



# Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022

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## PART 1

### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

#### *The Commission's strategic duties*

#### **3 Promoting equality of opportunity**

- (1) The Commission must promote—
- (a) increased participation in Welsh tertiary education by persons who are members of under-represented groups;
  - (b) increased participation in the carrying out of research and innovation in Wales by persons who are members of under-represented groups;
  - (c) retention of students who are members of under-represented groups to the end of courses of Welsh tertiary education;
  - (d) reduction of any gaps in attainment in Welsh tertiary education between different groups of students where the differences arise from social, cultural, economic or organisational factors;
  - (e) the provision of support for students finishing courses of Welsh tertiary education who are members of under-represented groups to continue their tertiary education, find employment or start a business.
- (2) In this section, “under-represented groups” are—
- (a) in relation to tertiary education, groups that are under-represented in Welsh tertiary education as a result of social, cultural, economic or organisational factors, and
  - (b) in relation to research and innovation, groups that are under-represented in the carrying out of research and innovation in Wales as a result of social, cultural, economic or organisational factors.