

*These notes relate to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001  
(asp 10) which received Royal Assent on 18 July 2001*

# HOUSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

#### **Part 1 – Homelessness and Allocation of Housing**

##### *Section 10: Allocation of housing*

21. This section amends section 20 of the 1987 Act to provide additional criteria governing the operation of the housing list by a local authority or registered social landlord. *Subsection (2)* states that reasonable preference in allocations must be given to persons – among others – both homeless and threatened with homelessness. *Subsection (3)* sets out those factors which cannot be taken into account by a local authority or registered social landlord in making allocation decisions. *Subsection (4)* includes a list of the circumstances under which landlords can take account of age when allocating houses.