

Maintenance of Parents Rules

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MAINTENANCE OF PARENTS ACT (CHAPTER 167B, SECTIONS 20 AND 21)

MAINTENANCE OF PARENTS RULES

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Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Maintenance of Parents Rules.

Forms

1A. Any reference in these Rules to a numbered form shall be construed as a reference to the current version of the form bearing the corresponding number which is displayed at <http://www.maintenanceofparents.gov.sg>.

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Application to be approved person or organisation

2.—(1) Any person or organisation that desires to be an approved person or organisation for the purposes of the Act may apply to the Minister for approval in Form 1 or 2.

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(2) The person or organisation seeking approval shall furnish the Minister with such information or documents as the Minister may require.

Registry of Tribunal

3. A Registry for the Tribunal shall be established under the charge of the Secretary to the Tribunal (referred to in these Rules as the Secretary).

Records

4.—(1) The Secretary shall cause to be kept —

- (a) a record of proceedings of the Tribunal;
- (b) all applications and papers filed with the Registry; and
- (c) such other records or books as the President or a deputy President of the Tribunal may direct,

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in accordance with directions given by the President or deputy President of the Tribunal, as the case may be.

(2) Any party to the proceedings under the Act shall be entitled to a copy of the record of the proceedings of the Tribunal upon request in writing addressed to the Secretary.

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Lodging of application

5.—(1) An application to the Tribunal made under the Act shall be lodged with the Secretary and shall be in the following forms:

- (a) if made by the applicant himself or on his behalf — Form 3;
- (b) if made by an approved person — Form 4;
- (c) if made by an approved organisation — Form 5; and
- (d) if made by the Commissioner — Form 6.

(2) An application for variation of a maintenance order made under section 8(2) of the Act shall be lodged with the Secretary in Form 7 or 8, as the case may be.

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(3) Every application for maintenance or variation of a maintenance order shall be accompanied by —

- (a) a duly completed form containing the applicant's particulars;

- (b) a statement of the applicant's financial needs, income, earning capacity and other financial resources;
- (c) documents in support of the applicant's physical or mental disability, if any; and
- (d) such other documents as may be required in Form 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8.

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Application for joinder of respondents

6.—(1) Before a respondent serves a notice under section 4 of the Act for joinder of respondents on other persons liable to maintain the applicant, he shall, within 14 days of the service of the notice of application, file an application for such notice in Form 9 with the Secretary.

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(2) The notice for joinder of respondents under section 4 of the Act shall be in Form 10 and shall be signed by the Secretary.

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Notice of application

7.—(1) Where an application for maintenance, joinder of respondents or variation of a maintenance order is lodged, the Secretary shall —

- (a) indicate on the application the date on which it was received;
- (b) assign a number to the application, which shall thereafter constitute the title of the application;
- (c) fix a time and date for appearance before the Tribunal and, if applicable, a time and date for subsequent referral of the differences to a conciliation officer in accordance with section 5(6) of the Act; and
- (d) give notice in Form 11 to the applicant and respondents of the time and date to appear before the Tribunal to state the differences between parties and subsequent mediation with the conciliation officer so fixed.

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(2) A copy of the application for maintenance or variation of the maintenance order, as the case may be, shall be attached by the Secretary to every notice under paragraph (1) other than the notice which was given to the applicant.

Answer

8.—(1) A respondent or co-respondent may, within 14 days of the service of the notice of application or notice for joinder of respondents, file an answer with the