

*These notes relate to the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005
(asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2005*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION

Part 2 – Fire and Rescue Services

Chapter 4 – Water supply

Section 18 – Use of water

30. This section allows a relevant authority to use any suitable supply of water for specified purposes. Whilst it provides for payment of reasonable compensation for water this is limited by reference to section 9A of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980, which expressly forbids charging by a water undertaker in respect of: water taken for the purpose of extinguishing fires or for any other emergency purposes; water taken for testing apparatus used for extinguishing fires; or for fire fighting training. This section re-enacts section 15(2) of the 1947 Act.