

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES ACT 2017

(No. 19 of 2017)

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An Act to regulate the operation of early childhood development centres, to provide for other connected or incidental matters, to repeal the Child Care Centres Act (Chapter 37A of the 2012 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Early Childhood Development Centres Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“applicant” means a person making an application;

“application”, in relation to a licence, means an application for or to renew a licence;

“authorised officer”, for any provision of this Act, means a public officer who is appointed as an authorised officer under section 5(3) for the purposes of that provision;

“Chief Licensing Officer” means the public officer appointed under section 5(1)(a);

“code of practice” means a code of practice issued or approved by the Chief Licensing Officer under section 36, and includes any such code of practice as amended from time to time under that section;

“early childhood development centre” means any premises where any early childhood development service is provided or is to be provided;

“early childhood development service” means the provision of care or education, or care and education, habitually of 5 or more children who are below 7 years of age, for a fee, reward or profit by a person who is not a relative or guardian of all the children;

“key appointment holder”, in relation to an applicant or a licensee —

(a) that is a company, limited liability partnership or other body corporate, means —