
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is one of several instruments, being the Robert Gordon University (Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2006, the Designation of Institutions of Higher Education (Scotland) Order 2006, the Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2006, the Robert Gordon University (Closure) (Scotland) Order 2006 and the Academic Awards and Distinctions (The Robert Gordon University) (Scotland) Order of Council 2006, which give effect to The Robert Gordon University's desire that the university itself be incorporated rather than its governing body. This change necessitates the closing of the university as it is currently constituted and establishing a new institution of higher education.

The Robert Gordon University (Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2006 establishes a new institution of higher education to be called the Robert Gordon University.

On the date of coming into force of the Robert Gordon University (Closure) (Scotland) Order 2006, The Robert Gordon University, formerly known as The Robert Gordon Institute of Technology and whose name was changed in accordance with section 49 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 by resolution of the Governing Body on 18th March 1992 and consent of the Privy Council on 12th June 1992, will be closed and all property, staff, rights and liabilities will be transferred to that new institution.

This Order makes provision regarding the constitution, functions and powers of that new institution of higher education, The Robert Gordon University and the arrangements to be adopted by it in discharging its functions. It replaces all of the provisions of The Robert Gordon University (Scotland) Order of Council 1993 which is revoked.

This Order provides in article 3 for the objects for which the University will be conducted and the general functions of the University. It provides in article 4 for the powers of the Board (as the University's supreme governing body). Articles 5 to 11, inclusive, regulate the administration of the University. Article 12 provides for the establishment, maintenance and disbanding of a Guild. It provides in article 13 for appointment of an Academic Council. Articles 14 and 15 make a consequential revocation and make saving and transitional provisions.