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2024 No. 157

COURT OF SESSION

SHERIFF COURT

Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) (Amendment) 2024

Made - - - -	*30th May 2024*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*31st May 2024*
Coming into force - -	*1st July 2024*

The Court of Session makes this Act of Sederunt under the powers conferred by section 75(1) of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987(**a**) and all other powers enabling it to do so.

Citation and commencement, etc.

1.—(1) This Act of Sederunt may be cited as the Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) (Amendment) 2024.

(2) It comes into force on 1st July 2024.

(3) A certified copy is to be inserted in the Books of Sederunt.

Amendment of the Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules 1991

2.—(1) The Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules 1991)(**b**) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) In rule 3(1)(c) (qualification as officer of court)(**c**), for "three" substitute "two".

(3) In rule 4(1)(a) (qualification as messenger-at-arms), for "two years" substitute "one year".

(4) In Schedule 1 (forms), in Form 1 (form of petition to the Court of Session for recommendation for a commission as a messenger-at-arms)—

(a) for "years", where it first occurs, substitute "at least one year";

(b) for "two years", in both places where it occurs substitute "one year".

(**a**) 1987 c. 18. Section 75 was amended by the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 8), schedule 4, paragraph 2.
(**b**) S.I. 1991/1397, last amended by S.S.I. 2022/355.
(**c**) Rule 3(1) was amended by S.S.I. 2014/29.

CJM SUTHERLAND
Lord President
I.P.D.

Edinburgh
30th May 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)

This Act of Sederunt amends the Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) 1991. Paragraph 2(2) amends rule 3 by reducing the period of training required for the purpose of becoming a sheriff officer from three years to two. Paragraph 2(3) amends rule 4 to reduce the period of practice as a sheriff officer required for the purpose of becoming a messenger-at-arms from two years to one. Paragraph 2(4) amends Schedule 1, Form 1 to change references to time periods to reflect the amendments made to rule 4.

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