

GAELIC LANGUAGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT – AN OVERVIEW

3. The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 establishes a body, Bòrd na Gàidhlig (the Bòrd), to promote the use and understanding of the Gaelic language and enables the Bòrd to require certain public bodies to prepare and implement plans which will set out how they will use the Gaelic language in the exercise of their functions.
4. [Section 1](#) establishes the Bòrd with the functions of promoting the use and understanding of the Gaelic language; promoting and advising on Gaelic language, culture and education matters; and reporting to the Scottish Ministers on the implementation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in relation to the Gaelic language.
5. [Section 2](#) requires the Bòrd to develop a national Gaelic language plan setting out how it proposes to exercise those functions.
6. [Sections 3 to 8](#) enable the Bòrd to require relevant public authorities to prepare and implement Gaelic language plans. These plans will set out how the public authority will use the language in connection with the exercise of its functions.
7. [Section 9](#) provides for the Bòrd to issue guidance on the provision and development of Gaelic education.