

*These notes relate to the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc.  
Act 2000 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 14 July 2000*

# **STANDARDS IN SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS ETC. ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### ***The General Teaching Council***

#### ***General***

#### ***Section 55 – Abolition of Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee for School Education***

137. The Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee (SJNC) is established under section 91 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. It has a remit to negotiate and agree national terms and conditions of service of school teachers employed by education authorities. It is made up of representatives of education authorities (17 members), teacher organisations (19 members) and 2 representatives of the Scottish Ministers who act as observers. By virtue of section 97A(2) of the 1980 Act, SJNC agreements form part of teachers' contracts of employment and can be changed only by further SJNC agreements.
138. Repeal of the relevant provisions of the 1980 Act removes the statutory basis on which the SJNC operates. It leaves the way open for any new arrangements for determining teachers' pay and conditions following the report of the Committee of Inquiry into teachers' professional conditions of service. In the meantime, it does not preclude the establishment of national voluntary collective bargaining arrangements between teacher organisations and local authorities.
139. [Section 55\(2\)](#) ensures that current agreements of the SJNC remain in force until superseded by other arrangements.