

# LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### THE ACT – AN OVERVIEW

#### **Part 2 the Community Right to Buy**

##### ***Section 56: Procedure for buying***

195. This section states that it is for the community body to make an offer to buy the land over which it has a right to buy. The offer must specify the purchase as being that agreed between the owner of the land and the community body or, failing such agreement as being the value assessed by the appointed valuer or determined in an appeal of that assessment.
196. Subsection (3) specifies how the date of entry and payment of the price are determined. A time limit of 6 months is set for the community body to pay the determined price. However, where the price is subject to an appeal which has not been agreed within 4 months of the community body having confirmed its intention to proceed, payment must be made within a further 2 months of the date of determination of the appeal, unless a later date has been agreed between the parties.
197. Under subsection (4), the offer may include other reasonable conditions.
198. Subsections (5) and (6) provide that where the community body has failed to conclude missives within the fixed or agreed time limits, or to take all reasonable steps towards so doing including making an application to the Lands Tribunal for an order under section 57, the right to buy falls and the community body's interest is to be deleted from the Register.