

*These notes relate to the Consumer Scotland Act 2020  
(asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 9 June 2020*

# CONSUMER SCOTLAND ACT 2020

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### THE ACT

#### *Overview*

#### **Part 3**

#### **Interpretation and final provisions**

#### *Schedule 1 – Consumer Scotland (status, membership, procedures and powers)*

#### **Early termination of membership**

80. Paragraph 4 of schedule 1 sets out the circumstances in which someone can cease to be a member of Consumer Scotland before the end of the person's period of appointment, namely:
- a member can resign,
  - a person will automatically cease to be a member if the person becomes someone who is disqualified from being a member under paragraph 3 of schedule 1,
  - the Scottish Ministers may remove a member if the member is absent, without reasonable excuse, for 3 consecutive meetings of Consumer Scotland or if Ministers consider that a member is unable or unsuitable to continue as a member.
81. As noted above in relation to disqualification from membership, a person can also be removed by the Standards Commission for Scotland under section 19(1)(e) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000.