

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)  
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# **SCOTLAND ACT 1998**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SCHEDULES**

#### ***SCHEDULE 8, Paragraph 31: Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995***

##### **General**

The Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995 makes provision with regard to the execution of documents and their formal validity for the purposes of Scots law.

Paragraph 31 amends section 12(1) of the 1995 Act (interpretation) to extend the definition of “Minister” to include a member of the Scottish Executive and the definition of “officer” to include a member of staff of the Scottish Ministers or the Lord Advocate. Section 55(4) provides that a document is validly executed by the Scottish Ministers if it is executed by any member of the Scottish Executive.