

Law of Georgia
on the Georgian National Academy of Sciences

Chapter I - General Provisions

Preamble

The Georgian National Academy of Sciences is a successor to the ancient Georgian Academies of Gelati and Ikalto , and is a feature of the high level intellectual development of the State, and a scientific adviser of the Government of Georgia, and a union of persons with international scientific achievements and high level scientific and civic competence.

Article 1 - Purpose and scope of the Law

This Law establishes the status, goals, objectives and the rules of activities of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences ('the Academy').

Article 2 - Legal grounds for the activities of the Academy

When carrying out its activities the Academy shall be guided by the Constitution of Georgia, this Law, the legislation of Georgia, and the statute of the Academy .

Chapter II - Status of the Academy and the Goals and Objectives of the Academy

Article 3 - Legal Status of the Academy

1. The Academy is a legal entity under public law based on membership. It consists of full members (academicians) and associate members of the Academy, as well as honorary academicians and foreign members of the Academy.
2. The Academy is a scientific advisor of the Government of Georgia.
3. The Academy is a self-governing scientific institution, which approves the statute of the Academy independently, determines its structure, and makes decisions regarding scientific and organisational matters, and HR-related matters, and matters related to economic and international relations .
4. The term 'the Georgian National Academy of Sciences' may not be used to define a concept other than the one defined in this Law.
5. A member of an academy in Georgia may not be called an academician or an associate member or an academy member without indicating the full name of the particular academy, except for a member of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences.

Article 4 - Goals and objectives of the Academy

1. The goals of the Academy are to:
 - a) promote the development of science in Georgia in accordance with achievements worldwide;
 - b) promote the development of science in Georgia based on the intellectual and professional competence of its members and present science to public life and in the international arena;
 - c) promote fundamental and applied scientific research works;
 - d) forecast the development of science in Georgia and work out proposals for state priorities in accordance with scientific achievements worldwide;
 - e) provide recommendations for higher state authorities and the public regarding the possible results of economic and social projects that are carried out in Georgia and foreign countries;
 - f) care for the official languages and improve scientific terminology in these languages;
2. In order to achieve its objectives the Academy shall:
 - a) popularise scientific achievements and scientific heritage;



- b) hold scientific discussions, symposia and conferences, and give public lectures at general, vocational and higher educational institutions;
- c) publish printed and electronic scientific journals and other periodicals, and exchange scientific literature at the international level;
- d) be entitled to become a member of international scientific organisations, and to communicate with leading scientists and scientific centres of the world;
- e) be entitled to carry out scientific and research activities;
- f) establish and award prizes to highlight significant scientific works in the fields of science and technology;
- g) be entitled to establish commissions in different fields of science and technology;
- h) keep personal archives of the figures of science and culture on the basis of a written request from an authorised person, which is valuable for the history of Georgia;
- i) review and assesses annual reports and completed scientific and research works depicting the scientific activities of higher educational institutions and scientific and research institutes of Georgia (except for the legal entity under public law called the Institute of Technology), and for these purposes be entitled to request necessary additional information from these organisations and notify these organisations, and the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, and the Funds for the Development of Science in Georgia, with regard to the results of assessment;
- g) grant titles and awards in different fields for the best scientific and research institutions of the year;
- h) conduct other activities including auxiliary economic activities related to the objectives of the Academy as provided for by the legislation of Georgia.

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Chapter III - Management of the Academy

Article 5 - Principles of the management of the Academy and management bodies

1. The management of the Academy is carried out on the basis of the principles of electiveness, democracy and transparency.
2. The management bodies of the Academy are:
 - a) the general meeting of the Academy;
 - b) the Academic Council;
 - c) the president of the Academy.

Article 6 - General meeting of the Academy

1. The highest managing body of the Academy is the general meeting of the Academy. Honorary academicians and foreign members of the Academy also participate in the work of the general meeting of the Academy.
2. The general meeting of the academy shall:
 - a) approve the statute of the Academy on the basis of a resolution of the general meeting by a majority of the members on the list;
 - b) determine the fundamental directions of the activities of the Academy ;
 - c) elect the president , the vice-presidents, the secretary academician of the Academy and other members of the Academic Council by a secret ballot on the basis of a majority of the members on the list;
 - d) recall prematurely members of the Academic Council by a secret ballot on the basis of a 3/5 majority of the members on the list;
 - e) review and approve the annual reports of the Academy and submit a reasonable proposal for the financing of the budget for the following year;
 - f) elect full members (academicians) and associate members of the Academy, and approve honorary academicians and foreign members of the Academy; and
 - g) review matters related to scientific ethics.
3. The president of the Academy shall convene and chair the general meeting of the Academy, and in the case of his absence, an acting president of the Academy shall be chosen by procedures determined by the statute of the Academy .
4. The general meeting of the Academy shall be convened as necessary, but at least twice a year.



Article 7 - The Academic Council

1. The Academic Council consists of the following: the president of the Academy, the vice-presidents, the secretary academician and other members of the Academy. The number of members of the Academic Council shall be defined by the statute of the Council. The members of the Academic Council shall not be civil servants.
2. The members of the Academic Council shall be elected by the general meeting of the Academy for a period of five years by a majority of the members on the list. The form of voting shall be defined by the statute of the Academy.
3. The Academic Council shall comply with the resolutions of the general meeting of the Academy and manage the activities of the Academy in between the general meetings.
4. The Academic Council shall be accountable to the general meeting of the Academy.
5. The Academic Council shall be served by an administrative staff.
6. Other powers of the Academic Council shall be defined by the statute of the Academy.

Article 8 - The president of the Academy

1. The president of the Academy is an authorised representative of the Academy within the country and abroad. He/she shall be responsible for the management of the activities of the Academy. The president of the Academy is the chairperson of the Academy at the same time.
2. The president of the Academy shall nominate candidates for membership of the Academic Council to the general meeting of the Academy for approval.
3. The president of the Academy shall be elected among full members (academicians) of the Academy by a general meeting of the Academy for a period of five years by a secret ballot, on the basis of a majority of the members on the list. The president of the Academy may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms.
4. The position of the president of the Academy is an administrative position. There is no age limit for this position.
5. Other powers of the president of the Academy shall be defined by the statute of the Academy.

Chapter IV - Structure of the Academy, Composition of the Academy and Remuneration for Members of the Academy.

Article 9 - Structure of the Academy

The structure of the academy is defined by the statute of the Academy.

Article 10 - Composition of the Academy

1. The total number of full members (academicians) of the Academy shall not exceed seventy .
2. A scientist who is a citizen of Georgia and who has contributed to the development of science at an international level and who has a high reputation in the sciences may be elected as a full member (academician) or as an associate member of the Academy
3. An acknowledged public figure who is a citizen of Georgia and who has contributed to the development of science and education in Georgia may be elected as an honorary member of the Academy.
4. A famous scientist and public figure who is a foreign citizen may be elected as a foreign member of the Academy.
5. Activities carried out by a member of the Academy at the general meeting of the Academy and in the Academic Council shall not be construed as the fulfilment of administrative functions.

Article 11 - Election of the members of the Academy, honorary academicians and foreign members of the Academy

The procedures for the election of full members (academicians), associate members, honorary academicians, and foreign members of the Academy shall be defined by the statute of the Academy.

Article 12 - Remuneration of the members of the Academy

1. A full member (academician) of the Academy shall be reimbursed with no less than GEL 1600 per month during his/her lifetime
2. An associate member of the Academy shall be reimbursed with no less than GEL 1000 per month during his/her lifetime..



3. Reimbursement for the members of the Academy shall be allocated from the state budget of Georgia.
4. The reimbursement of full members (academicians) and associate members of the Academy provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall cease where a member renounces or loses citizenship of Georgia .
5. The reimbursement provided for in this article is adequate to the reimbursement for the scientific status of the member of the Academy.

Chapter V - Property of the Academy, and Financing and State Control over the Activities of the Academy

Article 13 - Property of the Academy

1. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia shall transfer property to the Academy for the achievement of its goals and the fulfilment of its functions as provided for by the legislation of Georgia.
2. If a scientific and research institution, as provided for in Article 10 of the Law of Georgia on Science, Technology and their Development, is established as a structural unit of the Academy, a decision regarding the property to be transferred thereto shall be made by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.

Law of Georgia No 4469 of 22 March 2011 - website, 1.4.2011

Article 14 - Financing of the Academy

1. The main source of financing of the Academy is the state budget of Georgia. Funds allocated for the Academy shall be reflected separately in the Law of Georgia on the State Budget of Georgia for an appropriate year.
2. Additional sources of financing are:
 - a) state and private funds, including international and foreign funds for the facilitation of scientific research works;
 - c) grants and revenues received from the implementation of agreements;
 - d) funds receivable on the basis of the legislation of Georgia.

Article 15 -State control over the activities of the Academy

The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia shall exercise control over the activities of the Academy in accordance with the procedures determined by the legislation of Georgia.

Chapter VI- Transitional Provisions

Article 16 -Georgian National Academy of Sciences, its Full Members (Academicians) and Associate Members

1. The Georgian National Academy of Sciences is the legal successor of the Georgian Academy of Sciences.
2. Full members and associate members, and foreign and honorary members of the Georgian Academy of Sciences shall automatically acquire the status of full members (academicians), associate members, honorary academicians and foreign members of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences .
3. Articles 12 and 14 of this Law shall not apply to those full members (academicians) and associate members of the Academy who have renounced or lost citizenship of Georgia before the entry of this Law into force.
4. The statute of the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia shall be adopted no later than six months after the entry of this Law into force.
5. Elections for the new management of the Academy on the basis of this Law and the new statute shall be held no later than three months after the adoption of the statute.
6. Elections for associate members of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences shall terminate as of 1 May 2009.
7. (Deleted)
8. (Deleted)
9. The Government of Georgia shall submit proposals before 1 June 2009 regarding the optimisation of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and the transfer of property to the Academy as provided for by the legislation of Georgia.



Article 16¹ Status, functions, and objectives of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and remuneration of its members

1. The Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences is a legal entity under public law, a self governing scientific institution that enjoys full autonomy and state funding, and defines the priority directions of the agricultural sciences within the country, and coordinates scientific and research work and serves as a scientific advisor of the Government in agricultural matters.

2. The Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall review and assesses annual reports on the activities of scientific and research institutions (whatever their legal forms) and completed scientific and research works in the agricultural field, and for these purposes it shall be authorised, within the scope of its authority, to require necessary additional information and notify these organisations of the results of assessment and provide appropriate recommendations to the state authorities concerned.

3. The functions, the objectives, the rights, the management, the structure and the members of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall be defined by the statute of the Academy which shall be adopted and approved by the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

4. The Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall carry out auxiliary economic activities related to the objectives of the Academy in accordance with the procedures provided for by the legislation of Georgia.

5. The State shall finance those academicians and associate members of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences who have enjoyed appropriate status before the entry of this Law into force, and in the case of electing an existing associate member to a vacant position of an acting academician of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences before the entry of this Law into force, he/she shall receive the remuneration of an academician of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences. .

6. Full members and associate members of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall receive a monthly remuneration from the state budget of Georgia in the amount of no less than GEL 1,400 and 900 during their lifetime

7. The monthly remuneration for full members and associate members of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall cease where a member renounces or loses citizenship of Georgia or in the case of permanent resettlement abroad.

8. If a full member or an associate member of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences is simultaneously a member and/or becomes a member of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences, he/she shall receive remuneration from one institution only.

9. The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia shall exercise control over the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences as provided for by the legislation of Georgia.

10. The Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall be guided by the Constitution of Georgia, the legislation of Georgia, this article and the statute of the Academy.

11. The number of full members (academicians) of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall not exceed thirty. The election of associate members of the Georgian Academy of Agricultural Sciences shall terminate upon the entry of this Law into force.

Law of Georgia No 532 of 21 November 2008, LHGI, No34, 4.12.2008, Art.214

Law of Georgia No 1881 of 26 December 2013, website 28.12.2013

Article 17 -Activities with regard to the entry of this Law into force

The Ministry of Economic Development of Georgia shall transfer the property to the Academy in accordance with the procedures defined by legislation within three months after the entry of this Law into force.

Chapter VII Final Provisions

Article 18 - Act acknowledged as invalidated

The Law of Georgia on the Georgian Academy of Sciences (the Legislative Herald of Georgia, No25(32), 1999, Art.129) shall be declared invalid upon the entry of this Law into force.

Article 19 -Entry of this Law into force

This Law shall enter into force from 1 January 2008.



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