

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 46C(1) OF THE REGULATION OF CARE  
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2001 (DIRECTION TO THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER  
APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY REGISTRATION)**

The Scottish Ministers, as required by section 46C(2) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001(a), having had regard to advice relating to coronavirus from the Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration, and being of the view that these Directions are a necessary and proportionate action for or in connection with the continued provision of social work services (as defined by section 48 of the Public Service Reform (Scotland) Act 2010(b), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 46C(1) of that Act and all other powers enabling them to do so, hereby DIRECT -

the Council to consider applications for registration as a temporary social worker in accordance with section 46D(c) of the Act.

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Registration of Temporary Social Workers (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Directions 2020.

(2) These Directions have effect on the day after the day on which they are signed.

(3) These Directions are given to the Council.

(4) These Directions apply only in Scotland.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Directions—

“the Act” means the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001;

“the Council” means the Scottish Social Services Council as constituted under section 43(1) of the Act; and

“temporary social worker” has the same meaning as section 44(2B) of the Act.

(2) Unless otherwise defined in these Directions, words and phrases used in these Directions have the meaning given to them in the Act.

**Duration of the Directions**

3. These Directions will remain in effect until revoked by a further direction of the Scottish Ministers under section 46C(4)(b) of the 2001 Act.

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(a) 2001 (asp 8); section 46C of the 2001 Act was inserted into that Act by section 7 of and Schedule 6 to the Coronavirus Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”).

(b) 2010 (asp 8).

(c) 2001 (asp); section 46D of the 2001 Act was inserted into that Act by section 7 of and Schedule 6 to the 2020 Act.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maree Todd', written in a cursive style.

**Ms Maree Todd**  
**Minister for Children and Young People**

30 March 2020