



# Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020

## 2020 asp 2

### *Observers*

#### **21 Accredited observers: individuals**

- (1) A person who is aged 16 or over may apply to the Electoral Commission to be an accredited observer at any of the following proceedings relating to the referendum—
  - (a) proceedings at the issue or receipt of postal ballot papers,
  - (b) proceedings at the poll,
  - (c) proceedings at the counting of votes.
- (2) If the Commission grant the application, the accredited observer may attend the proceedings in question.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) must be made in the manner specified by the Commission.
- (4) The Commission may at any time revoke the grant of an application under subsection (1).
- (5) If the Commission—
  - (a) refuse an application under subsection (1), or
  - (b) revoke the grant of any such application,they must give their decision in writing and must, when doing so, give reasons for the refusal or revocation.
- (6) The right conferred on an accredited observer by this section is subject to any provision of this Act which regulates attendance at the proceedings in question.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020, Section 21.