



# **SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS GAZETTE**

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The following are published in this Gazette —

**Notices 1 to 3;**

**Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (No 1 of 2024); and**

**Matrimonial Causes (Repeal) Ordinance 2024 (No 2 of 2024).**

## **NOTICES**

No. 1

9 January 2024

### **Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977** *section 73*

#### **Public Holidays 2024**

In accordance with section 73 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977, I declare that the following dates will be public holidays for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands during 2024:-

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 January   | New Year's Day  |
| 17 January  | Possession Day  |
| 29 March    | Good Friday     |
| 25 April    | Liberation Day  |
| 20 May      | Shackleton Day  |
| 21 June     | Mid-winter Day  |
| 30 October  | Environment Day |
| 25 December | Christmas Day   |
| 26 December | Boxing Day.     |

Dated 9 January 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

No. 2

13 February 2024

### **South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands Order 1985** *section 7*

#### **Appointment of Acting Attorney General and Acting Coroner**

1. In exercise of my powers under section 7 of the South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands Order 1985, I appoint **Davina Jo-Anne Fiore** to be Acting Attorney General for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Attorney General at any time when the post is vacant, or the substantive holder of the post, Simon David Young, is unavailable to discharge the same through any absence from the Falkland Islands or inability to perform the functions and duties of the post.

2. In exercise of my powers under section 29 of the Administration of Justice Ordinance 1949 in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, I appoint **Davina Jo-Anne Fiore** to be Acting Coroner for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Coroner at any time when the post is vacant, or the

substantive holder of the post is unavailable to discharge the same through any absence from the Falkland Islands or inability to perform the functions and duties of the post.

3. These appointments have effect from 6 November 2023, and continue in effect whilst Davina Jo-Anne Fiore holds office as the Head of Legal Services of the Falkland Islands Government, unless terminated sooner.

Dated 13 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

No. 3

22 February 2024

### **Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000** *section 4*

#### **Appointment of Fisheries Protection Officers**

1. Section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 provides for the Commissioner to appoint Fisheries Protection Officers.

2. In exercise of my powers under section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 I appoint:-

**Diane Baum;**  
**Mark Belchier;**  
**Jennifer Black;**  
**Denise Blake;**  
**Sophie Ellerton;**  
**Victoria Foster;**  
**George James Gittens;**  
**Susan Gregory;**  
**Elena Lindsey;**  
**Mairi McLeod;**  
**Paul Robert Morrison;**  
**James Sinclair;**  
**Patrick Smith;**  
**Scott Hayden Thain;**  
**Simon Wallace;**  
**Laura Sinclair Willis; and**  
**Karen Wolstenholme**

to be Fisheries Protection Officers for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (subject to any earlier termination).

Dated 22 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

# CHARLES III



Territories of South Georgia  
and the South Sandwich Islands

ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

## **Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024**

(No: 1 of 2024)

### ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS

#### Section

1. Title
2. Commencement
3. Amendment of Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)
4. Section 2 amended (interpretation)
5. Section 11 replaced (consents required to marriage of minors)
6. Section 14 repealed (forbidding marriages)
7. Section 17 amended (certificates)
8. Section 25 replaced (fees)
9. Minor amendments

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Territories of South Georgia  
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ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

## MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2024

(No: 1 of 2024)

*(assented to: 13 February 2024)*

*(commencement: on publication)*

*(published: 27 February 2024)*

### AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 43).

ENACTED by the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

#### **1. Title**

This Ordinance is the Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024.

#### **2. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

#### **3. Amendment of Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)**

This Ordinance amends the Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43) in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

#### **4. Section 2 amended (interpretation)**

In section 2 delete the definition of ““Minor” or “Infant””.

#### **5. Section 11 replaced (consents required to marriage of minors)**

Replace section 11 with —

### “11. Marriage - minimum age

No marriage may be solemnised by a registrar or a minister of religion under this Ordinance between persons either of whom is under the age of 18 years.”.

### 6. Section 14 repealed (forbidding marriages)

Section 14 is repealed.

### 7. Section 17 amended (certificates)

Replace “the husband” with “the parties to the marriage”.

### 8. Section 25 replaced (fees)

Replace section 25 with —


#### “25. Fees

The Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* require payment of a fee for a service provided under this Ordinance of an amount specified in the notice.”.

### 9. Minor amendments

(1) In the First Schedule —

(a) replace Form 1 (Notice of Marriage) with —

| Registrar General for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands                  |     |                |            |                    |                     | Form 1                                  |
|---|-----|----------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| No: / 20  |     |                |            |                    |                     | Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)             |
|  |     |                |            |                    |                     |   |
| <b>NOTICE OF MARRIAGE</b>   |     |                |            |                    |                     |   |
| Name & Surname  | Age | Marital status | Occupation | Place of Residence | Period of Residence | Date, Time & Place of intended Marriage |
|   |     |                |            |                    |                     |   |
|   |     |                |            |                    |                     |   |

AND

I believe that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage;  
and  
In respect of myself I am eighteen years of age or over

In respect of the said:  
They are eighteen years of age or over;  
And I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons to be married are true.

Signature:

Signed and declared to before me by (must be Magistrate, Registrar, Justice of the Peace, British consular official or Notary Public):

This day of 20 , at

I certify that the above declaration was duly received by me on the day of 20 . Signed:

Registrar General for South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands

(b) in Form 2, replace the headings with the following —


| Name and Surname in full | Age | Marital status | Occupation | Place of residence | Parent's name and occupation<br><i>parent 1</i> | Parent's name and occupation<br><i>parent 2</i> |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------|------------|--------------------|---|---|
|--------------------------|-----|----------------|------------|--------------------|---|---|

(c) replace Form 3 (Marriage Certificate) with —

*Registrar General for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands*

Form 3  
*Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)*

No: \*\*\*\*/20



**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**

Marriage solemnised at \*\*\*\*\*

| <u>When Married</u> | <u>Name &amp; Surname in full</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Marital status</u> | <u>Occupation</u> | <u>Place of Residence</u> | <u>Parent's name, surname and Occupation</u><br><i>(Parent 1)</i> | <u>Parent's name, surname and Occupation</u><br><i>(Parent 2)</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| TIME                |                                   |            |                       |                   |                           |   |   |
| DAY                 |                                   |            |                       |                   |                           |   |   |
| DATE/MONTH          |                                   |            |                       |                   |                           |   |   |
| YEAR                |                                   |            |                       |                   |                           |   |   |

Married at [LOCATION] by me, [NAME], REGISTRAR

*This Marriage was solemnised between us,* *in the presence of us,*

Signed: ..... [Name] Signed: ..... [Name] (Witness)

Signed: ..... [Name] Signed: ..... [Name] (Witness)

Signed: ..... [Name] Signed: ..... [Name] (Witness)

(2) Delete the Second and Third Schedules.

Enacted 13 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

*(not part of the Ordinance)*

This Ordinance amends the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 43) (“the Ordinance”) as applied to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands by the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance (Cap 1 D.S.). The Ordinance is amended to set the minimum age for marriage age at 18 years and remove the requirement for parental consent for marriage. The amendment aligns the Ordinance with the law of England and Wales.

*Sections 1 to 3* provide for preliminary matters. The amendments commence on publication in the *Gazette*.

*Section 4* amends section 2 of the Ordinance by deleting the definition of ““Minor” or “Infant””. A minor or infant is defined as a person who is under 21 years and consent is required under the Ordinance before they marry.

*Section 5* replaces section 11 of the Ordinance and the new section provides that a marriage where one of the parties is below 18 years of age is void. A minimum age for marriage is therefore set at 18 years.

*Section 6* repeals section 14 of the Ordinance which allows persons whose consent to a marriage is required to forbid the marriage.

*Section 7* amends section 17 so as to remove some discriminatory language which requires a marriage certificate to be handed to the husband. The change provides for the certificate to be handed to the parties to the marriage.

*Section 8* replaces section 25 of the Ordinance (which provides for the payment of fees specified in the Ordinance) with a provision that allows the Commissioner to set fees by notice in the *Gazette* for services provided under the Ordinance. The notice must specify the service and the fee.

*Section 9* effects amendments to the forms in the First Schedule and deletes the Second and Third Schedules. The forms in the First Schedule are revised in line with the removal of consent requirements. The Third Schedule is deleted because under the new section 25, fees will be set by notice in the *Gazette*.

**CHARLES III**



Territories of South Georgia  
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ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

**Matrimonial Causes (Repeal) Ordinance 2024**

(No: 2 of 2024)

**ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS**

Section

1. Title
2. Commencement
3. Repeal of Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979



# CHARLES III



Territories of South Georgia  
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ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

## MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (REPEAL) ORDINANCE 2024

(No: 2 of 2024)

*(assented to: 13 February 2024)*

*(commencement: on publication)*

*(published: 27 February 2024)*

### AN ORDINANCE

To repeal the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979 as applied to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

ENACTED by the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

#### **1. Title**

This Ordinance is the Matrimonial Causes (Repeal) Ordinance 2024.

#### **2. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

#### **3. Repeal of Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979**

The Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979, as applied to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands by section 2 of the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance 1980, is repealed.

Enacted 13 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**  
*(not part of the Ordinance)*

This Ordinance repeals the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979 in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (Territories). The Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979 was applied to the Territories by section 2 of the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance 1980.

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**Notices 4 to 6.**

## **NOTICES**

No. 4

11 April 2024

### **Customs (Declaration and Clearance) Order 2016** *article 8*

#### **Notice of Fees**

In accordance with article 8 of the Customs (Declaration and Clearance) Order 2016 the fees payable under the Order are set out below. These fees are payable from the date of publication of this notice in the *Gazette* until otherwise changed, amended or revoked.

#### **Fees payable in respect of all vessels**

The total fee payable is made up of two components:-

(1) For making an entry declaration and/or an exit clearance declaration:-

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| For making an entry declaration  | £36 |
| For making an exit clearance declaration   | £36 |
| If making an entry declaration and an exit clearance declaration involving a single visit to the vessel by a Customs Officer | £36 |

(2) Additional fees payable in respect of the time the Customs Officer is engaged:-

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
|  | Minimum payable |
| During normal working hours a further fee calculated at the rate of £26 per hour (or part hour) – with the minimum fee payable being £52.  | £52             |
| Outside normal working hours a further fee calculated at the rate of £42 per hour (or part hour) – with the minimum fee payable being £84. | £84             |

Notes:

- 1- Normal working hours are between 0800 and 1630 local time (Public Holidays excepted).
- 2- All fees must be paid to a Customs Officer or as directed by a Customs Officer.
- 3- Fees must be paid in the currency of the United Kingdom or in such other currency approved by the Customs Officer.

Dated 11 April 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

No. 5

11 April 2024

### **Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)** *section 25*

#### **Notice of Fee**

Section 25 of the Marriage Ordinance (“the Ordinance”) (as amended by the Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024) provides that the Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* require payment of a fee for a service

provided under the Ordinance of an amount specified in the notice.

In accordance with section 25 of the Ordinance the fee for issue of a Commissioner’s Special Licence for marriage is £416.

Dated 11 April 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

No. 6

11 April 2024

### **Visitors Ordinance 1992** *section 3*

#### **Passenger Landing Fee Notice 2024**

1. A passenger landing fee is payable in respect of every visitor to South Georgia who is 16 years and above at the commencement of the visit. Section 3 of the Visitors Ordinance 1992 (as amended by the Visitors (Amendment) Ordinance 2019) provides that the amount of the fee may be prescribed by the Commissioner by notice published in the *Gazette*.

2. Passenger landing fees are calculated as follows —

(a) for a visit lasting up to 3 days: £146.00;

(b) for a visit of more than 3 days and up to 30 days —

(i) £146.00; and

(ii) £26.00 for each additional day,

up to a maximum of £250.00;

(c) where a visit is more than 30 days, an additional amount must be paid in accordance with (a) and (b) as if a new visit has commenced; and

(d) paragraph (c) applies whenever a further 30 day period is exceeded.

3. Passenger landing fees must be paid at a time provided in guidance and the guidance may provide for the method of payment of the landing fees in accordance with section 4 of the Visitors Ordinance 1992 (as amended by the Visitors (Amendment) Ordinance 2019).

4. The guidance is set out in “Visiting South Georgia” which can be found on the Government of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands website:- ([https://gov.gs/documents\\_visitors/](https://gov.gs/documents_visitors/)).

5. These passenger landing fees apply from the date of publication of this notice in the *Gazette*.

Dated 11 April 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*



# **SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS GAZETTE**

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The following are published in this Gazette —

**Notice 7;**

**Postal Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (No 3 of 2024); and**

**Harbours (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SR&O No 1 of 2024).**

## **NOTICES**

No. 7

10 May 2024

### **South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Order 1985**

*section 4*

#### **Designation of Acting Commissioner**

1. Take notice that in accordance with section 4(2) of the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Order 1985 (as amended), and acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, Paul Candler, Director of the Overseas Territories and Polar Directorate of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of His Majesty's Government, has

designated **David Paul Morgan** to assume and perform the functions of the office of Commissioner for such period as the Commissioner is unable to perform those functions herself.

2. The designation has effect from 10 May 2024, and will continue in effect until the Commissioner is able to perform the functions of the office herself, unless terminated sooner.

Dated 10 May 2024

S. D. YOUNG,  
*Attorney General.*

**CHARLES III**



Territories of South Georgia  
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DAVID PAUL MORGAN,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

**Postal Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2024**

(No: 3 of 2024)

**ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS**

**Section**

1. Title
2. Commencement
3. Amendment of Postal Services Ordinance 2011
4. Section 6 replaced (postal rates)
5. Section 14 replaced (registration)
6. Schedule replaced

# CHARLES III



Territories of South Georgia  
and the South Sandwich Islands

DAVID PAUL MORGAN,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

## POSTAL SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2024

(No: 3 of 2024)

*(assented to: 18 June 2024)*  
*(commencement: 1 July 2024)*  
*(published: 18 June 2024)*

### AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Postal Services Ordinance 2011.

ENACTED by the Acting Commissioner for South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands —

#### **1. Title**

This Ordinance is the Postal Services (Amendment) Ordinance 2024.

#### **2. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on 1 July 2024.

#### **3. Amendment of Postal Services Ordinance 2011**

This Ordinance amends the Postal Services Ordinance 2011.

#### **4. Section 6 replaced (postal rates)**

Section 6 is replaced with —

##### **“6. Postal rates**

(1) The postal rates for the Territory are set out in the Schedule.

(2) The Commissioner may amend the Schedule by notice published in the *Gazette*.”.



## 5. Section 14 replaced (registration)

Section 14 is replaced with —

### “14. Registration

- (1) The fees for registration are set out in the Schedule.
- (2) The maximum limit of compensation for the loss of a registered postal packet is —
  - (a) £30, where the overseas fee has been paid; and
  - (b) £15, otherwise.
- (3) The Commissioner may amend the maximum limits of compensation under subsection (2), by notice published in the *Gazette*.”.

## 6. Schedule replaced

The Schedule is replaced with —

### “SCHEDULE

*sections 6 and 14*

| <b><u>Air mail Rates:</u></b> |                | £    |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------|
| Letters                       | First 20g      | 1.25 |
|                               | each extra 10g | 0.30 |
| Small packets                 | First 70g      | 1.85 |
|                               | each extra 10g | 0.20 |
| Postcard                      |                | 1.25 |
| Aerogramme                    |                | 1.10 |
| Registration Fee              |                | 5.00 |

| <b><u>Surface Rates:</u></b> |                                       | £     |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Letters                      | First 20g                             | 0.80  |
|                              | up to 100g                            | 1.25  |
|                              | each extra 50g                        | 0.55  |
| Small Packets                | First 100g                            | 1.40  |
|                              | each extra 50g                        | 0.40  |
| Postcard                     |                                       | 0.70  |
| Parcels to UK                | First kg                              | 18.00 |
|                              | each extra kg up to a maximum of 30kg | 7.00  |

|                             |                |      |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------|
| <b><u>Inland Rates:</u></b> |                | £    |
| Letters                     | First 20g      | 0.40 |
|                             | up to 100g     | 0.55 |
|                             | each extra 50g | 0.20 |
| Small Packets               | First 100g     | 0.65 |
|                             | each extra 50g | 0.10 |
| Postcard                    |                | 0.40 |
| Registration Fee            |                | 1.00 |

Enacted 18 June 2024

D. P. MORGAN,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
*(not part of the Ordinance)*

This Ordinance amends the Postal Services Ordinance 2011 (“the Ordinance”). The Ordinance is amended to set new postal rates and to allow amendment of rates to be specified by notice published in the Gazette.

*Sections 1 to 3* provide for preliminary matters. The new postal rates take effect on 1 July 2024.

*Section 4* replaces section 6. Section 6 provides for the setting of postal rates by the Commissioner and allows the Commissioner to amend postal rates by notice published in the Gazette.

*Section 5* replaces section 14. Registration fees are now included in the Schedule. The fee may be changed by notice published in the *Gazette* (section 4). The maximum limits of compensation for loss of a registered postal packet are increased, from £20 to £30 for packets going overseas and from £10 to £15 for other. A new subsection (3) is added which allows the maximum limit of compensation to be amended by notice published in the *Gazette*.

*Section 6* replaces the Schedule and new postal rates are set.

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## **SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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### **HARBOURS**

#### **Harbours (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

(S. R. & O. No.: 1 of 2024)

#### **ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS**

##### **Regulation**

1. Title
2. Commencement
3. Amendment of Harbours (Fees) Regulations 2011
4. Amendment of regulation 4 (fee payable in respect of yachts)
5. Schedule replaced

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## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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### HARBOURS

#### Harbours (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

(S. R. & O. No.: 1 of 2024)

(Made: ..... 18 June 2024)

(Published: ..... 18 June 2024)

(Commencement: 1 July 2024)

I make these regulations under section 3 of the Harbours Ordinance (Cap. 30 Laws of the Falkland Islands as it applies to South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands under the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance 1949).

#### 1. Title

These regulations are the Harbours (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

#### 2. Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 July 2024.

#### 3. Amendment of Harbours (Fees) Regulations 2011

These Regulations amend the Harbours (Fees) Regulations 2011.

#### 4. Amendment of regulation 4 (fee payable in respect of yachts)

In regulation 4, replace “£50” with “£52”.

#### 5. Schedule replaced

Replace the Schedule with —

#### “SCHEDULE - TABLE OF INITIAL FEES

*regulation 7*

| Net tonnage                       | Column 2<br>(12 or fewer passengers) | Column 3<br>(More than 12<br>passengers) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Less than 100                     | £235                                 | £470                                     |
| 100 or more but less than 800     | £330                                 | £660                                     |
| 800 or more but less than 1,000   | £415                                 | £830                                     |
| 1,000 or more but less than 1,500 | £480                                 | £960                                     |
| 1,500 or more but less than 2,000 | £585                                 | £1,170                                   |
| 2,000 or more but less than 5,000 | £705                                 | £1,410                                   |
| 5,000 or more but less than 7,000 | £875                                 | £1,750                                   |

|                                     |        |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 7,000 or more but less than 10,000  | £1,300 | £2,600 |
| 10,000 or more but less than 15,000 | £1,590 | £3,180 |
| 15,000 or more but less than 20,000 | £1,865 | £3,730 |
| 20,000 or more                      | £1,960 | £3,920 |

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Made 18 June 2024

D. P. MORGAN,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

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EXPLANATORY NOTE  
*(not part of the regulations)*

These regulations amend the Harbours (Fees) Regulations 2011 (“2011 Regulations”) to increase the fees payable.

The fee in respect of yachts, (regulation 4), is increased from £50 to £52.

Fees for vessels other than yachts are revised upwards. The Schedule to the 2011 Regulations is replaced to provide for the new fees. The fees charged are based on net tonnage of a vessel.

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**Notices 8 to 9; and**

**Currency Ordinance 2024 (No 4 of 2024).**

## **NOTICES**

No. 8

3 October 2024

### **Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 *section 4*,**

**Customs Ordinance 2016 *section 5*,  
Immigration Ordinance 1965 *section 3*,  
Police Ordinance 2017 *section 7*; and  
Marriage Ordinance 1949 *section 4***

### **Appointment of Fisheries Protection officers, Customs officers, Immigration officers, Reserve Police officers and Registrars**

1. I, Alison Mary Blake C.M.G., Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands appoint:-

(a) **Tracey Cooper** with effect from 24 September 2024;

(b) **Bernice Hewitt** with effect from 5 October 2024; and

(c) **Nadine Orme** with effect from 2 January 2025, to be:-

Fisheries Protection officers, in accordance with section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000;

Customs officers, in accordance with section 5 of the Customs Ordinance 2016;

Immigration officers, in accordance with section 3 of the Immigration Ordinance 1965;

Reserve Police officers, in accordance with section 7 of the Police Ordinance 2017; and

Registrars, in accordance with section 4 of the Marriage Ordinance 1949.

2. Appointment as Fisheries Protection officers has effect and continues in effect, until 31 March 2025, unless terminated sooner.

3. The remaining appointments have effect and continue in effect, until expiry of the appointees contract of employment with the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Government, unless terminated sooner.

Dated 3 October 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

No. 9

3 October 2024

### **Postal Services Ordinance 2011 *section 17***

### **Authorisation of postal officers**

1. Section 17 of the Postal Services Ordinance 2011 ("the Ordinance") provides for the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands to authorise one or more persons to perform the functions of postal officers for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

2. In accordance with section 17 of the Ordinance I, Alison Mary Blake CMG, Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands authorise **Laura Ling** and **Sarah Devlin** to perform the functions of postal officers for the Territory as provided in the Ordinance.

3. This authorisation has effect from 23 September 2024 until the expiry of the contract of employment of Laura Ling and Sarah Devlin with the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Government, unless terminated sooner.

Dated 3 October 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

# CHARLES III



## Territories of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

ALISON MARY BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

### **Currency Ordinance 2024**

(No. 4 of 2024)

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### CURRENCY ORDINANCE 2024

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#### AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the currency of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and connected matters.

The Secretary of State for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office having signified the pleasure of the Sovereign in the enactment of the Ordinance in accordance with section 9(2) of, and paragraph 6 of the Annex to, the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Order 1985 (SI 1985/449) it is

ENACTED by the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

#### **1. Title and commencement**

This Ordinance is the Currency Ordinance 2024 and comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

#### **2. Interpretation**

In this Ordinance —

“**commemorative coins**” has the meaning in section 4;

“**sterling coins**” means coins of the United Kingdom minted by the Royal Mint or otherwise by the authority of the Sovereign’s Government in the United Kingdom;

“**sterling notes**” means a bank note denominated in pounds sterling issued by the Bank of England; and

“**the Territories**” has the same meaning as in The South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Order 1985 (SI 1985/449).

### **3. Currency of the Territories**

The currency of the Territories is the pound sterling.

### **4. Commemorative coins**

(1) The Commissioner may by order authorise the minting and issue of coins of the Territories (“**commemorative coins**”).

(2) An Order under subsection (1) must specify —

(a) the denomination of the commemorative coins, which must not exceed —

(i) 5 pounds in the case of any coin which is not a gold coin; or

(ii) 20 pounds in relation to any gold coin;

(b) subject to subsection (3), the weight, form and design of the coins;

(c) the metal of which the coins must be manufactured;

(d) the authorised mint;

(e) the maximum total value or number of each denomination of the coins that may be minted and issued;

(f) the period during which the coins may be minted; and

(g) the period during which the coins may be issued.

(3) A commemorative coin must have a year stamped on it, or otherwise applied to it, which may be a different year to that included in the design specified under subsection (2)(b).

### **5. Legal tender**

(1) Sterling notes and sterling coins which are legal tender in the England and Wales are also legal tender in the Territories and are subject to the same conditions for legal tender which apply in England and Wales.

(2) Commemorative coins minted and issued in accordance with an Order made under section 4 are legal tender and have parity in value in the Territories with sterling coins of the same denomination.

(3) A note or coin that has been illegally dealt with is not legal tender.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3) a note or coin has been illegally dealt with if it has been impaired, diminished or lightened otherwise than by fair wear and tear or has been defaced by having any name, word, device or number stamped or engraved on it.

(5) The Commissioner may by order declare that commemorative coins or commemorative coins of a specified description will from a specified date cease to be legal tender.

## **6. Government dealing in commemorative coins**

(1) The Commissioner —

(a) must, subject to subsection (2), at any time on demand buy commemorative coins that are legal tender at face value, for sterling coins or sterling notes; and

(b) may sell such coins at face value or above face value.

(2) The Commissioner —

(a) is not required to buy commemorative coins of less than £20 in face value; and

(b) may charge a fee for administrative costs and expenses incurred in purchasing commemorative coins of up to 2.25% on the value of each transaction.

## **7. Commemorative coins issued before this Ordinance is in force**

(1) This section applies to commemorative coins issued before this Ordinance comes into force (“**old commemorative coins**”).

(2) Old commemorative coins are deemed to be commemorative coins minted and issued in accordance with section 4 if such coins were minted and issued —

(a) under the authority of the Commissioner; and

(b) comply with the requirements set out in an instrument signed by the Commissioner and listed in the Schedule.

(3) Sections 5 and 6 apply to old commemorative coins as they do to commemorative coins.

## **8. Offence**

Any person who mints or issues or purports to mint or issue commemorative coins otherwise than in accordance with this Ordinance commits an offence.

**Penalty:** a term of imprisonment not exceeding 7 years and a fine not exceeding £25,000.

## **9. Repeal**

The Currency Ordinance 2000 is repealed.

## SCHEDULE

(section 7)

### **Title of instrument**

Commemorative Coins (2000-2006) Order 2007  
Commemorative Coins (2007 Issues) Order 2007  
Commemorative Coins (2007-2011) Order 2011  
Commemorative Coins (2011-2012) Order 2013  
Commemorative Coins (2013) Order 2014  
Commemorative Coins (2014) Order 2015  
Commemorative Coins (2015 and 2016) Order 2016  
Commemorative Coins Order 2017  
Commemorative Coins (2018 and 2019) Order 2018  
Commemorative Coins (2019, 2020 and 2021) Order 2021  
Commemorative Coins (2021 and 2022) Order 2022

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A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE (not part of this Ordinance)

This Ordinance consolidates provision made in the Currency Ordinance 2000 for the use of currency in the Territories of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

In accordance with the requirements of section 9(2) of and paragraph 6 of the Annex to the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Order 1985, the Commissioner has obtained confirmation from the Secretary of State for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office that the Ordinance may be enacted.

*Section 1* provides that the Ordinance is the Currency Ordinance 2024 and it comes into force on publication. *Section 2* is an interpretation provision. *Section 3* provides that the currency of the Territories is pounds sterling.

*Section 4* gives the Commissioner the power to authorise the minting and issue of commemorative coins. *Section 4(2)* sets out what must be specified in an Order authorising the minting and issue of commemorative coins. *Section 4(3)* provides that a commemorative coin is to be marked with a year, which may be different from the year which appears in the design of the coin specified under section 4(2).

*Section 5* provides that both sterling coins and notes which are legal tender in England and Wales, and commemorative coins are legal tender in the Territories.

The laws which currently provide for notes and coins to be legal tender in England and Wales are the Currency and Bank Notes Act 1954 and the Coinage Act 1971. Those Acts contain provisions allowing sterling notes and coins to be called in (so that they are no longer legal

tender), and place limits on the number of particular sterling coins which make up legal tender. The primary limits currently are:-

- (a) coins of cupro-nickel or silver of denominations of more than 10 pence, for payment of any amount not exceeding £10;
- (b) coins of cupro-nickel or silver of denominations of not more than 10 pence, for payment of any amount not exceeding £5; and
- (c) coins of bronze, for payment of any amount not exceeding 20 pence.

Commemorative coins have parity of value with sterling coins of the same denomination. The Commissioner may by order declare that commemorative coins or such coins of a specified description will from a specified date cease to be legal tender.

Legal tender is a very narrow technical concept which has no use in everyday life (it means that if you offer to fully pay off a debt to someone in legal tender, they cannot sue you for failing to repay). The concept of legal tender does not restrict flexibility in the forms of payment which persons may agree to use.

*Section 6* imposes a duty on the Government to purchase commemorative coins of more than £20 in value and that are legal tender at face value. The Commissioner may charge an administration fee for buying commemorative coins of up to 2.25% of the value of the transaction. The Commissioner may sell commemorative coins at face value or above face value.

The Ordinance repeals the Currency Ordinance 2000 (which was never commenced) (*section 9*). The orders purportedly made under that Ordinance are given effect by *section 7* and the *Schedule* from the date of commencement of this Ordinance. The instruments listed in the Schedule were published in the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands *Gazette*.

*Section 8* makes it an offence to mint or issue commemorative coins without authority. An offence is punishable on conviction by a term so imprisonment of up to 7 years and a fine of up to £25,000.



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**Supplementary Appropriation (2024) Ordinance 2024**

(No. 5 of 2024)

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (2024) ORDINANCE 2024**

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#### AN ORDINANCE

To authorise further withdrawals from South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands funds of money for use during 2024.

ENACTED by the Commissioner of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

#### **1. Title**

This Ordinance is the Supplementary Appropriation (2024) Ordinance 2024.

#### **2. Commencement**

This Ordinance comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

#### **3. Supplementary appropriation of £1,104,000 for 2024**

(1) The Financial Secretary may withdraw sums of up to £1,104,000 in total from South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands funds, for use during the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2024.

(2) Sums withdrawn under subsection (1) may be applied during 2024 in accordance with the Schedule.



## SCHEDULE

(section 3)

### 2024 Expenditure

| Purpose  | Amount (£)       |
|--|------------------|
| Operating expenditure  | 8,485,446        |
| Special expenditure  | 820,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>9,305,446</b> |
| <b>Expenditure authorised by Appropriation (2024) Ordinance 2023</b> | 8,201,446        |
| <b>Supplementary appropriation authorised by this Ordinance</b>      | <b>1,104,000</b> |

Enacted 13 November 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,  
*Commissioner.*

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### OBJECTS AND REASONS

(not part of this Ordinance)

The Ordinance authorises the withdrawal of additional expenditure of £1,104,000 for the financial year ending 31 December 2024 from the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands Government funds to supply expenditure as set out in the Schedule.

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