



# Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005

## 2005 asp 7

### *Bòrd na Gàidhlig*

#### **1 Constitution and functions of Bòrd na Gàidhlig**

- (1) There is established a body corporate to be known as Bòrd na Gàidhlig (in this Act referred to as “the Bòrd”).
- (2) The Bòrd has the general functions of—
  - (a) promoting, and facilitating the promotion of—
    - (i) the use and understanding of the Gaelic language, and
    - (ii) Gaelic education and Gaelic culture,
  - (b) advising (either on request or when it thinks fit) the Scottish Ministers, public bodies and other persons exercising functions of a public nature on matters relating to the Gaelic language, Gaelic education and Gaelic culture,
  - (c) advising (on request) other persons on matters relating to the Gaelic language, Gaelic education and Gaelic culture,
  - (d) monitoring, and reporting to the Scottish Ministers on, the implementation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages dated 5 November 1992 in relation to the Gaelic language.
- (3) The functions conferred on the Bòrd by this Act are to be exercised with a view to securing the status of the Gaelic language as an official language of Scotland commanding equal respect to the English language through—
  - (a) increasing the number of persons who are able to use and understand the Gaelic language,
  - (b) encouraging the use and understanding of the Gaelic language, and
  - (c) facilitating access, in Scotland and elsewhere, to the Gaelic language and Gaelic culture.
- (4) The Scottish Ministers may give the Bòrd directions (of a general or specific character) and guidance as to the exercise of the Bòrd’s functions.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may vary or revoke any directions or guidance given under subsection (4).

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (6) Schedule 1 makes further provision with respect to the status, constitution, proceedings, etc. of the Bòrd.