
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003 (“the 2003 Regulations”) in light of changes made to the model code of conduct for members of devolved public bodies.

Regulation 2(2) inserts a definition of “model code” into regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations. Regulation 2(3) and (4) substitutes new regulations 4, 4A and 4B into the 2003 Regulations which provide for notices of interest to be given by councillors and members of devolved public bodies. New regulation 4 of the 2003 Regulations applies to notices of interests by councillors. New regulation 4A applies to notices of interest by members who are bound by a members’ code which took effect after 31 March 2014. New regulation 4B applies to notices of interest by members who are bound by a members’ code which takes effect on or after 8 December 2021.

Regulation 2(5) and (6) makes consequential changes to regulations 5 and 6 of the 2003 Regulations to take account of the new regulations substituted by regulation 2(3) and (4).

Regulation 2(7) substitutes a new schedule into the 2003 Regulations which describes the interests which must be notified by councillors and members of devolved public bodies. Table A of the schedule applies to councillors, Table B applies to members who are bound by a members’ code which took effect after 31 March 2014 and Table C applies to members who are bound by a members’ code which takes effect on or after 8 December 2021.

Regulation 3 revokes the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Amendment Regulations 2021.