



# Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005

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### *National Gaelic language plan*

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- (1) The Bòrd must—
  - (a) within 12 months of the commencement of this section,
  - (b) no later than 5 years after the date on which the most recent plan is published under subsection (7), and
  - (c) whenever required to do so by the Scottish Ministers,prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a national Gaelic language plan which must include proposals as to the exercise of its functions under this Act.
- (2) Those proposals must include a strategy for promoting, and facilitating the promotion of—
  - (a) the use and understanding of the Gaelic language, and
  - (b) Gaelic education and Gaelic culture.
- (3) In preparing the plan, the Bòrd must—
  - (a) consult the Parliament,
  - (b) publish a draft of the plan,
  - (c) publicise the opportunity to make representations about the draft plan under subsection (4) within such period of not less than 3 months as the Bòrd may specify, and
  - (d) take into account any representations received by it within that period.
- (4) Any person who wishes to make representations to the Bòrd about the draft plan may do so within the period specified in pursuance of subsection (3).
- (5) The Scottish Ministers must, within 6 months of receiving the plan—
  - (a) approve the plan, or
  - (b) make such comments on the plan as they think fit and require the Bòrd to prepare and submit to them, within such period as they may specify, a further plan taking account of those comments.
- (6) Where a further plan is submitted, the Scottish Ministers must, within 3 months of receiving it—

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- (a) approve the plan, or
  - (b) order the Bòrd to publish the plan in such terms as the Scottish Ministers think fit.
- (7) On the plan being approved or, as the case may be, ordered to be published by the Scottish Ministers, the Bòrd must—
- (a) publish it in such manner as it thinks fit, and
  - (b) lay a copy of it before the Parliament.