

*These notes relate to the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act  
2020 (asp 7) which received Royal Assent on 6 April 2020*

# **CORONAVIRUS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **DETAIL ABOUT PROVISIONS**

#### *Schedule 4 – Justice*

#### **Part 1 - Courts and tribunals: conduct of business by electronic means**

##### **Further provision about attendance by electronic means**

120. Paragraph 4(1)(a) allows a court or tribunal to issue a general direction under paragraph 3(1) that applies to all proceedings of a specified type, provided that the only party to such proceedings is a public official. This allows a court, for example, to issue a direction as to how applications for search warrants should be made by the procurator fiscal. Subparagraph (1)(b) allows a court or tribunal to issue a further direction overriding a general direction issued under subparagraph (1)(a) in individual cases. The requirement to give parties the opportunity to make representations under paragraph 3(6)(a) does not apply in relation to a general direction issued by virtue of paragraph 4(1)(a).