



Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

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7 **Guidance on operation of Act**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must publish guidance on the operation of this Act.
- (2) The guidance must in particular cover—
 - (a) an appointing person's functions in—
 - (i) appointing non-executive members under sections 3 and 4,
 - (ii) encouraging applications by women under section 5(1),
 - (iii) taking any steps under section 6(2),
 - (iv) reporting under section 8(4),
 - (b) a public authority's functions in—
 - (i) encouraging applications by women under section 5(2),
 - (ii) taking any steps under section 6(3),
 - (iii) reporting under section 8(5).
- (3) An appointing person must have regard to the guidance in carrying out its functions under this Act.
- (4) A public authority must have regard to the guidance in carrying out its functions under this Act.