

Translation from Finnish
Legally binding only in Finnish and Swedish
Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland

Finnish National Board of Education Act (182/1991)

Section 1. Mandate

1. The Finnish National Board of Education, subordinate to the Ministry of Education and Culture, is an expert organisation that focuses on governance and development tasks in the field of education and training.
2. Further provisions on the scope of activities in education and other functions falling within its mandate are issued by decree.

Section 2. Mission

1. The mission of the National Board of Education is to be in charge of developing education falling under its mandate, promote effectiveness in education and monitor how education is organised.
2. It shall also undertake any other tasks separately entrusted or assigned to it, and carry out the assignments conferred to it by the Ministry of Education and Culture.
3. The Ministry of Education and Culture reserves the right to any matter that is of consequence in terms of educational policy, which in other circumstances would normally be resolved by the National Board of Education.

Section 3. Board of directors

The National Board of Education has a board of directors consisting of professionals in education and training. The duties, composition and appointment of the board of directors are issued by government decree.

Section 4. Organisation

1. The National Board of Education may have departments for specific areas of duties. A government decree gives provisions on the departments. However, there is always one department for duties related to education in Swedish.
2. The rules of procedure of the National Board of Education specify how the departments are organised internally. They also give provisions on the management of the National Board of Education, on the functions of the departments, the duties of senior management, and on how matters are prepared and under whose responsibility each matter belongs.

Section 5. Contractual right

Within the parameters of its budget, the National Board of Education is entitled to draw up contracts for executing the professional duties under its mandate and to cooperate with organisations and persons engaged in research within the Board's area of expertise.

Section 6. Fees

The National Board of Education is entitled to charge fees for its services, which are provided for in the Act on Criteria for Charges Payable to the State (150/1992) and a

pursuant decree. The magnitude of individual fees is determined by the board of directors. The fees can be set in such a way that they cover chargeable costs on average, as laid down by decree.

Section 7. Right to information

The National Board of Education has the right to obtain information from other authorities pertinent to the execution of its duties.

Section 8. 6 Further provisions

Further provisions on the implementation of this Act are issued by decree and pursuant rules of procedure for the organisation.

Section 9. Entry into force

This act enters into force on 1 April 1991.