



Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022

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PART 1

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Strategy for tertiary education and research

13 Statement of strategic priorities

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must publish a statement setting out their strategic priorities for and in connection with tertiary education and research and innovation.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may at any time amend the statement published under subsection (1) (including by replacing it entirely).
- (3) The Welsh Ministers must publish any amendments they make to the statement.

14 Strategic plan for the Commission

- (1) The Commission must prepare a strategic plan setting out how it intends to—
 - (a) discharge its strategic duties under sections 2 to 12 , and
 - (b) address the priorities in the Welsh Ministers' statement under section 13.
- (2) In preparing the plan, the Commission must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.

15 Approval, publication and implementation of strategic plan

- (1) The Commission must send a strategic plan prepared under section 14 to the Welsh Ministers for their approval before the end of a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the statement is published under section 13(1).

- (2) The Welsh Ministers may—
 - (a) approve the plan, or
 - (b) approve the plan with modifications.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers must seek the agreement of the Commission to each modification they propose making to a plan before they modify it under subsection (2)(b).
- (4) If the Welsh Ministers approve a plan containing a modification that is not agreed by the Commission—
 - (a) the Welsh Ministers must give reasons for that modification to the Commission, and
 - (b) the Commission must publish the reasons given by the Welsh Ministers when it publishes its approved strategic plan.
- (5) The Commission must publish its approved strategic plan.
- (6) The Commission may publish its statement about well-being objectives under section 7 of the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#) by including it in its approved strategic plan.
- (7) The Commission must take all reasonable steps to implement its approved strategic plan.

16 Review of strategic plan

- (1) If the Welsh Ministers amend their statement under section 13(2) after the Commission has published its approved strategic plan under section 15(5), the Commission must review its strategic plan.
- (2) The Commission may review its strategic plan at any other time.
- (3) The Commission may revise its strategic plan after a review under subsection (1) or (2) if it considers it appropriate to do so.
- (4) If the Commission revises its strategic plan, section 14 applies in relation to the revision of the plan as it applies in relation to the preparation of a plan.
- (5) The Commission must send its revised strategic plan to the Welsh Ministers for their approval—
 - (a) where the revision is in consequence of a review under subsection (1), before the end of a period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the Welsh Ministers publish the amendments to their statement, or
 - (b) where the revision is in consequence of a review under subsection (2), as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (6) Subsections (2) to (7) of section 15 apply to a plan revised under this section as they apply to a plan prepared under section 14.