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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 759 (C. 55)**

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
DEVOLUTION, SCOTLAND**

**The Scotland Act 2016 (Commencement  
No. 1) Regulations 2016**

*Made* - - - - *14th July 2016*

The Secretary of State for Scotland makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 72(4) and (6) of the Scotland Act 2016(1).

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Scotland Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2016.

**Provision coming into force on 18th August 2016**

2. Section 65 (Office of Communications) of the Scotland Act 2016 comes into force on 18th August 2016.

**Provisions coming into force on 5th September 2016**

3. The following provisions of Part 3 of the Scotland Act 2016 (welfare benefits and employment support) come into force on 5th September 2016—

- (a) in section 22 (disability, industrial injuries and carer's benefits)—
  - (i) subsection (1) in so far as it relates to subsection (3);
  - (ii) subsection (3);
- (b) in section 23 (benefits for maternity, funeral and heating expenses)—
  - (i) subsection (1) in so far as it relates to subsection (3);
  - (ii) subsection (3);
- (c) section 24 (discretionary payments: top-up of reserved benefits);
- (d) section 26 (discretionary payments and assistance);

- (e) section 28 (power to create other new benefits);
- (f) section 29 (universal credit: costs of claimants who rent accommodation);
- (g) section 30 (universal credit: persons to whom, and time when, paid);
- (h) section 31 (employment support);
- (i) section 32 (functions exercisable within devolved competence);
- (j) section 33 (Social Security Advisory Committee and Industrial Injuries Advisory Council);
- (k) section 34 (information-sharing);
- (l) section 35 (extension of unauthorised disclosure offence).

**Provision coming into force on 1st April 2017**

4. Section 25 (discretionary housing payments) of the Scotland Act 2016 comes into force on 1st April 2017.

14th July 2016

*David Mundell*  
Secretary of State  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force—

- provisions in Part 3 of the Scotland Act 2016, which relate to welfare benefits and employment support;
- section 65 of the Act, which makes various amendments to the Office of Communications Act 2002.