SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SCOTTISH LANGUAGES

The Scottish Languages Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*11th November 2025*
Laid before the Scottish Parliament	*13th November 2025*
Coming into force - -	*30th November 2025*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 48(2) and (3) of the Scottish Languages Act 2025(**a**)and all other powers enabling them to do so.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Scottish Languages Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 and come into force on 30 November 2025.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the 2005 Act" means the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005(**b**),

"the 2016 Act" means the Education (Scotland) Act 2016(**c**),

"the Act" means the Scottish Languages Act 2025.

Appointed day

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), 30 November 2025 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in column 1 of the schedule of these Regulations (the subject matter of which is described in the corresponding entry in column 2 of the schedule).

(**a**) 2025 asp 10.
(**b**) 2005 asp 7.
(**c**) 2016 asp 8.

(2) Where a purpose is specified in column 3 of the schedule, the corresponding provision specified in column 1 comes into force in accordance with paragraph (1) only for that purpose.

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St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
11th November 2025

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Provisions to be commenced

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Section 2	Functions of Bòrd na Gàidhlig	
Section 7	Functions of relevant public authorities	
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Section 9(2)(a)	Gaelic language plans	For the purpose of substituting section 3(3)(a) of the 2005 Act
Section 9(2)(b)	Gaelic language plans	For the purpose of substituting section 3(5)(a) of the 2005 Act
Section 9(2)(b)	Gaelic language plans	For the purpose of inserting section 3(5)(ab) of the 2005 Act
Section 9(2)(c)	Gaelic language plans	
Section 9(6)	Gaelic language plans	
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Section 16	Power for Scottish Ministers to set standards relating to Gaelic education	

Column 1 Provisions of the Act	Column 2 Subject matter	Column 3 Purpose
Section 17	Guidance to public authorities relating to Gaelic education	For the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to consult on guidance under section 6C of the 2016 Act
Section 18	Production of school education resources in Gaelic	
Section 19	General duty to provide education includes Gaelic education	
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force sections 1, 2, 7, 9(1), 9(2)(c), 9(6), 10 to 16, 18 to 20, 23, 26, 27, 31, 32(1), 32(5), 32(8), 33, 37 to 39, 41 and 46 of the Scottish Languages Act 2025 ("the Act") for all purposes on 30 November 2025 ("the appointed date").

These Regulations also bring into force the following provisions of the Act on the appointed date, for the purposes specified—

Section 9(2)(a), for the purpose of substituting section 3(3)(a) of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act").

Section 9(2)(b), for the purposes of substituting section 3(5)(a) of the 2005 Act, and inserting section 3(5)(ab) of the 2005 Act.

Section 17, for the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to consult on guidance under section 6C of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016.

The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 31 July 2025. Section 48(1) of the Act brought into force Part 3 of the Act on the day after Royal Assent.

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