

*These notes relate to the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010
(asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 9 November 2010*

LEGAL SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 – Regulation of Licensed Legal Services

Chapter 1 – Approved Regulators

Practice rules

Section 18 – Practice rules: general

Section 19 – Financial sanctions

Section 20 – Enforcement of duties

47. [Section 18](#) gives details of what is covered by the practice rules that are to be set out in the approved regulator's regulatory scheme. [Section 19](#) allows practice rules to make specific provision for the financial penalties which may be imposed on licensed providers by approved regulators in relation to a breach of the regulatory scheme by, or a complaint about, a licensed provider and for appeals against their imposition. [Section 20](#) states that practice rules must specify that failure to comply with [section 50](#) (setting out the key duties of licensed providers), any other duties under this Part, or duties under any other enactment, all constitute a breach of the regulatory scheme. [Section 20](#) also sets out requirements for licensed providers to report on and review their performance, and to have their performance and the report assessed by the approved regulator.