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# Compulsory Education Act 2000

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An Act to provide for compulsory primary education in Singapore and for matters connected therewith.

[1 January 2003]

### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Compulsory Education Act 2000.

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
  - “Board” means the Compulsory Education Board established under section 5;
  - “child of compulsory school age” means a child above the age of 6 years who has not yet attained the age of 15 years and who satisfies such conditions for receiving primary education as the Director-General may determine;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of Education, and includes such officers of the Ministry of Education as may from time to time be authorised to exercise the functions of the Director-General of Education under section 5 of the Education Act 1957;

“national primary school” means any institution for the provision of full-time primary education, being —

- (a) a school organised and conducted directly by the Government;
- (b) a school in receipt of grant-in-aid under the Education Act 1957;
- (c) a school specified in any order made under section 3(1) of the School Boards (Incorporation) Act 1990; or
- (d) such other school as may be prescribed;

“parent”, in relation to a child to whom section 3(1) applies, includes a guardian and any person having the actual custody of the child;

“primary education” means a 6-year course of education normally commencing when a child has attained the age of 6 years.

### **Compulsory primary education**

3.—(1) A child of compulsory school age who is —

- (a) born after 1 January 1996;
- (b) a citizen of Singapore; and
- (c) residing in Singapore,

must attend regularly as a pupil at a national primary school.

(2) If a child of compulsory school age fails to attend regularly as a pupil at a national primary school as required under subsection (1), each parent of the child shall be guilty of an offence.