

*These notes relate to the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act  
2020 (asp 15) which received Royal Assent on 28 July 2020*

# **CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) ACT 2020**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON PROVISIONS**

#### ***Eligibility and Registration in Scotland***

#### ***Section 6: Eligibility of persons of different sexes to enter into a civil partnership***

18. **Section 86(1) of the 2004 Act** sets out the circumstances in which two people are not eligible to register as civil partners, including that the parties are related in a forbidden degree or that one or both is under 16. These disqualifying criteria include in section 86(1)(a) that the two people are not of the same sex. Section 6 of the Act repeals section 86(1)(a).