

Key legislation

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

Crown Estate 1961 Act

This act – which also governs [The Crown Estate](#) which operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland – established the commercial lines on which we must operate. Under the act, we must maintain and enhance the capital value of the estate and its revenue.

It also includes a duty to ensure ‘good management’ as well as securing best consideration. In practice, this means obtaining market value (for leases, sales and other transactions) while contributing to Scotland’s economic, social and environmental well-being and prosperity.

Scotland Act 1998 (as amended) and Scotland Act 2016

The 2016 *Scotland Act* prepared the ground for devolution by enabling HM Treasury to establish a ‘transfer scheme’.

The Crown Estate Statutory 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 (Interim Management) Order 2017

This Order established Crown Estate (Scotland) Interim Management as a public corporation, directed by its 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.

The Crown Estate Bill

The Scottish Government has committed to bringing forward the *Crown Estate Bill* within the 2017/18 parliamentary year. The bill will establish a longer-term framework for the management of Crown Estate assets in Scotland.