

*These notes relate to the Higher Education Governance (Scotland)  
Act 2016 (asp 15) which received Royal Assent on 13 April 2016*

# HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Governance Arrangements**

#### *Chapter 3: Key definitions*

#### *Section 21: Meaning of academic board*

43. [Section 21](#) states the meaning of the term “academic board” in the context of an HEI. Section 21(1)(a) and (b) explains that the term means the body of persons with responsibility for overall planning, co-ordination, development and supervision of the academic work of the HEI (although the academic board discharges that responsibility subject to the general control and direction of the governing body of the HEI).
44. [Section 21\(2\)](#) clarifies that the “academic board” is also known in some HEIs as the Senate, Senatus or (and in the case of the older universities, in the Universities (Scotland) Acts) Senatus Academicus.