





Linguistic Model of application in the field of Education in SCOTLAND¹


-  Name of the language: Scottish Gaelic
-  Status of the language: Official. The **Gaelic Language Act** aims to secure Gaelic as an official language of Scotland, "*commanding equal respect*" with English
-  Classification of the language according to the UNESCO: Definitely endangered
-  Protected under the Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

General description of the linguistic model of application in the territory


The Gaelic education linguistic model is based on three levels of classification: Pre-school (2-5 years); Primary school (5-12 years); Secondary school (12-18 years).

English is the standard language of the instruction. Scottish Gaelic is also the language of instruction on the Gaelic Medium Education (GME) model. The GME is currently available as follows at the different levels: Pre-school in 12 education authority areas; Primary school in 14 education authority areas; Secondary school in 12 education authority areas.

In the Gaelic Learner Education (GLE) model Scottish Gaelic language is taught as a subject. GLE is available in both Primary and Secondary school education streams.

-  Total number of **primary students** (basic education) enrolled in public and private institutions (schooling year 2018/2019): **398.000**



-  Total number of **secondary students** (middle school) enrolled in public and private institutions (schooling year 2018/2019): **273.384**



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