

LAW
No 9655 of 11 December 2006

ON THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

Pursuant to Articles 78 and 83, point 1, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania,
upon the proposal of the Council of Ministers,

THE PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

HAS DECIDED:

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania (hereinafter called ‘the Academy’)
shall be a scientific institution, which shall operate through a selected community of
scientists.

Article 2

The Academy shall be a public juridical person.
Its headquarters shall be based in Tirana. The Academy shall have its own emblem. The
Academy Assembly shall adopt the Academy statute.

Article 3

The Academy shall be an autonomous institution, and in its activities, it shall rely on
scientific truth and on the national interests. It shall carry on its activities pursuant to the
laws of the Republic of Albania and its statute.

CHAPTER II
DUTIES OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Article 4

Tasks

The Academy shall discharge the following tasks:

- a) cooperate with domestic and foreign education and research institutions, which have the physical capacity required to conduct research and studies in different scientific areas;
- b) propose new research and study fields, in accordance with the development needs of the country;

- c) offer the high state institutions the necessary advice on and expertise in issues of importance to the development of the country;
- d) publish periodicals and other works of high scientific level;
- e) host scientific and topical congresses and conferences at a national and international level;
- f) host contests and grant award scientific prizes.

CHAPTER III STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY

Article 5 **Academy members**

The Academy shall be conceived of the regular members, associate members, and honorary members.

The Academy regular members shall hold the title 'Academic.' Their number shall not exceed 30 persons.

The Academy associate members shall hold the title 'Associate Academic,' and their number shall not exceed 15 persons.

The Academy honorary members shall include distinguished persons from other countries.

Article 6 **Selection of members**

The Academy regular members shall be selected from among the distinguished scientists of Albanian citizenship, who hold the title 'Professor,' and, through their original works and generalising works of a high scientific level, have provided theoretical and practical solutions to particularly important issues in the field of science, economy, art, and culture, and have contributed to the young scientists' graduate and post-graduate education.

In special cases, personalities outstandingly meritorious in different fields of creative work may be selected as regular members of the Academy.

The Academy associate members shall be selected from among the scientists of Albanian citizenship, who hold the title 'Professor,' and, through scientific works, have contributed in a significant way to the development of science, and to the young scientists' graduate and post-graduate education.

The honorary members shall be selected from among the distinguished personalities from other countries, who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of our country.

While on duty, persons, performing high administrative and political functions, may not run for a regular and associate member of the Academy.

The Academy statute shall provide for the procedures to be followed for the selection of the Academy members.

Article 7

Remuneration of Members

The Academy regular members, who permanently reside in the Republic of Albania, and are still working, as well as their salary, shall also benefit a monthly remuneration for the title 'Academic.' After retirement, as well as receiving pension in their capacity as professor, they shall also benefit remuneration for the title 'Academic.'

Article 8

The right to pension

Upon their request, the Academy members may postpone retirement age to 75. Beyond this age, they may not perform any steering duty, but may attend Academy Assembly meetings, while enjoying no right to vote.

CHAPTER IV

STEERING BODIES OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Article 9

Steering bodies

The Academy steering bodies shall include the assembly, the executive council, and the chairmanship.
The Academy statute shall provide for the responsibilities and functioning of the steering bodies.

Article 10

Structure of steering bodies

The assembly shall be the Academy highest steering body, and shall be conceived of the regular members and associate members.
The executive council shall be conceived by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Scientific Secretary, and section heads.
The chairmanship of the Academy shall be conceived by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and the Scientific Secretary.

Article 11

Election method

The assembly shall directly elect the Academy Chairman from among academics by secret ballot. The President of the Republic of Albania shall appoint the Chairman elected by the assembly.
The Assembly shall elect the Deputy Chairman, Scientific Secretary, and section heads

from among academics in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Academy statute.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be elected for a four-year term, and the Scientific Secretary and section heads for a five-year term. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Scientific Secretary, and section heads may hold the same office for two non-consecutive terms.

Article 12

Support structures

The Academy administration structure and personnel, which shall assist the Academy Chairmanship in its activity, shall be adopted by decision of the Council of Ministers.

Chapter V

SECTIONS OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Article 13

Sections and their structure

The Academy shall carry out its activity through its sections, which shall exercise the rights and responsibilities and perform the duties of the Academy in different fields of science.

The Academy statute shall prescribe the section duties, responsibilities, structure, management, and function.

CHAPTER VI

Article 14

Financing

1. The Academy shall be a budgetary institution, which shall receive its budget out of the:
 - a) state budget;
 - b) technical-scientific services provided to juridical and physical persons outside its system;
 - c) applications, projects, gifts, subsidies and sponsoring in accordance with the effective legal and subordinate legal acts.
2. Income generated under letters 'b' and 'c,' point 1, of this article, shall be used in accordance with the effective legal and subordinate legal acts.

CHAPTER VII

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 15

The Academy structure, organisation, as well as statute shall be adjusted in accordance with this law, within 2 months of its entry into force.

The reorganised Academy shall hold elections for the steering bodies within 3 months of the entry into force of this law.

Article 16

The Council of Ministers shall be assigned to enact the subordinate legal acts pursuant to Articles 7 and 12, within 6 months of the coming into force of this law.

Article 17

Repeal

Law no 9182 of 5 February 2004 'On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania,' and any other provisions running afoul of the current law, shall be repealed.

Article 18

Entry into force

This law shall enter into force 15 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

LAW
No 9853 of 26 December 2007

ON SEVERAL ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO LAW NO 9655 OF 11
DECEMBER 2006 'ON THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ALBANIA'

Pursuant to Articles 78 and 83, point 1 and 2, of the Constitution of the Republic of
Albania, upon the proposal of the Council of Ministers,

THE PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

HAS DECIDED:

The following additions and amendments shall be made to Law No 9655 of 11 December
2006 'On the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania':

Article 1

Article 5 shall be amended as follows:

Article 5

Academy members

1. The Academy shall be conceived of the regular members, permanent members, associate members, and honorary members.
2. The Academy regular members shall hold the title 'Academic,' and their number shall not exceed 30 persons. This group shall also include Academy permanent members, and their number shall not exceed 10 persons.
3. The Academy associate members shall hold the title 'Associate Academic,' and their number shall not exceed 15 persons.
4. The Academy honorary members shall include distinguished persons from other countries. The Academy statute shall provide for their number, which may not exceed the number of the Academy Assembly regular members.

Article 2

One paragraph, with the following content, shall be inserted after paragraph 2 in Article
6:

'Academics over 75 years of age, who have made valuable contribution, widely
recognised at a national and international level, shall be selected as Academy permanent
members.'

Article 3

Article 6/1 shall be inserted after Article 6:

‘Article 6/1

Expiration of Academy membership and filling of vacancies

1. The status of regular members, associate members, and any other steering function related to these designations, pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of the law, shall expire when the member:
 - a) turns 75 years old;
 - b) hands in resignation;
 - c) is elected in or appointed to steering positions in political parties or constitutional bodies;
 - d) is declared incapable to act by definitive court decision in its final form;
 - e) is sentenced by definitive court decision in its final form for having committed an offence;
 - f) is dismissed by two thirds of all Assembly member votes for actions and behaviours, which infringe harshly the image of the Academy member;
 - g) passes away.
2. The permanent member status shall expire in cases where one of the above-mentioned points is ascertained, with the exception of the cases provided for in letter “a.”
3. The honorary member status shall expire in cases where one of the above-mentioned points is ascertained, with the exception of the cases prescribed in letters “a” and “c.”
4. The procedures for filling the vacancies created after the expiration of the term under point 1 of this article, shall be started within 2 months prior to the expiration of the term, as specified by letter “a,” and no later than 30 days after its expiration, as specified by letters “b,” “c,” “d,” “e,” “f,” and “g” of point 1 of this article.’

Article 4

Article 7 shall be amended as follows:

‘Article 7

Remuneration of members

1. Involvement with the Academy as a regular, permanent, or associate member shall not imply full-time paid employment with the Academy.
2. The Academy chairmanship members and section heads shall be the Academy members having full-time paid employment.
3. Remuneration for the title ‘Academic’ shall be paid out of the Academy budget, which is earmarked for the academic activities carried on by regular, permanent, associate, and honorary members, as early as their joining the Academy till the expiration of their term on the grounds set forth in Article 6/1 letters “c,” “d,” “e,” “f,” and “g.”
4. The Academy regular members, who permanently reside in the Republic of Albania, and are working, as well as their salary, shall also benefit a monthly remuneration for the title ‘Academic,’ with the rate being established by decision of the Council of Ministers. After retirement, as well as receiving pension in their capacity as professor, they shall also benefit remuneration for the title ‘Academic.’

Article 5

Article 8 shall be repealed.

Article 6

Point 1, of Article 10, shall be amended as follows:

- ‘1. The Assembly shall be the Academy highest steering body, and shall be conceived of regular members, permanent members, and associate members.’

Article 7

Article 11 shall be amended as follows:

‘Article 11

Chairmanship election method

1. The Assembly shall directly elect the Academy Chairman from among regular or permanent members by secret ballot. The candidate, who shall get over half of the Assembly member votes, shall be elected Chairman. The President of the Republic of Albania shall appoint the Chairman elected by the Assembly.
2. The Assembly shall directly elect the Deputy Chairman, Scientific Secretary, and section heads from among regular, permanent, or associate members, by secret ballot, in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Academy statute.
3. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall be elected for a four-year term, and the Scientific Secretary and section heads for a five-year term. In any case, the duration of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Scientific Secretary term shall not exceed the duration of the regular or associate member status, pursuant to Article 6/1 of this law.
4. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Scientific Secretary, and section heads may hold the same office for two non-consecutive terms.’

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 8

Reorganisation of the Academy

1. The reorganisation of the Academy shall be carried out over a transitory period, within 1 year of the entry into force of this law.
2. The requirements for the election of the Academy new steering bodies and authorities shall be prepared in the course of the transitory period.
3. The Committee for the Reformation of the Academy of Sciences (CRAS,) established by Order of the Prime Minister under Article 9 of this law, shall carry out the reorganisation of the Academy.
4. The Temporary Academy Chairmanship (TAC) shall lead the Academy activities over the transitory period.

5. The CRAS and TAC shall cease to exist after the President of the Republic of Albania appoints the Academy Chairman, pursuant to point 1 of Article 11 under this law.

Article 9

Committee for the Reformation of the Academy

1. The Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania shall lead the Committee for the Reformation of the Academy whose members shall also include:
 - the Minister of Education and Science;
 - two members from the existing Academy Assembly, who have the longest seniority in the Academy, and whose membership shall not expire after the entry into force of this law;
 - an expert member from the Council of Higher Education and Science.
2. The Committee shall be entitled to invite Albanian and foreign experts to engage in specific reform-related issues.

Article 10

Duties of the Committee for the Reformation of the Academy

CRAS, in cooperation with the Temporary Academy Chairmanship, shall fulfil the following duties:

- a) propose the structure of the Selection Commission (SC) for the new Academy Assembly members;
- b) announce, upon the proposal of the Selection Commission, the vacancies of Academy Assembly members, according to the fields of science;
- c) announce the initial number of the Academy permanent members;
- d) announce, upon the proposal of the Selection Commission, the criteria to be met by candidates for Academy regular and associate member;
- e) supervise the competition procedures concerning vacancies;
- f) supervise the election process for the Academy steering bodies and authorities, in accordance with this law and the Academy statute.

Article 11

Temporary Academy Chairmanship

1. The Temporary Academy Chairmanship shall be conceived of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and the scientific Secretary. Upon the proposal of CRAS, the Chairman shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Albania. CRAS shall put forward at least two candidates from among the regular members of the existing Assembly to the President of the Republic of Albania.
2. Upon the proposal of CRAS, the Council of Ministers shall appoint the Academy Deputy Chairman and the Scientific Secretary. The candidates shall come from among the regular members of the existing Assembly.
3. The Temporary Academy Chairmanship shall be appointed within one month of the coming into force of this law.

Article 12
Selection Commission

1. The Selection Commission shall be established by decision of the Council of Ministers within two months of the entry into force of this law. The Selection Commission shall be conceived by 9 members, domestically and internationally recognised for their academic contribution. The Temporary Academy Chairmanship shall propose the Chairman of the Selection Commission and 3 members, whose membership shall not expire after the entry into force of this law. Upon the recommendations of the Council of Higher Education and Science, the Minister of Education and Science shall put forward 5 foreign scientific personalities as members of the Selection Commission.
2. The Selection Commission shall establish and put forward the proposal for the distribution of vacancies, in accordance to the fields of science, as well as the criteria to be fulfilled by the candidates to these positions, to the Council of Higher Education and Science. This commission shall select from among them to fill the vacancies for the Academy Assembly regular members.
3. The meetings of the Selection Commission shall be considered as valid with at least 7 members being present.
4. The Temporary Academy Chairmanship, based on the classification made by the Selection Commission, shall announce the new Academy members.

Article 13

1. The Academy Assembly shall adopt the new Academy statute, after the required quorum is constituted (the quorum shall be 50 per cent plus one of the overall number of the Assembly members), within four months of the entry into force of this law.
2. Academy permanent members shall be elected from among the regular Assembly members, after the required quorum is constituted.
3. The Assembly associate members shall be elected after the number of the Assembly regular and permanent members is completed.
4. The Academy structure and organisation shall be adjusted in accordance with this law, within 4 months of its entry into force
5. The reorganised Academy shall hold elections for the steering bodies within 6 months of the entry into force of this law.

Article 14
Entry into force

This law shall enter into force 15 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Promulgated by Decree No 5579 of the President of the Republic of Albania, Bamir Topi,
of 17 January 2008

LAW
No 9949 of 7 July 2008

ON AN AMENDMENT TO LAW NO 9655 OF 11 DECEMBER 2006 ‘ON THE
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA,’ AS AMENDED

Pursuant to Articles 78 and 83, point 1, of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania,
upon the proposal of the Council of Ministers,

THE PARLIAMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

HAS DECIDED:

The following amendment shall be made to Law No 9655 of 11 December 2006 ‘On the
Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania,’ as amended:

Article 1

Article 6 shall be amended as follows:

‘Article 6
Selection of members

The Academy regular members shall be selected from among the distinguished scientists who have or used to have Albanian citizenship, and hold the title “Professor,” and, through their original works and generalising works of a high scientific level, have provided theoretical and practical solutions to particularly important issues in the field of science, economy, art, and culture, and have contributed to the young scientists’ graduate and post-graduate education. The Academy regular members shall also be selected from among distinguished Albanian scientists, who have not been granted the title “Professor” in Albania, but hold the scientific title “PhD” or “Doctor,” work in universities and research centres outside the country, and have made an academic contribution, beyond the stipulations of the effective legal and subordinate legal acts on the granting of the title “Professor.”

In special cases, personalities outstandingly meritorious in different fields of creative work may be selected as regular members of the Academy.

Academics over 75 years of age, who have made valuable contribution, widely recognised at a national and international level, shall be selected as Academy permanent

members.

The Academy associate members shall be selected from among the scientists who have or used to have Albanian citizenship, and hold the title “Professor,” and, through scientific works, have contributed in a significant way to the development of science, and to the young scientists’ graduate and post-graduate education. The Academy associate members shall also be selected from among distinguished Albanian scientists, who have not been granted the title “Professor” in Albania, but hold the scientific title “PhD” or “Doctor,” work in universities and research centres outside the country, and have made an academic contribution, beyond the stipulations of the effective legal and subordinate legal acts on the granting of the title “Professor.”

The honorary members shall be selected from among the distinguished personalities from other countries, who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of our country.

While on duty, persons, performing high administrative and political functions, may not run for a regular and associate member of the Academy.

The Academy statute shall provide for the procedures to be followed for the selection of the Academy members.’

Article 2 **Entry into force**

This law shall enter into force 15 days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Promulgated by Decree No 5827 of the President of the Republic of Albania, Bamir Topi, of 29 July 2008