



# Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Act 2015

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## *Reduction of voting age*

### **1 Scottish elections: reduction of voting age to 16**

- (1) In section 2 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (“the 1983 Act”) (local government electors)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(d), after “over” insert “, except in Scotland (see subsection (1A))”,
  - (b) after subsection (1) insert—  
“(1A) In Scotland, voting age is 16 years or over.”.
- (2) The amendments made by subsection (1) have effect for the purposes of—
- (a) an election for membership of the Scottish Parliament (by virtue of section 11 of the Scotland Act 1998) at which the poll is to be held on or after 5 April 2016,
  - (b) a local government election at which the poll is to be held on or after 5 May 2016,
  - (c) any other relevant election at which the poll is to be held on or after 5 May 2016.
- (3) In subsection (2)(c), “other relevant election” means an election (other than one mentioned in subsection (2)(a) or (b)) to which section 2 of the 1983 Act applies for the purpose of determining entitlement to vote at the election.