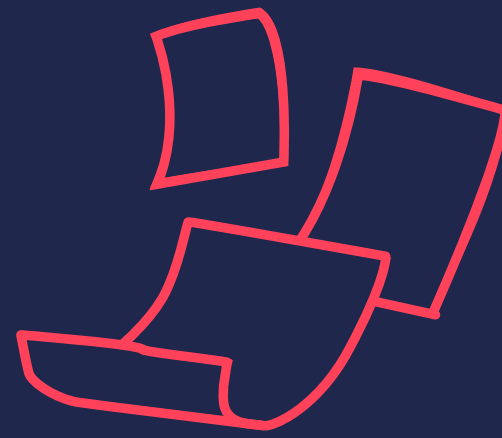


Scottish legal changes may affect you and your clients. Act now to avoid the risk of a fine.

Toolkit enclosed to help you understand and
communicate any essential action needed.



How you can help your clients, and yourself.



There is recent land reform legislation, by the Scottish Parliament, that may affect your organisation, and also your clients. We're giving you this toolkit to help you understand and potentially act on it, and to also communicate it to your clients.

This bespoke pack about the legislation, and corresponding Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land in Scotland (RCI, for short), contains everything you need to know about what action you and your clients may need to take to avoid the risk of a fine of up to £5,000. We're sure your clients will see this as another benefit of being with you.

The background to this pack.

The new legislation.

To help Scotland improve transparency about land ownership by making information about those who have a controlling interest in land publicly available; new legislation was introduced by the Scottish Government and passed by the Scottish Parliament. This means that you and your clients may have to submit details to a new register.

The RCI launched on 1 April 2022. Information submitted to the register about those who have a controlling interest in land will be publicly available – that is, those who ultimately make decisions about the management or use of land, even if they are not necessarily registered as the owner of the land.

Actions required.

To comply with the new legislation, individuals need to check if they are legally required to submit to the register, and if they are in scope, make a submission before the deadline of 1 April 2024. After this date, offence provisions apply for non-compliance and you, and your clients, could be at risk of a fine of up to £5,000. Even if you, or they, are not in scope right now, it's important to be aware of this legislation as your circumstances may change in the future.

This pack contains details of what needs done by you and your clients. We ask you to read and share this information urgently.

On the following pages you'll find everything you need, in easy-to-use formats. Content ranges from an article for you and your clients which you can copy and paste into your newsletter, to social media content you can use on your own channels, through to website banners and adverts.

We ask you to use as much of it as you can in your channels, as quickly and often as possible, to allow your clients time to act before the deadline.

Here to help.

Registers of Scotland is available to help this process, although we're unable to provide legal advice. We've created this pack to help many organisations across Scotland. If we can do more, please get in touch.

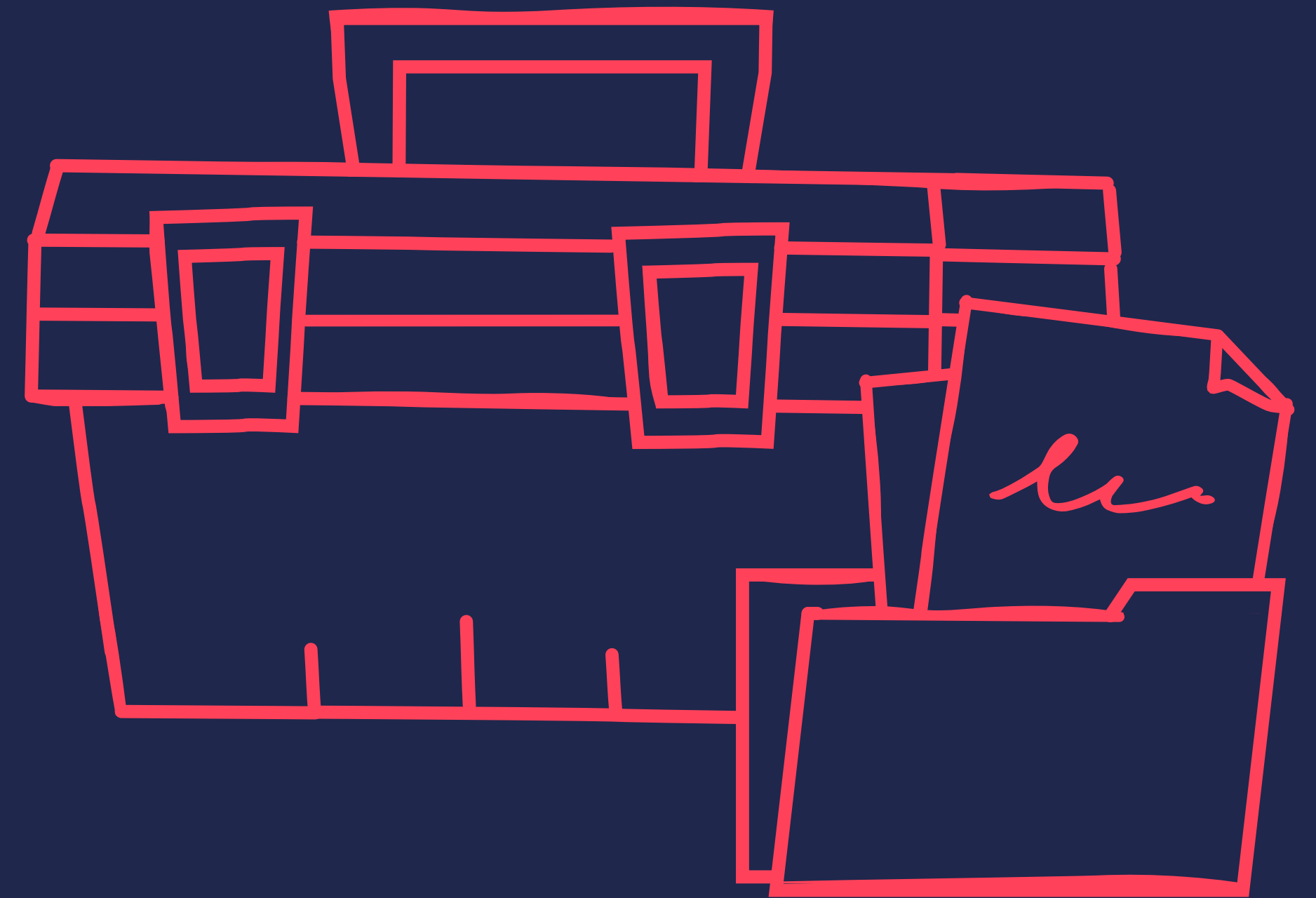
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Toolkit Contents.

- Key points
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- Ready-to-go social media posts
- Print-ready/screen-ready PDF press/newsletter ad
- Printable poster
- Website banner graphic
- E-comms banner graphic



Key points for you and your clients to know.

This pack includes various pieces of content that you can absorb, and also copy and paste, but here are the key points:

- There's new legislation about controlling interests in land.
- You may have to submit an entry to the new Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land, in Scotland.
- There's a deadline for entries by the 1 April 2024.
- After this date, you might be at risk of a fine of up to £5,000.
- Even if you are not in scope right now, it's important to be aware of this legislation as your circumstances may change in the future and bring you in scope of the legislation.
- Everything you need to know is at: ros.gov.uk/rci

Article you can insert into your Client Newsletter.

Copy and paste this article
into your emails, newsletters,
websites and more. Please edit
as needed to suit your clients.



As a valued client we're letting you know that you may need to submit an entry to the new RCI to avoid a fine.

We're sharing this information with you to help you avoid the risk of a fine of up to £5,000. Scotland wants improved transparency about land ownership. So, new legislation has been introduced by the Scottish Government and passed by the Scottish Parliament. As part of this, a new register has been established. You may have to make a submission to this register.

Who might need to register?

If you're a registered owner of land or property in Scotland, or a registered tenant with a lease of more than 20 years, and someone else has a controlling interest in that land or property – you're legally obliged to act before 1 April 2024. Or, you could risk a fine of up to £5,000.

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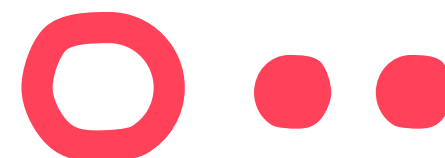
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Act now to avoid the risk of a fine of up to £5,000.

To comply with the new legislation, you, as an individual, need to check if you are legally required to submit to the register before the deadline of 1 April 2024, after which point you could risk being fined up to £5,000.

Visit ros.gov.uk/rci



Use these social media posts to reach your clients.

You can copy and paste the wording supplied here for ease, or create your own, if you prefer. The pre-sized graphics can be found in the accompanying toolkit zip file.



LinkedIn/X/Instagram (JPEG)

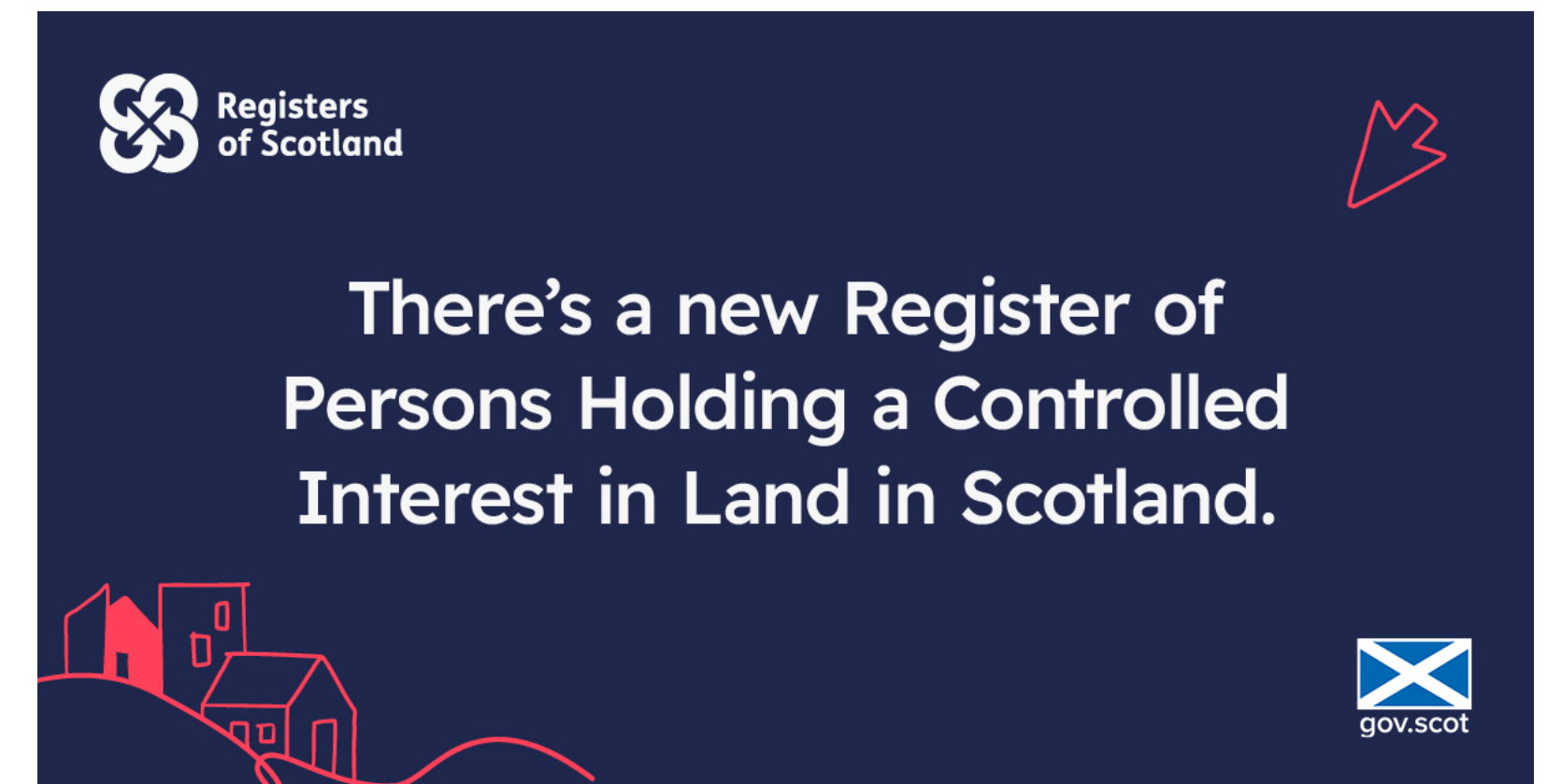


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Facebook (JPEG)



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Please link your social media posts to:

<https://www.ros.gov/rci>

Print and screen-ready adverts you can put in your newsletter.

If you have space, why not use these adverts in your newsletter to grab your clients' attention? The artwork in the accompanying toolkit file is ready to use.



A5 print-ready (PDF)



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Check now at ros.gov.uk/rci

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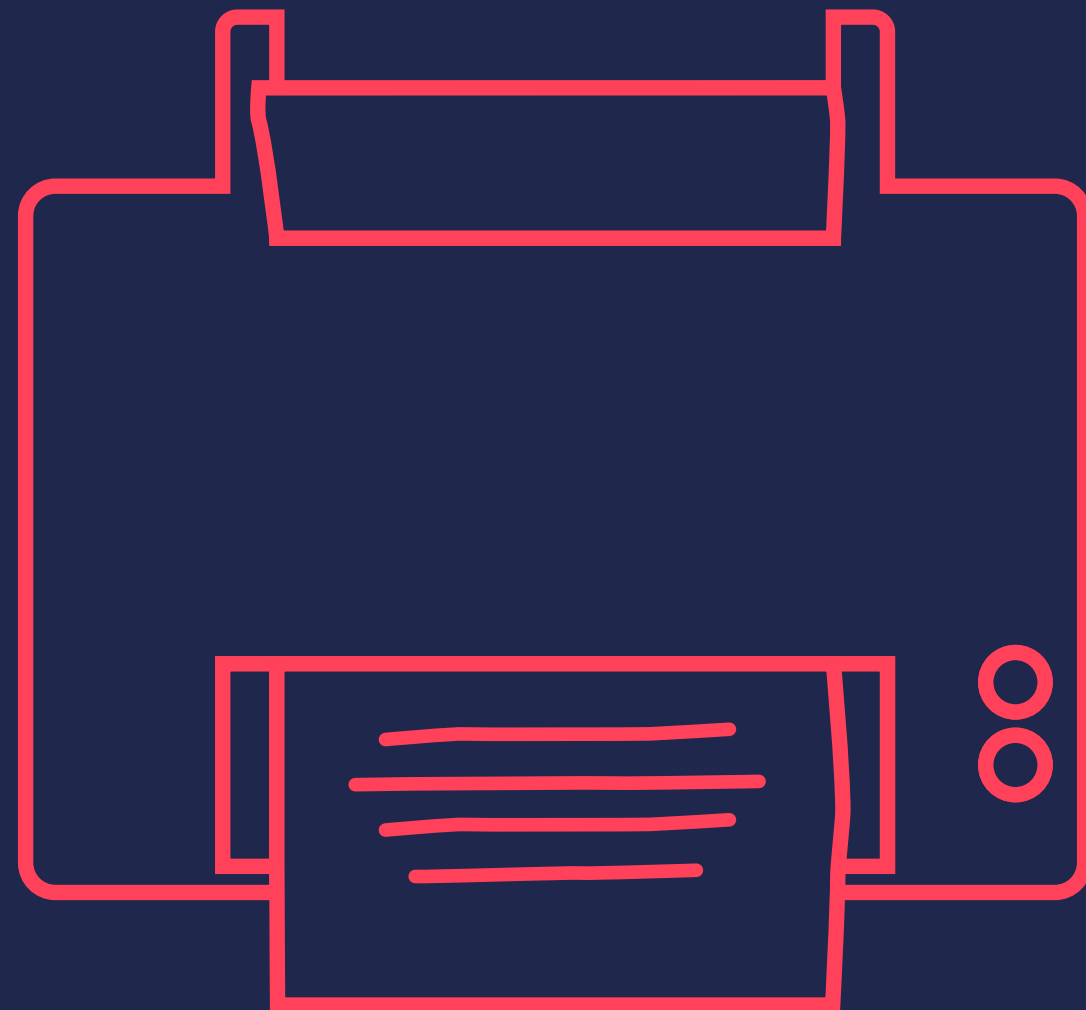


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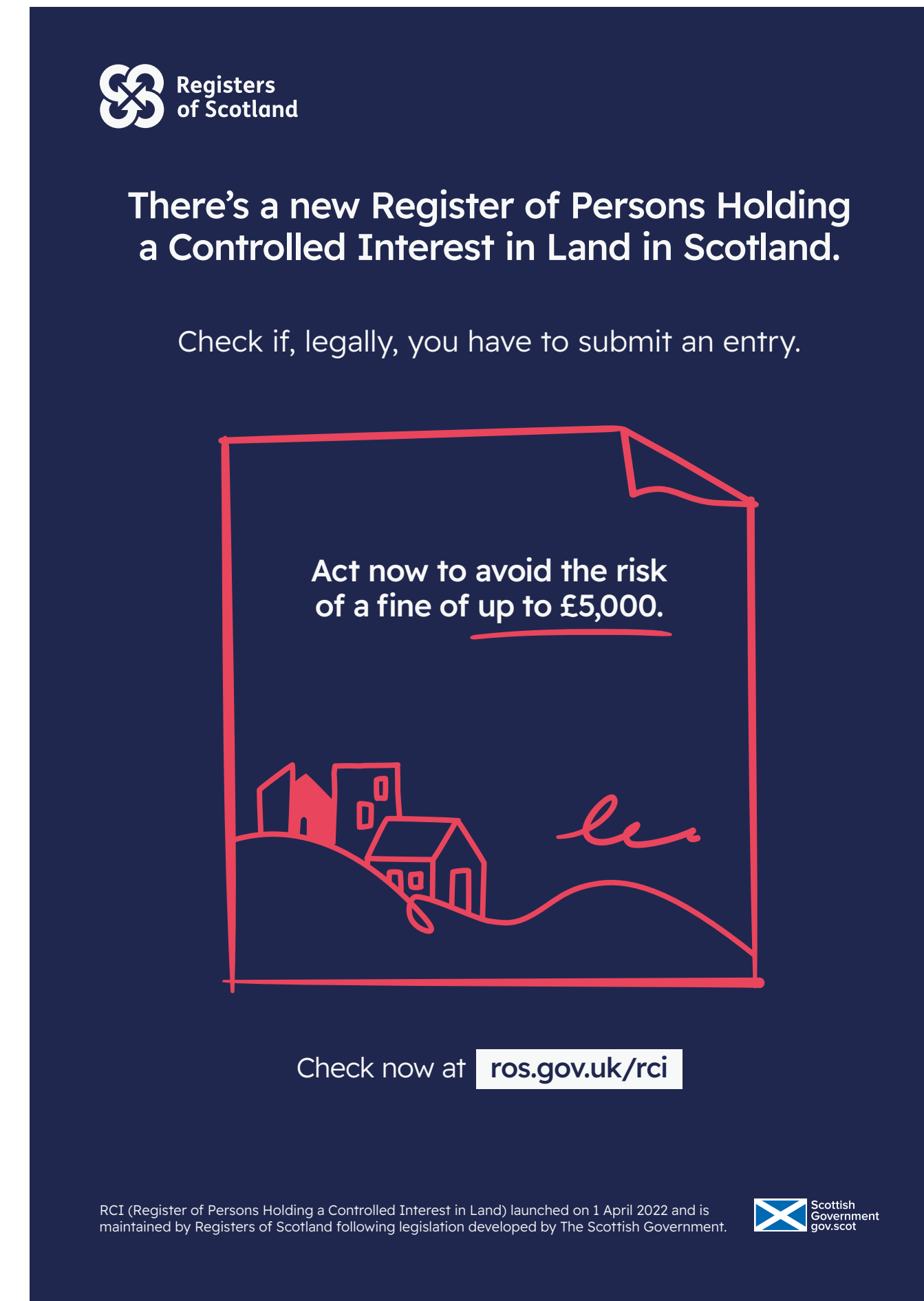
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Printable poster.

This poster is ready to print and put on your noticeboard. You can find the print-ready PDF in the accompanying toolkit zip file.



A4 print-ready Poster (PDF)



Digital banner to go on your website.

Use this image on your website.
The files can be found in the accompanying toolkit zip file.



728px x 90px digital banner (JPEG/PNG)



Please link the banner to:

<https://www.ros.gov/rci>

Digital banner to go on your emails.

You can drop this image into your next email to clients. The files can be found in the accompanying toolkit zip file.



700px x 250px digital banner (JPEG/PNG)



Please link the banner to:

<https://www.ros.gov/rci>

Thank you.



You can get a full explanation of the RCI here:

www.gov.scot/policies/land-reform/register-of-controlling-interests/

Or, for help seeing who is in scope visit:

<https://rci.ros.gov.uk/who-needs-to-register>

Or, to register yourself, go to:

ros.gov.uk/rci



Alternatively, if you have questions,
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