

*These notes relate to the Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise)
Act 2013 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 7 August 2013*

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM (FRANCHISE) ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

3. The Act covers a range of issues, with supporting detail set out in schedules, as follows:
 - Franchise (sections 2 and 3), being the rules about who is, and is not, entitled to vote in an independence referendum;
 - The creation and maintenance of the Register of Young Voters (sections 4 to 9 and schedules 1 and 2), which is required in consequence of the extension of the franchise to persons below the age at which they can register as local government electors; and
 - Registration officers' expenses (section 10), which insofar as they relate to the functions under the Act will be met by the Scottish Ministers.