*These notes relate to the Education and Training (Scotland) Act 2000 (asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 7 August 2000* 

# EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### THE ACT

#### Section 2: Qualifying Arrangements

- 9. The intention is that "qualifying arrangements" will operate along the lines of a membership scheme. By joining the scheme an individual will enter into arrangements which qualify under this section.
- 10. This section enables the Scottish Ministers to set out, by regulations, the conditions arrangements must meet in order for persons who are party to them to qualify for the payment of grants under section 1. These conditions may specify:
  - who is eligible to be a party to arrangements (which may include criteria related to minimum age, employment or benefit status);
  - how the arrangements will be made and conducted;
  - the body or type of body with whom arrangements can be made;
  - that an individual cannot be party to more than one set of arrangements at any given time. (An individual may, however, undertake more than one learning episode at a time, or in succession, under the same arrangements provided that he remains within the limits of grant available to him in that period); and
  - the name by which "qualifying arrangements" are to be known.