

*These notes relate to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland)  
Act 2007 (asp 14) which received Royal Assent on 18 April 2007*

# **PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 2: Vetting and Disclosure**

##### *Sections 44 and 45. The scheme and participation in it*

84. [Section 44](#) establishes the scheme and [section 45](#) gives individuals the right to apply to the Scottish Ministers to join the scheme. In practice, the Vetting and Disclosure Unit administer the scheme on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. It is important to note that being a scheme member in relation to regulated work with children or protected adults is mutually exclusive to being barred from working with that same group. An individual cannot simultaneously be a scheme member and barred in respect of the same workforce. However, an individual can be barred from one workforce and a scheme member in respect of the other.
85. Participation in the scheme is not mandatory. There are no offences for undertaking regulated work whilst not a scheme member. However, the only way an employer can be sure that an individual is not barred from regulated work (and therefore be sure that they are not committing an offence in employing that individual) is by requesting a disclosure record. Enhanced disclosure checks will no longer be available for those undertaking regulated work with children or protected adults. The only way a disclosure record can be generated is through the individual applying to join the scheme or already being a member of the scheme.