

*These notes refer to the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 10 September 2019*

LEGISLATION (WALES) ACT 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Interpretation and Operation of Welsh Legislation

Section 7 – Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa

68. **Section 7** means that, where an Assembly Act or Welsh subordinate instrument refers to a noun in either the singular or the plural, the reference will usually cover both forms of the noun. It therefore removes the need for legislation to use phrases like “a person or persons” in most contexts. This provision is relied on in most, if not all, legislation, and helps to facilitate shorter, more accessible drafting.
69. This section has effect except to the extent that express provision is made to the contrary or the context requires otherwise. It is equivalent to section 6(c) of the 1978 Act.