



Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013

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- (1) A permitted participant may, for any local government area, appoint an individual (who may be the responsible person) to be the permitted participant's agent ("referendum agent").
- (2) If a permitted participant appoints a referendum agent for a local government area, the responsible person must give the counting officer for that area notification of the name and address of—
 - (a) the permitted participant, and
 - (b) the referendum agent.
- (3) The notification must be—
 - (a) in writing,
 - (b) signed by the responsible person, and
 - (c) given before noon on the twenty-fifth day before the date of the referendum.
- (4) For the purpose of subsection (3)(c), the following days are to be disregarded—
 - (a) a Saturday or Sunday,
 - (b) Christmas Eve or Christmas Day,
 - (c) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971,
 - (d) a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.
- (5) The duties imposed on a responsible person by this section may be discharged by any person authorised in writing by the responsible person.
- (6) A counting officer who receives a notification under subsection (2) must, as soon as practicable, publish notice of—
 - (a) the name of the permitted participant, and
 - (b) the name and address of the referendum agent.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (7) If—
- (a) a permitted participant revokes the appointment of a referendum agent or a referendum agent dies, and
 - (b) the permitted participant has notified the counting officer of the appointment of a polling or counting agent under rule 14 of the conduct rules,
- the permitted participant must, as soon as practicable, appoint another referendum agent under subsection (1).
- (8) The notification under subsection (2) must be made as soon as practicable after the appointment of the new referendum agent (and subsection (3)(c) does not apply to that notification).