

REGULATORY REFORM

PUBLIC FINANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM (REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND) ORDER 2020

Made

[date]

Coming into force

31 March 2020

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(1) and (9) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010^a and all other powers enabling them to do so.

The Scottish Ministers consider that the conditions in section 18(2) of that Act are satisfied.

The Scottish Ministers have consulted in accordance with section 26 of that Act.

The Scottish Ministers have laid a draft of this Order and an explanatory document before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 25(2)(b) of that Act.

In accordance with section 25(2)(c) of that Act, a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament(2).^b

1 Citation and commencement

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020.
- (2) This Order comes into force on 31 March 2020.

2 Repeal of section 9 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Section 9 (Keeper of the Registers of Scotland: financial arrangements) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000^c is repealed.

3 Payment of accumulated reserves into the Fund

The Keeper of the Registers of Scotland must pay any accumulated reserves held on the day this Order comes into force into the Scottish Consolidated Fund.

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^a 2010 asp 8. The effect of sections 14 to 30 and schedule 5 and 6 of the Act has been extended by virtue of section 134(4) and S.S.I. 2015/234.

^b Section 25(2)(c) has been modified by paragraph 5 of schedule 3 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 10).

^c 2000 asp 1.

Draft Order laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 25(2)(b)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order follows a reclassification of the Registers of Scotland to central government by the Office of National Statistics, so that the legal regime governing Registers of Scotland's finances and the budgeting regime are aligned. This is effected by repeal of section 9 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and a requirement placed on Registers of Scotland to pay any accumulated reserves into the Scottish Consolidated Fund.