SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 262 (C. 27)

POLICE

The Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*15th September 2026*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*17th September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*26th November 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22(2) and (3)(a) of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 26 November 2026.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the 2012 Act" means the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012(**b**),

"the Act" means the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025.

Appointed day

2. 26 November 2026 is the day appointed for the coming into force of section 10 (procedures for misconduct: senior officers) of the Act.

Transitional provision

3. Section 56(1A) of the 2012 Act applies in respect of a decision referred to in that subsection only where the decision follows a report, allegation or complaint which relates to conduct occurring on or after 26 November 2026.

(**a**) 2025 asp 5.
(**b**) 2012 asp 8.

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15th September 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force on 26 November 2026 section 10 of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 ("the Act"). They also make related transitional provision.

Section 56(1A) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 is inserted by section 10 of the Act and creates an additional right of appeal in relation to disciplinary action other than dismissal or demotion taken against senior officers in conduct cases. Regulation 3 makes transitional provision so that the right of appeal applies only in cases arising from reports, allegations or complaints which relate to conduct occurring on or after 26 November 2026.

The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 4 March 2025. Sections 21 to 23 came into force the following day.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.S.I. No.*
Sections 1 to 8	25 June 2025	S.S.I. 2025/175
Section 9 (partially)	25 June 2025	S.S.I. 2025/175
Sections 12 and 13	25 June 2025	S.S.I. 2025/175
Section 16	25 June 2025	S.S.I. 2025/175
Sections 19 and 20	25 June 2025	S.S.I. 2025/175

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