



# Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 46

### PART I

#### ORGANISATION

##### *The Law Society of Scotland*

## **2 Membership of Society.**

- (1) Every solicitor having in force a practising certificate shall be a member of the Society.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the Council may admit as a member of the Society any solicitor not having in force a practising certificate on such terms and conditions (including the payment by him of a reduced annual subscription) as they may determine.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), a solicitor shall—
  - (a) be treated as if he were not a member of the Society while suspended from practice as a solicitor under any enactment;
  - (b) cease to be a member of the Society when his practising certificate ceases to have effect.

**Changes to legislation:**

Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 12A(2)(ba) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(3\)](#)
- s. 32(1)(d) and word inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 32(2D) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 1A(b)(iia) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(2\)\(b\)](#)