

*These notes refer to the Land Registration Act 2002
(c.9) which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002*

LAND REGISTRATION ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON THE SECTIONS

Schedule 6: Registration of Adverse Possessor

Meaning of “adverse possession”

270. Under *paragraph 11* an applicant, X, does not have to show that she has been in adverse possession for the ten year period provided that *sub-paragraph (2)* applies. It would thus suffice if:
- X is the successor in title of an earlier squatter from whom he or she acquired the land, and, taken together, the two periods of adverse possession amount to ten years; or
 - X has been in adverse possession, has herself been dispossessed by a second squatter, Y, and has then recovered the land from Y. In these circumstances, he or she can add Y’s period of adverse possession to his or her own to make up the necessary ten-year period.