

ASCENSION

REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 2017

CATEGORIES LIST OF ASCENSION ORDINANCES

- This is a list by category of all Ordinances and subsidiary legislation, the texts of which can be found in the Ascension section of the website. If marked '(SH)' they can be found in the St Helena section. See the [Alphabetical List](#) for links to the texts.
- *The text of any extant subsidiary legislation follows the text of the enabling Ordinance.*
- *The categories are in alphabetical order and are for convenience only. They have no legislative significance.*
- *The Ordinances in each category are in alphabetical order, but the subsidiary legislation is in chronological order to show the history of its making.*
- *This list is not authoritative as to whether Ordinances marked '(SH)' apply to Ascension; for notes on the applicability of St Helena Ordinances, see the [list of St Helena Laws Applied to Ascension](#).*
- *For a history of all Ascension legislation, see the [Chronological Table](#).*

BASIC LAWS¹

Constitution of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, 2009

Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1999 (SH)

St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Royal Instructions, 2009

St Helena and Dependencies Territorial Sea Order, 1989 (UK)

CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Census Ordinance, 1986 (SH)

Commission for Equality and Human Rights Ordinance, 2015 (SH)

Commissions of Enquiry Ordinance, 1926 (SH)

English Law (Application) Ordinance, 2005 (SH)

- Application Orders and Disapplication Orders

European Union Withdrawal Agreement (Limited Application) Ordinance, 2020

Interpretation (Ascension) Ordinance, 1968

Island Government (Ascension) Ordinance, 2008

- Registration of Electors Regulations, 2008

¹ Common to all 3 territories. Texts can be found as Annexes to the General Introduction to the Revised Edition of the Laws 2017 website

- Elections Regulations, 2008
- Council Committees (Procedure) Rules, 2014
- Island Council (Procedure) Rules, 2020

St Helena Law (Application to Ascension) Ordinance, 1988

- St Helena Law (Employment Rights Ordinance)(Disapplication) Order, 2017
- St Helena Law (Law Revision (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance, 2017) Application Order, 2017
- St Helena Law (Police and Criminal Evidence Ordinance)(Modification) Order, 2021

Statistics Ordinance, 2000 (SH)

CORPORATE BODIES

Charities Ordinance, 2005 (SH)

Companies Ordinance, 2004 (SH)

Friendly Societies Ordinance, 1939 (SH)

COURTS AND JUSTICE

Administration of Estates Ordinance, 1986 (SH)

Civil Procedure (Ascension) Ordinance, 1968

Commissioners for Oaths Ordinance, 1968 (SH)

Coroners and Presumption of Death (Ascension) Ordinance, 2015

Courts (Appeals and Rules) Ordinance, 2017 (SH)

Courts (Extension of Jurisdiction) (Ascension) Ordinance, 2016²

Crown Proceedings Ordinance, 1993 (SH)

Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance, 1961 (SH)³

Imperial Probates Ordinance, 1899 (SH)

Law Officers Ordinance, 2013 (SH)

² Makes St Helena and Tristan da Cunha orders enforceable in Ascension; but not vice versa. See also the Courts (Extension of Jurisdiction) Ordinance, 2016 (SH) which makes Ascension and Tristan da Cunha orders enforceable in St Helena (but not vice versa).

³ See also the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 1983 (SI 1983/1125)

Lay Advocates (Ascension) Ordinance, 2007

- Legal Assistance Fund Order, 2007 (See under Financial Management)

Legal Aid, Assistance and Services Ordinance, 2017 (SH)⁴

Magistrates' Court (Ascension) Ordinance, 1968

Powers of Attorney Ordinance, 1979 (SH)

Public Trustee Ordinance, 1977 (SH)

CRIME AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE⁵

Criminal Damage (Ascension) Ordinance, 1979

Criminal Procedure (Ascension) Ordinance, 1975⁶

Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance, 2003 (SH)

Drugs (Trafficking Offences) Ordinance, 2003 (SH)

Firearms Ordinance, 2020

Juries (Ascension) Ordinance, 1979

Money Laundering Ordinance, 2008 (SH)

Obscene Publications Ordinance, 1930 (SH)

Police and Criminal Evidence Ordinance, 2003 (SH)

Public Order Ordinance, 1997 (SH)

Sexual Offences (Communication with a Child) Ordinance, 2022

Summary Offences (Ascension) Ordinance, 1975

Trials Without a Jury Ordinance, 2016

EMPLOYMENT AND COMMERCE

Employees' Compensation Ordinance, 1946 (SH)

Employment Ordinance, 2022

- Employment (End of Contract) Regulations, 2022
- Employment (Statement of Particulars) Regulations, 2022

⁴ But not Part II – see the Lay Advocates (Ascension) Ordinance, 2007.

⁵ For extradition powers, see the Extradition Act 2003 (Overseas Territories) Order 2016 (SI 2016/990).

⁶ Except section 167, as to which see the Trials Without A Jury Ordinance, 2016.

- Employment (Gratuities) Regulations, 2022
- Employment (Employer's Obligations) Regulations, 2022
- Employment (Alternative Contractual Arrangements) Regulations, 2022

Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 (SH)

Patents (Registration) Ordinance, 1927 (SH)

Public Holidays (Ascension) Ordinance, 1945

Race Relations Ordinance, 1997 (SH)

Sunday Observance (Ascension) Ordinance, 1849

Trade Marks (Registration) Ordinance, 1949 (SH)

Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1959 (SH)

Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Application) Ordinance, 2001

United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance, 1930 (SH)

Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1905 (SH)

Workmen's Protection Ordinance, 1926

- Workmen's Protection Regulations, 1926

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Animals (Diseases) (Ascension) Ordinance, 1944

Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020

- Biosecurity (Prohibited and Controlled Imports) Regulations, 2020
- Biosecurity (Fees) Regulations, 2020

Conservation and Management of Fisheries Resources Ordinance, 2003

Control of Trade in Endangered Species Ordinance, 2015

Dogs and Cats Ordinance, 2000

Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 2015

- Fishery Limits (Licensing of Fishing)(Offshore Zone) Order, 2015
- Fishery Limits (Licensing of Transshipment) Order, 2015

High Seas Fishing Ordinance, 2001 (SH)

Litter Ordinance, 1971

National Protected Areas Ordinance, 2003

- Green Mountain National Park Regulations, 2010
- National Protected Areas Order, 2014
- National Protected Areas Regulations, 2014

Spear Guns Control Ordinance, 2018

- Spear Guns Control (Ascension) Order, 2018

Wildlife Protection Ordinance, 2013

FAMILY, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Births and Deaths (Registration) Ordinance, 2020

Child Welfare Ordinance, 2011

- Courts (Welfare of Children)(Ascension)(Rules), 2012
- Ascension Island Safeguarding of Children Board Regulations, 2013
- Disabled Young Persons Post-School Training Policy, 2014

Marriage (Ascension) Ordinance, 2016

Matrimonial Causes Ordinance, 1961 (SH)

Marriage (Ascension)(Validation) Ordinance, 2018

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance)(Ascension) Ordinance, 1962

Post Office (Ascension) Ordinance, 1898

Road Safety Ordinance, 2010

- Lion Alcolmeter and Lion Intoxilyzer (Approval) Rules, 2008

Road Traffic Ordinance, 1984

- Road Traffic Regulations, 1984
- Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules, 1984
- Motor Vehicle Rules, 1985
- Road Traffic (Speed Measuring Devices) Rules, 2008

Telecommunications Ordinance, 1997

LAND OWNERSHIP AND USE

Land (Ascension) Ordinance, 2008

Minerals Vesting (Ascension) Ordinance, 1951

Mining (Ascension) Ordinance, 1923

MARITIME AND AVIATION LAWS

Merchant Shipping laws (UK)⁷

Harbours Ordinance, 2005

- Harbour Declaration (Ascension) Order, 2010
- Harbours (Ascension) Regulations, 2010

Port Security Ordinance, 2006

Ports (Health)(Ascension) Ordinance, 1905

PUBLIC FINANCE AND REVENUE LAW

Business Levy Ordinance, 2012

Currency (Ascension) Ordinance, 2009

Customs Ordinance, 2002

- Customs (Entry Forms) Regulations, 2002
- Customs (Tariffs and Exemptions) Regulations, 2002
- Customs (Miscellaneous Fees) Regulations, 2002
- Customs (Drawback) Regulations, 2002
- Customs (Arriving and Departing Ships) Regulations, 2002
- Customs (Export Control) Regulations, 2010
- Customs (Import Control) Regulations, 2012

Financial Management Ordinance, 2001

- Legal Assistance Fund Order, 2007
- Conservation (External Grants, Donations etc.) Fund Order, 2020
- Runway Project Support (External Income and Associated Expenditure etc.) Fund Order, 2020
- Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (External Grants) Fund Order, 2021
- European Development Fund (External Grants) Fund Order, 2021
- Key Infrastructure (Road and Hospital Replacement Projects Income and Expenditure) Fund Order, 2022

Income Tax Ordinance, 2001

- Income Tax (P.A.Y.E.) Rules, 2002
- Income Tax (Declaration of Secrecy) Rules, 2002
- Income Tax Extra-Statutory Concession (Short Term Business Visitors), 2014
- Income Tax Extra-Statutory Concession (Sure South Atlantic Ltd), 2014
- Income Tax Rates and Allowances (Ascension), 2016

Light Dues Ordinance, 1929

- Light Dues (Ascension) Order, 2008

Liquor Duty Ordinance, 2014 (SH)

⁷ See the List of UK Laws Applied to St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

Property Tax Ordinance, 2010

Road Works Levy Ordinance, 2014

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dentists Ordinance, 1955 (SH)

Food Safety Ordinance, 2016 (SH)

Health and Safety Ordinance, 1977 (SH)

Ionising Radiations (Protection) Ordinance, 1966 (SH)

Medical Practitioners (Ascension) Ordinance, 1910

Mental Health and Mental Capacity (Ascension) Ordinance, 2015

- Courts (Mental Capacity and Appointment of Deputies) Rules, 2016 (SH)
- Mental Health and Mental Capacity (Lasting Power of Attorney) Regulations, 2017

Nurses and Midwives Ordinance, 1987 (SH)

Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1937 (SH)

Public Health Ordinance, 1967

- Public Health (Food Safety) Regulations, 2010
- Public Health (Coronavirus)(Temporary Provisions) Regulations, 2022

Control of Tobacco Ordinance, 2013

RECREATION AND TOURISM

Control of Alcohol and Access to Bars (Children and Young Persons) Ordinance, 2013

Protection of Wrecks (Ascension) Ordinance, 2009

Public Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1938 (SH)

SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

British Nationality and Passports (Fees & Offences) Ordinance, 2017⁸

Consular Conventions Ordinance, 1950 (SH)

Consular Relations Ordinance, 1972 (SH)

⁸ But not s.3 and the Schedule - see Passport (Fees) Ordinance, 1997

Emergency Powers Ordinance, 1978 (SH)⁹

Entry Control (Ascension) Ordinance, 2007

Passport (Fees) Ordinance, 1997

Police Service Ordinance, 1975 (SH)

Prisons (Ascension) Ordinance, 1960

⁹ Includes the text of the Emergency Powers (Overseas Territories) Order, 2017 (SI 2017/181)