

*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

Register of Young Voters

Those entitled to be registered in the register of young voters

12. [Section 5](#) defines who is entitled to be registered in the RYV. A person must meet the eligibility criteria that an elector must meet to register in the local government register (apart from the age requirement). These are set out at section 4 of the 1983 Act and are explained at paragraph 9 above.
13. To register in the local government register an individual must (in addition to other eligibility requirements) attain the age of 18 within 12 months of the 1 December following the date of their application to that register. To register in the RYV an individual must not be registered in the local government register, meet the requirements (age apart) to register in that register, and be 16 years old or of an age to attain age 16 by the date of the poll at an independence referendum.