SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SCOTTISH LAND COURT

LANDS TRIBUNAL

The Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*6th October 2026*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*8th October 2026*
Coming into force - -	*26th October 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 66(2) and (3)(a) of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026(**a**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 26 October 2026.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Act" means the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026.

Appointed day

2.—(1) 26 October 2026 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the table in the schedule (the subject matter of which is described in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table).

(2) Where a purpose is specified in column 3 of the table in the schedule, the corresponding provision in column 1 comes into force in accordance with paragraph (1) only for that purpose.

KIRSTEN OSWALD
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House
Edinburgh
6th October 2026

(**a**) 2026 asp 17.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Provisions of the Act coming into force on 26 October 2026

Column 1 *(provision of the Act)*	*Column 2* *(subject matter)*	*Column 3* *(purpose)*
Section 56	The Scottish Land Court	For the purpose of bringing into force paragraphs 27 and 35 of schedule 1
Section 59	Power to make further provision in connection with the merger etc.	
Section 60	Transitory provision: eligibility of suitable members of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to sit in Upper Tribunal	
Section 63	Minor and consequential provision	For the purpose of bringing into force sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of paragraph 9 of schedule 2
Paragraph 27 of schedule 1	Rules of Scottish Land Court	
Paragraph 35 of schedule 1	Interpretation of schedule 1	
Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of paragraph 9 of schedule 2	Minor and consequential amendments to the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014	For the purpose of enabling suitably qualified members of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to sit in the Upper Tribunal for Scotland

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring certain provisions of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026 ("the Act") into force.

Regulation 2 and the schedule appoint 26 October 2026 for the coming into force of sections 56, 59, 60 and 63, paragraphs 27 and 35 of schedule 1 and paragraph 9(1) to (3) of schedule 2 of the Act.

Section 59 of the Act gives the Scottish Ministers the power to make secondary legislation making further provision for or in connection with the transfer of the main aspects of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to the Scottish Land Court.

Section 60 of the Act makes transitory provision which amends the Lands Tribunal Act 1949 and the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 to enable suitably qualified members of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to be considered eligible to sit as members of the Upper Tribunal for Scotland.

Paragraph 27 of schedule 1 of the Act confers powers on the Court of Session to make rules, by an act of sederunt, governing the practice and procedure to be followed in proceedings in the merged Scottish Land Court.

Regulation 2(2) provides that, where a purpose is specified in column 3 of the table in the schedule, the corresponding provision in column 1 comes into force in accordance with paragraph (1) only for that purpose. This is the case for sections 56 and 63 of the Act which are both brought into force for the purpose of bringing into force the relevant provisions of schedule 1 and schedule 2 of the Act respectively. Sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of paragraph 9 of schedule 2 of the Act are brought into force for the purpose of enabling suitably qualified members of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to sit in the Upper Tribunal for Scotland.

The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 18 May 2026. By virtue of section 66(1) of the Act, that section together with sections 64, 65 and 67 came into force the following day.

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