The Gender Recognition Act 2004

1 The initial view of Scottish Government is that applicants for legal gender recognition should no longer need to produce medical evidence or evidence that they have lived in their acquired gender for a defined period. The Scottish Government proposes to bring forward legislation to introduce a self-declaration system for legal gender recognition instead.

Disagree

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer, or make comments.:
If you are sure about your gender expression, there is no worry about being approved for gender marker change or referral to get surgery.

2 Should applicants to the proposed gender recognition system in Scotland have to provide a statutory declaration confirming they know what they are doing and intend to live in their acquired gender until death?

Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or make comments.:
When you are comfortable as your true gender, you have no regrets.

3 Should there be a limit on the number of times a person can get legal gender recognition?

Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or make comments.:
It should be only once, twice if there are serious regrets. No more than that.

4 If the Scottish Government takes forward legislation to adopt a self-declaration system for legal gender recognition, should this arrangement be open:

A. only to people whose birth or adoption was registered in Scotland, or who are resident in Scotland?

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or make comments.:
When in Rome follow the Roman laws. There should be a minimum living requirement, to qualify for the change in any country.

5 The Scottish Government proposes that people aged 16 and 17 should be able to apply for and obtain legal recognition of their acquired gender. Do you agree or disagree?

Agree

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments.:
When a person is of legal age of consent, they should be afforded the opportunity to apply for the right to change their gender marker.

6 Which of the identified options for children under 16 do you most favour?

Option 3 – parental application

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer, add comments, or describe your preferred option if none of the options given reflects your views.:
Any change that involves an underage person, should have the same opportunity. But an application to the courts is needed to act on the child's behalf. That is only if the child is adamant of their conviction, to their preferred gender expression. Also if the parents are not in favour of the child's choice. The child still has a voice.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

7 Should it be possible to apply for and obtain legal gender recognition without any need for spousal consent?

Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments.:
Your an adult, n you need to express the desire to change their gender expression.

8 Civil partnership is only available to same sex couples. This means that the civil partners cannot remain in their civil partnership if one of them wishes to obtain a full Gender Recognition Certificate.

Yes
If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments.: 
If you love each other, it should not matter.

9 Should legal gender recognition stop being a ground of divorce or dissolution?
Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments.: 

Other aspects of the 2004 Act

10 Are any changes to section 22 (prohibition on disclosure of information) necessary?
No

If you answered Yes, describe the changes you consider are needed.: 

11 Should a person who has been recognised in their acquired gender under the law of another jurisdiction be automatically recognised in Scotland without having to make an application?
Yes

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer or add comments.: 
If your living as your preferred gender and your documents recognize that fact, then you should be treated with the same respect as everyone else.

Non-binary people

12 Should Scotland take action to recognise non-binary people?
Yes

If you answered No, and if you want, you can give reasons for your answer.: 
It takes a lot longer to come to terms with one self when they identify as non-binary.

13 If you answered Yes to Question 12, which of the identified options to give recognition to non-binary people do you support? You can select more than one option.
Option 1: Changes to administrative forms, Option 2: Book of Non-binary Identity, Option 4: Full recognition using proposed self-declaration system

If you want, you can give reasons for your answer, add comments or, if you think none of Options 1 to 6 is suitable, describe your preferred option.: 

14 At paragraph 7.26, and in Annex J we have identified the consequential legal impacts if non-binary people could obtain legal gender recognition using the proposed self-declaration system.
Yes

If you answered Yes, describe the impacts you have identified.: 
Having this change in laws is all we are deserving of. Self identification is a big step for us to realize.

Conclusion

15 Do you have any comments about, or evidence relevant to: 
No

If you answered Yes, add your comments or evidence.: 

16 Do you have any further comments about the review of the Gender Recognition Act 2004?
No

If you answered Yes, add your comments.: 

About You

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Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:
The Canadian S.A.G.A Society

If you are responding as an organisation and want to tell us more about your organisation’s purpose and its aims and objectives, you can do so here.

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Our objective is to provide the best possible support for those that are transitioning, and link them to the resources they need.

Where are you resident?

Rest of the World

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