



Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020

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Observers

22 Accredited observers: organisations

- (1) An organisation may apply to the Electoral Commission to be accredited for the purpose of nominating observers 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 organisation may nominate members who may attend the proceedings in question.
- (3) The Commission, in granting the application, may specify a limit on the number of observers nominated by the organisation who may attend, at the same time, specified proceedings by virtue of this section.
- (4) An application under subsection (1) must be made in the manner specified by the Commission.
- (5) The Commission may at any time revoke the grant of an application under subsection (1).
- (6) 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.
- (7) The right conferred by this section is subject to any provision of this Act which regulates attendance at the proceedings in question.