This guide sets out the gains of independence for Scotland - whichever party is in government - and this Government's vision and priorities for action if we are the first government of an independent Scotland. It also explains the process by which Scotland will become independent following a Yes vote and how our newly independent Scotland will work.

Scotland has many natural advantages. The foundations of our economy are strong. We have abundant natural resources. We have a talented population with many world-class businesses and institutions. We have a proud history, progressive traditions, fine intellectual and artistic accomplishments, a strong identity and many friends across the world.

Through devolution, the people of Scotland have experienced some of the benefits of independence. The advantages of taking decisions for ourselves have been clear. Crime is lower. Health outcomes have improved. In many ways - like our unemployment rate - our economy is stronger than the UK as a whole. The Scottish Parliament has protected the NHS from privatisation and restored our tradition of free education.

This guide lays out how we can complete Scotland's journey to home rule and become a fully independent country.

Full version can be downloaded here:

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Dods events

Westminster
Briefing
Digital Health & Care
Scotland
MEP
Awards
The Skills Summit
Scottish Public Service Awards
Public Sector Procurement Summit
Public Sector ICT Summit
Cyber Security
2017 Training Journal Awards

Partnership events

The Health and Care Innovation Expo
Civil Service Live Awards
Chief Nursing Officer for England's Summit
Women into Leadership The Youth Justice Convention
Socitm Spring Conference
NHSCC Annual Members' Event
Dods at Party Conference