



# Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Act 2013

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## *Register of young voters*

### **5 Those entitled to be registered in the register of young voters**

- (1) A person is entitled to be registered in the register of young voters for any area if, on the relevant date, the person—
  - (a) is not registered in the register of local government electors for the area,
  - (b) meets the requirements (apart from any requirement as to age) for registration in the register of local government electors for the area, and
  - (c) has attained the age of 16, or will attain that age on or before the date on which the poll at an independence referendum is to be held.
- (2) In the case of a person who has not yet attained the age of 16—
  - (a) the person's entry in the register must state the date on which the person will attain the age of 16, and
  - (b) until that date, the person is not, by virtue of the entry, to be taken to be a voter for the purposes of any independence referendum other than one the date of the poll at which is on or after that date.
- (3) Where a person to whom subsection (2) applies has an anonymous entry in the register, the references in that subsection to the person's entry in the register are to be read as references to the person's entry in the record of anonymous entries.
- (4) In this section, "the relevant date" means—
  - (a) the date on which an application for registration in the register of young voters is made (or the date on which such an application is treated as made by virtue of section 10A(2) of the 1983 Act), or
  - (b) in the case of a person applying for registration in the register of young voters in pursuance of a declaration of local connection or a service declaration, the date on which the declaration was made.