

*These notes relate to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014
(asp 14) which received Royal Assent on 1 August 2014*

HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE STRUCTURE AND A SUMMARY OF THE ACT

Part Two – Social Housing

Allocation of social housing

Reasonable preference in allocation of social housing

14. [Section 3](#) amends section 20 of the 1987 Act to replace the existing categories of persons to whom social landlords must give reasonable preference when allocating social housing. It states that reasonable preference in allocations must be given to persons who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and persons who are living under unsatisfactory housing conditions, in each case where that person's housing needs are not capable of being met by other housing options which are available. Reasonable preference must also be given to the tenants of any social landlord whom a social landlord considers to be under-occupying a property.