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**Local government area boundaries in Scotland:
1995 onwards**

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, with responsibility for keeping under review local government areas and electoral arrangements in Scotland. The Commission has produced this series of Information Papers explaining local government in Scotland since its establishment.

Scotland is divided into 32 single-tier local government areas, which were introduced by the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994. The first elections to the councils of the new local authorities took place on 6 April 1995, with the new authorities taking up their responsibilities on 1 April 1996.

The table below lists the areas, together with a summary of their relationship with the preceding Districts, Regions and Islands Areas. Further details of those preceding local authority areas appear in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Information Paper *Local government area boundaries in Scotland: 1974 to 1996*.

The full definition in legislation of the local authority boundaries is explained in Appendix A.

Local authority	Area ¹ (km ²)	Preceding Districts, Regions and Islands Areas
Aberdeen City ²	186	City of Aberdeen District
Aberdeenshire	6,318	Banff and Buchan District; Gordon District; Kincardine and Deeside District
Angus	2,181	Angus District; the northern part of Dundee District
Argyll and Bute	6,930	Argyll and Bute District; the western part of Dumbarton District including Garelochhead, Helensburgh and Cardross
Clackmannanshire ³	157	Clackmannan District
Dumfries and Galloway	6,639	Dumfries and Galloway Region
Dundee City ⁴	65	The central part of City of Dundee District
East Ayrshire	1,252	Cumnock and Doon Valley District; Kilmarnock and Loudoun District
East Dunbartonshire	172	Bearsden and Milngavie District; Strathkelvin District except the south-eastern part around Stepps, Chryston and Gartcosh
East Lothian	678	East Lothian District
East Renfrewshire	173	Eastwood District; part of Renfrew District around Barrhead and Neilston
Edinburgh, City of	262	City of Edinburgh District

¹ Area data from: *The New Councils - Statistical Report, HMSO, May 1995*

² Originally named City of Aberdeen

³ Originally named Clackmannan

⁴ Originally named City of Dundee

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Local authority	Area ¹ (km ²)	Preceding Districts, Regions and Islands Areas
Eileanan an Iar, Na h- ⁵	3,133	Western Isles Islands Area
Falkirk	299	Falkirk District
Fife	1,323	Fife Region
Glasgow City ⁶	175	City of Glasgow District except the Rutherglen area
Highland	25,783	Highland Region
Inverclyde	162	Inverclyde District
Midlothian	356	Midlothian District
Moray	2,238	Moray District
North Ayrshire	884	Cunninghame District
North Lanarkshire	474	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District; Monklands District; Motherwell District; the south-eastern part of Strathkelvin District around Stepps, Chryston and Gartcosh
Orkney Islands	991	Orkney Islands Area
Perth and Kinross ⁷	5,311	The western part of Dundee District; Perth and Kinross District
Renfrewshire	261	Renfrew District except Barrhead and Neilston
Scottish Borders ⁸	4,734	Borders Region
Shetland Islands	1,438	Shetland Islands Area
South Ayrshire	1,202	Kyle and Carrick District
South Lanarkshire	1,771	Clydesdale District; East Kilbride District; the Rutherglen area of Glasgow District; Hamilton District
Stirling	2,196	Stirling District
West Dunbartonshire ⁹	162	Clydebank District; the eastern part of Dumbarton District including Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven
West Lothian	425	West Lothian District

Since being defined, a small number of minor amendments to the local authority boundaries have taken place as a result of reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. These are listed at Appendix B.

The development and definition of electoral wards for these local authority areas are described in more detail in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Information Paper *Local government electoral arrangements in Scotland: 1995 onwards*.

⁵ Originally named Western Isles

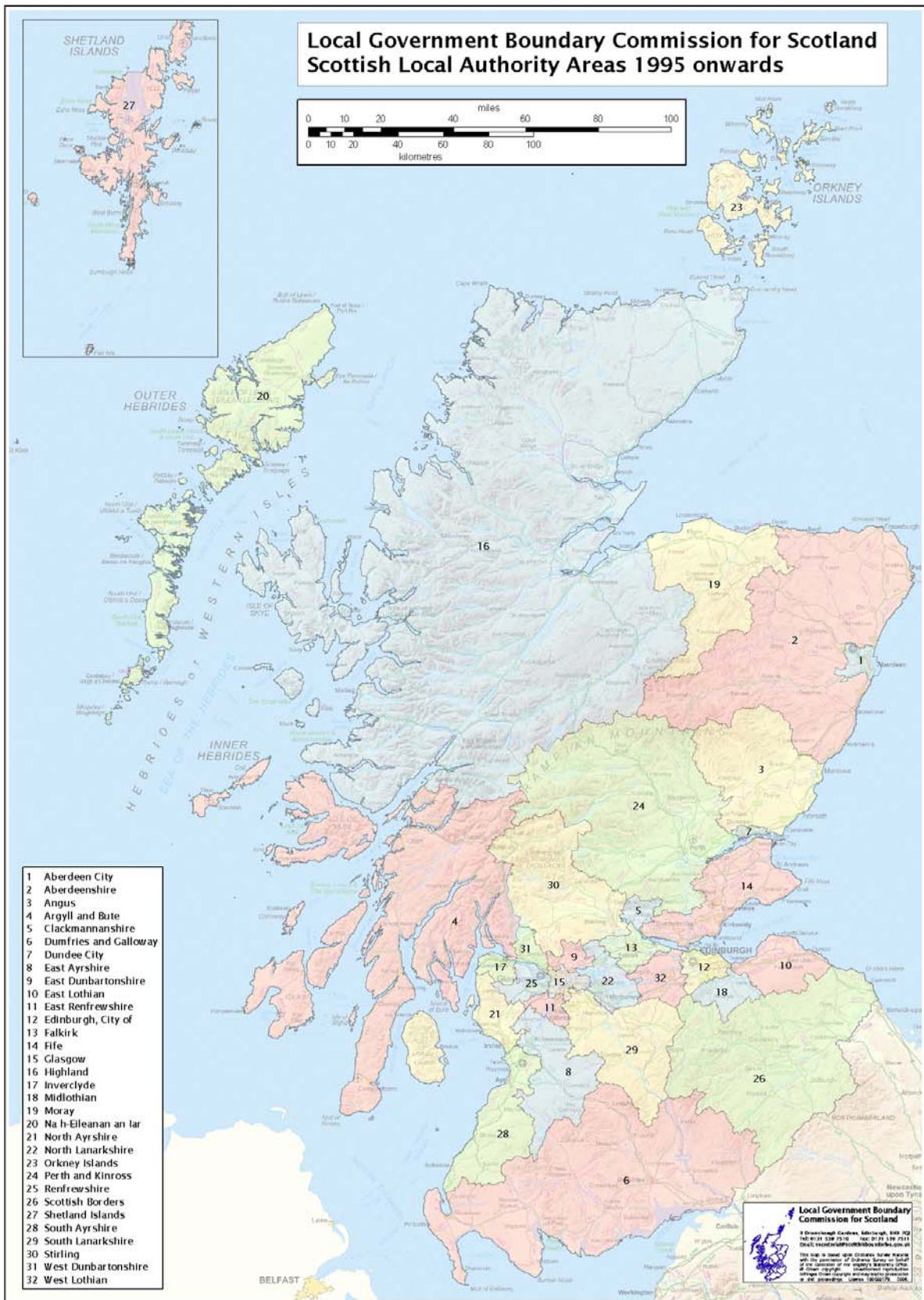
⁶ Originally named City of Glasgow

⁷ Originally named Perthshire and Kinross

⁸ Originally named The Borders

⁹ Originally named Dumbarton and Clydebank

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The full definition of the boundaries of the local government areas was set out in Schedule 1 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 which is reproduced below.

The names of some of the local government areas have been changed since the passage of the 1994 Act: these changes are listed in the table below. Such name changes take place in accordance with section 23 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended by the 1994 Act, by resolution of the council of the local authority.

Local government name in 1994 Act	Revised local government area name	Date of change
City of Aberdeen	Aberdeen City	
City of Dundee	Dundee City	
City of Glasgow	Glasgow City	
Clackmannan	Clackmannanshire	1.4.1996
Dumbarton and Clydebank	West Dunbartonshire	29.11.1995
Perthshire and Kinross	Perth and Kinross	1.12.1995
The Borders	Scottish Borders	1.4.1996
Western Isles Western Isles Council	Na h-Eileanan an Iar Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	7.11.1998

Most of the definitions in the 1994 Act are in terms of Region, Islands Area and District boundaries as they existed at the time of the passage of the 1994 Act. These were originally defined in Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Since being defined in the 1973 Act, some of the local authority boundaries were amended as a result of reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. Details of those boundaries and amendments are available in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's Information Paper *Local government area boundaries in Scotland: 1974 to 1996*.

The other units used in the 1994 Act for local authority area definitions are:

- polling districts for regional council elections;
- Electoral Divisions 30 and 31 for Tayside Regional Council elections. These were defined in 1993¹⁰ after the 2nd Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements for Tayside Region conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland;
- various Electoral Divisions for Strathclyde Regional Council elections. These were defined in 1993¹¹ after the 2nd Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements for Strathclyde Region conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland; and
- South Lenzie / Waterside district ward. This was defined in 1983¹² after the Initial Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements for Strathkelvin District conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

¹⁰ The Tayside Region (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1993 S.I.1993/991

¹¹ The Strathclyde Region (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1993 S.I.1993/2439

¹² The Strathkelvin District (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1983 S.I.1983/1489

Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

SCHEDULE 1

NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

PART I

New areas

New local government areas	Comprising area of
City of Aberdeen	Aberdeen District Council
Aberdeenshire	Banff and Buchan District Council; Gordon District Council; Kincardine and Deeside District Council
Angus	<p>Angus District Council; Tayside electoral divisions 30 (Monifieth) and 31 (Sidlaw) (except</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first, polling district PDB; • secondly, that part of polling district PDC lying to the east and south of a line commencing at the junction of unnamed roads at grid reference NO 3297 3106 then running northwest to the crossroads at Mains of Fowlis at grid reference NO 3247 3239; then running northeastward along the unnamed road between Mains of Fowlis and Liff to the western curtilage of the property known as Cater-Milly at grid reference NO 3300 3276; then running southward and eastward along the western and southern curtilages of the said property to the field boundary at grid reference NO 3308 3259; then continuing southeastward along the said field boundary and across the Liff Burn to the eastern perimeter of the woodland known as Gray Den at grid reference NO 3332 3239; then running north and east along the path running along the said eastern perimeter of Gray Den to its junction with the unnamed track between Liff and Mains of Gray at grid reference NO 3336 3273; then running north to the junction of the said track and the southern curtilage of the property known as Gray Cottage; then running northeastward along the southern curtilages of Gray Cottage, Learsmonth House, Woodend Cottages and No. 31 Church Road to the southern edge of Church Road where it runs between Liff and the Royal Dundee Liff Hospital then running eastward along the continuation of the said road past the northern perimeter of the said Hospital to the road junction at grid reference NO 3537 3276; • thirdly, that part of polling district ADA

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	<p>lying to the east and south of a line commencing at a point on the A923 road at grid reference NO 3560 3378 then running north along the eastern curtilage of No 100 Coupar Angus Road and northwestwards along the northern curtilages of Nos 100 to 122 Coupar Angus Road to the eastern perimeter of Blairfield Road;</p> <p>then northwards along the said eastern perimeter to the field boundary at grid reference NO 3533 3436;</p> <p>then northeastwards along the said field boundary to its junction with Templeton Road at grid reference NO 3577 3455;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fourthly, that part of polling district ADC lying to the east and south of a line commencing at grid reference NO 3660 3474 then running northward to the northwest corner of Baldragon Wood at grid reference NO 3658 3496; <p>then running eastward along the northern perimeter of the said wood and continuing along the field boundary to grid reference NO 3725 3491;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fifthly, those parts of polling districts ADE and ADF lying to the east and south of a line commencing on the southern boundary of polling district ADE on the A90 road at grid reference NO 4166 3458; <p>then running northwards along the said A90 road to its intersection with Emmock Road at grid reference NO 4180 3508 then running southeastwards along the said Emmock Road to its junction with the unnamed road leading to South Powrie and Barns of Wedderburn then eastwards along the said unnamed road as far as the northwestern curtilage of Barns of Wedderburn at grid reference NO 4347 3469;</p> <p>then running southwestwards and southeastwards along the northwestern and southwestern perimeter of the said property to the point where it meets the unnamed road leading to Fintry at grid reference NO 4347 3458;</p> <p>then running southwestwards along the said unnamed road to the road junction at grid reference NO 4345 3452; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sixthly, those parts of polling districts EDN, EDQ, PDA, WED, WEE, WEF and WEG lying within its boundary)
Argyll and Bute	<p>Argyll and Bute District Council;</p> <p>Strathclyde electoral division 7 (Helensburgh) and, in Strathclyde electoral division 8 (Vale of Leven), polling district DB77 and that part of polling district DB78 lying north of a line commencing at grid reference NS 3464 8256;</p> <p>then running northeastwards to the field corner at grid reference NS 3469 8264;</p> <p>then southeastwards to the field junction at grid reference NS 3608 8198;</p> <p>then northeastwards to the field junction at grid reference NS 3658 8242;</p>

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	then northwestwards to the junction of the field boundary and an unnamed burn at grid reference NS 3613 8269; then generally northeastwards along the course of the said burn to where it meets Loch Lomond at grid reference NS 3743 8336; then due northeastwards from that point to the eastern boundary of the said polling district in Loch Lomond
East Ayrshire	Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council and Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council
North Ayrshire	Cunninghame District Council
South Ayrshire	Kyle and Carrick District Council
The Borders	Borders Regional Council
Clackmannan	Clackmannan District Council
Dumbarton and Clydebank	Clydebank District Council; Strathclyde electoral divisions 6 (Dumbarton) and 8 (Vale of Leven) (except the areas of the said electoral division 8 included in Argyll and Bute)
Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council
East Dunbartonshire	Bearsden and Milngavie District Council; Strathclyde electoral divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 (Kirkintilloch), • 44 (Strathkelvin North), • 45 (Bishopbriggs) and • the South Lenzie/Waterside district ward in Strathclyde electoral division 46 (Chryston)
City of Dundee	City of Dundee District Council (except Tayside electoral division 30 (Monifieth) and those parts of 31 (Sidlaw) which are in Angus or Perthshire and Kinross)
City of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh District Council
Falkirk	Falkirk District Council
Fife	Fife Regional Council
City of Glasgow	City of Glasgow District Council except Strathclyde electoral divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 (Rutherglen/Fernhill), • 38 (Cambuslang/Halfway) and, • in 35 (King's Park/Toryglen), polling districts RU03, RU04, RU09 and RU18
Highland	Highland Regional Council
Inverclyde	Inverclyde District Council
North Lanarkshire	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Motherwell and Monklands District Councils; Strathclyde electoral division 46 (Chryston) (except South Lenzie/Waterside district ward)
South Lanarkshire	Clydesdale, Hamilton and East Kilbride District Councils; Strathclyde electoral divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 (Rutherglen/Fernhill), • 38 (Cambuslang/Halfway) and, • in 35 (King's Park/Toryglen), polling districts RU03, RU04,

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	RU09 and RU18
East Lothian	East Lothian District Council
Midlothian	Midlothian District Council
West Lothian	West Lothian District Council
Moray	Moray District Council
Orkney Islands	Orkney Islands Council
Perthshire and Kinross	Perth and Kinross District Council and, in Tayside electoral division 31 (Sidlaw), polling district PDB and that part of polling district PDA lying to the south of a line commencing at a point adjacent to Starr Inn Farm at grid reference NO 3309 3051 on the A90 road; then running eastward along the said road to the junction at grid reference NO 3462 3079.
East Renfrewshire	Eastwood District Council; Strathclyde electoral division 79 (Barrhead)
Renfrewshire	Renfrew District Council (except Strathclyde electoral division 79 (Barrhead))
Shetland Islands	Shetland Islands Council
Stirling	Stirling District Council
Western Isles	Western Isles Islands Council

PART II

Provisions as to boundaries

1 The boundaries of the new local government areas shall be mered by Ordnance Survey.

2 In this Schedule —

“electoral division” means an electoral division for regional council elections as at 5th May 1994;

“polling district” means a polling district for regional council elections as at 1st December 1993; and

“ward” means a ward for district council elections as at 7th May 1992.

Appendix B – Amendments to local authority boundaries since 1995

Section 14(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, requires the Commission to carry out reviews of all local government areas between 8 and 12 years after 1 April 1996 (i.e. April 2004 - March 2008), and every 8 to 12 years thereafter. Under section 14(2) of the 1973 Act, the Commission has the power to review any part of any local authority area at its discretion. Under section 15, Ministers have the power to direct the Commission whether or not to carry out reviews of any local government area.

Ministers have limited the Commission's scope to carry out such reviews by a series of Ministerial Directions. Directions dated 7 June 1999 and 31 March 2004, covering the period 8 June 1999 to 31 March 2008, restricted any such review to one which potentially directly affected no more than 50 electors. A current Direction covers the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2011, and limits any such review to one which potentially directly affects no more than 300 electors.

Some amendments to the boundaries of local government areas defined in the 1994 Act have been made after reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.

Scottish Ministers implement the recommendations from the reports by Scottish Statutory Instruments. These Statutory Instruments do not amend Schedule 1 of the 1994 Act, but instead define a new boundary in the area affected under powers in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

All of the reports from these Reviews are available from the Commission's website.

LGBCS report	Date	Boundary altered	Location	Scottish Statutory Instrument	Date in force
A00001	Nov 2000	Argyll & Bute / West Dunbartonshire	Ardoch Sewage Works	2002 No 155	1 Jun 02
A00002	Nov 2000	Aberdeen City / Aberdeenshire	Blackburn	2002 No 154	1 Jun 02
A00003	Nov 2000	Glasgow City / Renfrewshire	Braehead	2002 No 156	1 Jun 02
A00004	Nov 2000	Edinburgh, City of / West Lothian	West Farm, Broxburn	2002 No 157	1 Jun 02
A09001	Mar 2009	Glasgow City / North Lanarkshire	Cardowan, by Stepps	2009 No 368	1 Apr 10
A09002	Oct 2009	Angus / Dundee City	Fithiebank	2009 No 442	1 Apr 10
A10001	Mar 2010	East Dunbartonshire / Glasgow City	Princes Gate and Greenacres		