

Special Faroese Affairs

List A

The following fields of responsibility shall be designated special Faroese affairs and transferred with immediate effect to the Faroe Islands Home Government or are transferred later at the request of the Løgting [Faroe Islands Parliament] or the Danish Government.
[Section 2 of the Home Rule Act]

Item	Provision	Transfer Status
1.	Local Faroese administration within the framework of the new system. Including - within this framework: rules governing the “Løgting”, elections for the “Løgting”, administrative regulation, initiation, adoption, approval and publication of legislation enacted by the “Løgting”, appointment, dismissal, conditions of service, salaries and pensions of Faroese civil servants.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
2.	Municipal affairs. Including: local government administration, supervision and taxation.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
3.	Building, fire service, town planning, housing, rent, population register.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
4.	Health service, medical practice, midwifery, hospital service, apothecaries. Including: public medical officers, legislation on unqualified practising (quacks), eradication of tuberculosis and other contagious diseases, care of mental patients, vaccination.	The apothecaries (pharmacies) and the sanitary regulations (environmental matters) have been taken over as special affairs. <i>In pursuance of Section 9 of the Home Rule Act and in accordance with act no. 316 of 17 May 1995, the Faroe Islands Home Rule Government has taken over legislative and administrative power with state subsidies in the following fields: 1) hospital service, 2) municipal health care, 3) public health nursing, 4) home nursing care, 5) school medical officers, 6) dental care, and 7) health insurance.</i>

5.	Public welfare services. Public assistance. National insurance. Compulsory accident insurance Labour, apprentices, assistants, holidays.	Public welfare services, compulsory accident insurance, labour, apprentices, assistants and holidays have been taken over as special affairs. <i>In pursuance of Section 9 of the Home Rule Act and in accordance with act no. 315 of 17 May 1995, the Faroe Islands Home Rule Government has taken over legislative and administrative power with state subsidies in the fields of public assistance and national insurance.</i>
6.	Direct and indirect taxes. Including: stamp duties, totalisator duties, duties on special Faroese lottery. Handling charges such as legal fees and land registration fees shall accrue to the authority which defrays the cost of the institution concerned.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
7.	Licensing and, in general, disposal of own income and expenditure. Accounting regulations, audits and appropriation of own receipts and expenditures.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
8.	Approval of harbour duties.	This field of responsibility has been taken over as special affaire.
9.	School system. Including: elementary schools, secondary schools and courses; teachers' training; people's high schools, post-primary schools and vocational schools, such as commercial schools, technical schools, navigation schools, etc.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
10.	Archives, libraries, museums. Except: National archives. Reservation is made for compulsory deliveries to the Royal Library.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
11.	Protected buildings, nature conservancy.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
12.	Harbours, coastal protection, canals, hydraulic plant, traffic, including roads, railways, tramways, ferry services, bus services and road haulage. Motor and traffic. Local post, telegraph and telephone services. Electrical installations.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.

13.	Rural and agricultural matters. Including: general rural legislation, copyhold tenure, tenancy, parcelling of land, exchanges of strip-holdings, small holdings, plant cultivation, animal husbandry, horticulture, agricultural side-line occupations, soil improvement, forestry. Veterinary service. Pest control. Domestic animals, arbitration, protection of animals, legislation on dogs. Territorial hunting and protection of animals. Territorial fishing and protection of fish. Land registration.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
14.	Licensing of theatres and cinemas, entertainment Collections and lotteries. Shipwrecks. Property lost and found. Toxic substances, explosives, arms.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
15.	Supplies, production and distribution. Price control; price ceilings. Rationing, discounts and subsidies. Restrictions on bonuses and dividends. Peddling of goods. Rules governing alcoholic beverages. Shop closing rules. Catering. Trade licensing. Trade and association registers. Registers of ships. Brokers, state-authorized translators; average adjusters, state-authorized measurers and weighers. Auditors. Storage facilities. Commission, agents, commercial travellers. Agents of foreign firms. Book-keeping. Mortgage credit institutes, etc., local insurance activities.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.

16.	Local public trustee. Cadastral system. Tourism. Expropriation of land for specific uses. Provisions governing the production of printed matters. Provisions concerning special time rules. Civic duties. Equal rights for men and women.	These fields of responsibility have been taken over as special affairs.
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List B

The following fields of administration shall be the subject of further negotiation in order to determine whether and to what extent they can be recognized as Special Faroese Affairs.
[Section 3 of the Home Rule Act]

Item	Provision	Transfer Status
1.	The Established Church. Including: all aspects of church organisation, rituals, church officials, their salaries and pensions, church buildings, churchyards, admission into and withdrawal from the Established Church, congregations formed by voluntary association of parishioners, release of parishioners from the obligation to use the services of the incumbent clergyman, Dissenting creeds, public holidays legislation.	<i>These fields of responsibility remain joint affairs.</i>
2.	Police.	<i>This field of responsibility remains joint affaire.</i>
3.	Underground deposits of raw materials. Radio. Aviation	Underground deposits of raw materials and radio have been taken over as special affairs. <i>Aviation remains joint affaire.</i>
4.	The Land fund.	This field of responsibility has been taken over as special affaire.
5.	Import and export controls.	This field of responsibility has been taken over as special affairs.

Fields of responsibility taken over by the Faroese authorities according to The Takeover Act
(Act no. 578 of 24 July 2005)

Field of responsibility	The date for takeover
Media responsibility	11 May 2006
Civil emergency preparedness	1 January 2007
The Established Church (the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Denmark)	29 July 2007

Company law, business funds and associations and annual accounts	1 January 2008
The law on Holydays	29 July 2008
Measurement and mass	29 July 2008
Meteorology	1 April 2009
The law of property and obligations	1 January 2010
Copyright	1 January 2010
Criminal law	1 March 2010
Pilotage area	1 August 2011
Capacity-, Family- and Succession law	29 July 2018
Mapping	1 April 2019
Nautical charting and hydrographical surveying	1 January 2020
Epidemics	1 January 2024
Marine navigation marking and Lighthouse authority	1 June 2024
Maritime law	29 July 2025