

Key legislation

Crown Estate Scotland operates under different pieces of legislation. Below is a summary of the key ones.

[Scotland Act 1998 \(as amended\)](#) and [Scotland Act 2016](#)

The Scotland Act 2016 prepared the ground for devolution of the management of the Scottish Crown Estate to Scottish Minister by enabling HM Treasury to establish a 'transfer scheme'.

[The Crown Estate Transfer Scheme 2017](#)

This secondary legislation transferred Scottish functions of Crown Estate Commissioners to Scottish Ministers. These powers consisted of property, rights or interests in land in Scotland and rights relating to the Scottish renewable energy zone.

[The Crown Estate Scotland Order 2017](#)

This Order established Crown Estate Scotland as a public corporation, directed by a board, to oversee the management of the Crown assets in Scotland. The board is appointed by Scottish Ministers and regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

[Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019](#)

The Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 sets out the statutory duties and obligations on Crown Estate Scotland as the manager of the Crown assets in Scotland.

The 2019 Act also paves the way for other bodies to become managers of Crown assets in Scotland and for other organisations to seek delegated responsibility for specific assets once the relevant provisions are brought in to force.

The 2019 Act requires It also confirms that managers of Scottish Crown Estate assets must act in the way best calculated to further the achievement of sustainable development in Scotland, and seek to manage the assets in a way that is likely to contribute to the promotion or improvement in Scotland of (a) economic development, (b) regeneration, (c) social wellbeing, (d) environmental wellbeing, (e) sustainable development.