

*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

BACKGROUND TO THE ACT

General

Commencement

23. [Section 13](#) provides that the Act is to come into force on the day after it receives Royal Assent (i.e on [date]), but it prevents any application for registration in the RYV being made earlier than 1 October 2013. This is intended to allow time for preparatory arrangements to be made to set up the RYV and the canvass exercise that will be required to collect details of eligible young voters. All young voters will be at least 15 at the time their details are captured.