



Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005

2005 asp 7

General

10 Interpretation

(1) In this Act—

“Gaelic culture” includes the traditions, ideas, customs, heritage and identity of those who speak or understand the Gaelic language,

“Gaelic education” means education [^{F1}consisting of teaching and learning]—

- (a) in the use and understanding of,
- (b) about, or
- (c) by means of,

the Gaelic language,

“the Gaelic language” means the Gaelic language as used in Scotland.

[^{F2}(1A) Any reference in this Act to anything done in writing or produced in written form includes a reference to an electronic communication (as defined in section 15(1) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 (c. 7)), which has been recorded and is consequently capable of being reproduced.]

(2) References in this Act to a relevant public authority are to—

- (a) a Scottish public authority,
- (b) so far as not falling within paragraph (a), a cross-border public authority (but only in relation to functions exercisable in or as regards Scotland which do not relate to reserved matters), and
- (c) the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

^{F3}(3)

(4) For the purposes of this Act, the functions of a relevant public authority include—

- (a) functions relating to its internal processes, and
- (b) the provision by the authority of any services to the public.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 10(1) inserted (15.7.2016) by [Education \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 8\)](#), **ss. 17(1)**, 33(2); [S.S.I. 2016/192](#), **reg. 2**, **sch.**
- F2** S. 10(1A) inserted (23.6.2006) by [The Electronic Communications \(Scotland\) Order 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/367\)](#), **art. 7**
- F3** S. 10(3) repealed (1.4.2015) by [Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(asp 1\)](#), s. 63(2), **Sch. para. 9** (with s. 62); [S.S.I. 2015/99](#), **art. 2**

11 Regulations and orders

- (1) Regulations and orders under this Act are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) An instrument containing regulations under section 3(7) or an order under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 1 is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

12 Consequential amendments

Schedule 2 (consequential amendments) has effect.

13 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.
- (2) This Act (except section 11 and this section) comes into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by order appoint.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may include such transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of the provisions brought into force as the Scottish Ministers think fit.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** [S. 13\(2\)](#) power fully exercised: 13.2.2006 appointed by [{S.S.I. 2006/31}](#), **art. 2**

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