



Legislation (Wales) Act 2019

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PART 1

ACCESSIBILITY OF WELSH LAW

1 Duty to keep accessibility of Welsh law under review

- (1) The Counsel General must keep the accessibility of Welsh law under review.
- (2) In this Part, the “accessibility” of Welsh law means the extent to which it is—
 - (a) readily available to members of the public in Welsh and English;
 - (b) published in an up-to-date form in both languages (showing whether enactments are in force and incorporating any amendments made to them);
 - (c) clearly and logically organised (both within and between enactments);
 - (d) easy to understand and certain in its effect.
- (3) In this Part, “Welsh law” means—
 - (a) Assembly Acts and Assembly Measures;
 - (b) subordinate legislation made under Assembly Acts and Assembly Measures;
 - (c) any other subordinate legislation made by the Welsh Ministers or the National Assembly for Wales established by the [Government of Wales Act 1998 \(c. 38\)](#), so far as it applies in relation to Wales;
 - (d) any other enactment or rule of law, so far as it applies in relation to Wales and relates to subject matter which could be provided for in an Assembly Act.

2 Programme to improve accessibility of Welsh law

- (1) The Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General must prepare a programme setting out what they intend to do to improve the accessibility of Welsh law.
- (2) A programme must be prepared for each term of the National Assembly for Wales that begins after this section comes into force.
- (3) The programme must include proposed activities that are intended to—

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- (a) contribute to an ongoing process of consolidating and codifying Welsh law;
 - (b) maintain the form of Welsh law (once codified);
 - (c) promote awareness and understanding of Welsh law;
 - (d) facilitate use of the Welsh language.
- (4) The programme may also include proposed activities—
- (a) that may be undertaken in collaboration with the Law Commission (in accordance with the [Law Commissions Act 1965 \(c. 22\)](#)), or
 - (b) of any other kind the Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General consider appropriate.
- (5) The Counsel General must lay a copy of the programme before the National Assembly within 6 months of the appointment of a First Minister after a general election held under Part 1 of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#).
- (6) The Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General may at any time revise the programme, and if they do so the Counsel General must lay a copy of the revised programme before the National Assembly.
- (7) The Counsel General must report annually to the National Assembly on progress made under the programme.
- (8) In subsection (3), codifying Welsh law includes—
- (a) adopting a structure for Welsh law that improves its accessibility;
 - (b) organising and publishing consolidated Welsh law according to that structure.