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SCHEDULE 2
(introduced by section 8)
CANVASS FORM

**Young Voter Registration form for
the Referendum on Scottish
Independence**

To the occupier
[Address line 1]
[Address line 2]
[Address line 3]
[Address line 4]

Space left blank for local authority or Electoral
Registration Office information

The voting age for the referendum on Scottish independence is 16. British citizens, European Union citizens and qualifying Commonwealth citizens are entitled to vote.

If there are 15 year olds living at this address who will be 16 by the referendum on 18 September 2014, they should be registered using this form to make sure they can vote in the referendum. Please enter their details in Part 1 below, sign Part 2 and return the form. This is required by law. **Please see over the page for more details.**

If there are no 15 year olds living at this address who will be 16 by 18 September 2014, you do not need to complete or return this form.

People who are already 16 or older should not be registered using this form – their details should instead be entered on the annual canvass form (enclosed in the same envelope as this form).

Part 1 15 year olds living at this address who will be 16 by 18 September 2014

Please enter the names of 15 year olds living here who will be 16 by 18 September 2014 and are entitled to vote in the referendum, and whose names are not already printed below. Please cross out any names printed below that should not be on this form. Please also cross out and replace any incorrect information shown below.

Please write in BLOCK LETTERS			Date of birth	Postal vote
Surname	First name and middle initials	Nationality	DD/MM/YY	Tick here if the person wants a postal vote application

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Part 2 Please sign here before returning this form

It is an offence to give false information on this form.

I declare that, as far as I know, the details on this form are accurate and complete.

Signature Date

Print name

Daytime phone number

E-mail address

You do not need to provide your phone number or email address, but it could prove helpful if we need to contact you. It will not be used or supplied for any other purposes.

About this form

To vote in the referendum on Scottish independence, each person needs to be registered. People who are already 16 or older should be registered using the annual canvass form (which also registers them to vote in other elections once they turn 18). This form collects the information we need to register young people who are 15 at the moment, but will be 16 by the referendum on 18 September 2014. If you do not respond to this form, they may not be able to vote in the referendum.

This form will only register these young people to vote in the independence referendum: it will not register them to vote in any other election or referendum. To vote in most elections and referendums voters need to be 18.

Who can register to vote in the referendum?

Age: To vote in the referendum, voters must be 16 or older on 18 September 2014. This means that a person will be able to vote if their date of birth is 18 September 1998 or earlier.

Residence: People normally register at the address where they reside. You should include people who are temporarily away (for example, on holiday, at boarding school or in hospital). If in doubt, please get in touch with your Electoral Registration Officer using the contact details below.

Nationality: People are entitled to register to vote in the referendum if they are:

- A British citizen
- A citizen of another EU country
- A qualifying Commonwealth citizen. This means a Commonwealth citizen who has leave to enter or remain in the UK, or who does not require such leave.

Details of people at this address

For each 15 year old being registered, you need to include:

- Their surname, first name and any middle initials.
- Their nationality. This will usually be shown on the person's passport.

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- Their date of birth, in the format DD/MM/YY, so that we can confirm they will be 16 by the referendum. For example, 5 December 1997 should be entered as 05/12/97.
- Whether the person wants a postal vote application form.

What happens to the information I provide on this form?

The details of the people registered on this form will be placed on a “Register of Young Voters”, which will be used only for the referendum. Electoral Registration Officers and their staff will be the only people who are legally entitled to see the Register of Young Voters.

Some organisations will need the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in the referendum, including those who are on the Register of Young Voters. These include people who administer the referendum (such as the staff at polling stations) and the official campaign groups, who may send information to everyone registered to vote. These organisations will be given a list of the names and addresses (but not the dates of birth) of everyone registered to vote in the referendum. They will not be told how old anyone on the list is, and it will be against the law for them to share or publish the list.

If there are any concerns that inclusion in the Register of Young Voters may affect the personal safety of the young voter, or they do not wish to register using their current address, other registration options may be available. They may be able to use a previous address or to register anonymously. Please contact us to discuss.

How to get in touch with us if you need assistance or more information

[For completion by EROs]

Note: the form above is to be printed in a sans serif font.