

These notes relate to the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 12 January 2021

PERIOD PRODUCTS (FREE PROVISION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

3. The Act ensures that everyone in Scotland who menstruates can have reasonably convenient access to period products, free of charge, as and when they are required. While bodies on whom duties are placed by the Act (“responsible bodies”) have flexibility around how they meet those duties, they must meet three overarching principles, namely ease of access, dignity and choice. Responsible bodies must have regard to guidance issued by Scottish Ministers, consult product users, and publish statements on the exercise of their functions.