

*These notes refer to the Defamation Act 2013 (c.26)
which received Royal Assent on 25April 2013*

DEFAMATION ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION

7. Most of the Act's provisions extend to England and Wales only, but certain provisions also extend to Scotland:
 - Section 6 relates to the publication of peer-reviewed statements in scientific or academic journals.
 - Section 7(9) extends qualified privilege to fair and accurate reports of proceedings of a scientific or academic conference.
 - Section 15 defines the terms "publish" and "statement".
 - Section 16(5) is a saving provision which relates in part to sections 6 and 7(9).
 - Section 17 determines the extent and commencement of the Act.
8. In relation to Wales, the Act does not relate to devolved matters or confer functions on the Welsh Ministers.
9. The Act amends a number of enactments which extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland as well as to England and Wales. These amendments, apart from that made by section 7(9) which extends to Scotland, will extend to England and Wales only.