

*These notes relate to the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland)
Act 2000 (asp 7) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2000*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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The Act

Part 1

Codes of Conduct Etc.

Section 1 Code of conduct for councillors

4. This section requires Scottish Ministers to issue a code of conduct for councillors, known as the “councillors’ code”. The code will set out principles and rules for councillors’ conduct; it will also set out rules on the treatment of councillors’ interests. Ministers will be able to invite representatives of local government to draft this code. The code must be laid before and approved by the Scottish Parliament before it is issued. It will take effect from a date to be fixed by Ministers. Ministers will be able to subsequently revise the code, and will be able to invite representatives of local government to assist with this. Any revised code would also need to be approved by the Scottish Parliament before it is issued.