's hearing outcomes to the provisions about the exclusions and exceptions.
 - amends and updates the lists of offences in schedules A1 and B1 of the 2013 Order.
 - omits circumstances from the 2013 Order which are now regulated roles under the Disclosure Act and for which PVG Scheme membership will be required.
 - inserts new provision into the 2013 Order to so that questions can be asked of individuals over the age of 16 who are:
 - residing in the same household as a person whose suitability is being assessed, investigated, reviewed or confirmed to be a shared lives carer or to be in charge of or caring for children within the meaning of the PVG Act, and;
 - residing in residential accommodation where a school care accommodation service is being provided to a pupil, but are not the pupil, employed by the school or the person being assessed as to their suitability to carry out a regulated role with children.

[Provision of Early Learning and Childcare \(Specified Children\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

16. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

17. To amend the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) Order 2014 ('the 2014 Order') to protect eligibility for two-year-old children who qualify for access to funded early learning and childcare (ELC) due to their parents' receipt of certain qualifying benefits.

Consideration by committee

18. At its meeting on 19 February 2025 the Education, Children and Young People Committee agreed to recommend that the above 5 Instruments be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 24 February 2025](#).

Decision

19. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.

20. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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