

**Vigilante Corps Act
(CHAPTER 343)**

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VIGILANTE CORPS ACT (CHAPTER 343)

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An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the Vigilante Corps and for purposes connected therewith.

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Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Vigilante Corps Act.

Interpretation

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

“Commandant” means the officer appointed by the Minister under section 6;

“commanding officer” means the Deputy Commissioner of Police, the Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police and an Assistant Commissioner of Police, the Director of the Police Academy and any police officer lawfully acting in any of these appointments;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police;

“Corps” means the Vigilante Corps established under this Act;

“detention barracks” means any building or part of a building set apart by the Commissioner for the purposes of persons serving sentences of detention;

“disciplinary officer” means any officer or any police officer of or above the rank of Inspector in the Police Force who is appointed by the Commandant to conduct disciplinary proceedings;

“member of the Corps” or “member” means any person of any rank in the Corps;

“national serviceman” means a person who has been directed to present himself for enlistment in the Corps under the provisions of any written law for the time being in force relating to national service or enlistment;

“officer” means any member of the Corps not below the rank of assistant unit leader;

“Police Force” means the Singapore Police Force established by the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

“subordinate officer” means a member of the Corps below the rank of assistant unit leader.

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Raising and maintenance of Vigilante Corps

3. There shall be raised and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Act and its regulations a corps to be known as the Vigilante Corps.

Composition of Corps

4. The Corps shall consist of —

- (a) national servicemen; and
- (b) volunteers who have been enrolled in the Corps by the Commandant.

Functions of Corps

5. The Corps shall —

- (a) assist the Police Force in the maintenance of law and order, the preservation of public peace, the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of offenders; and
- (b) perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned to the Corps by the Minister.

Appointment of Commandant

6. The Minister may appoint a Commandant of the Corps who shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Commissioner, be responsible for the command, administration, discipline, training and welfare of the Corps.

Affiliation to Police Force

7.—(1) The Corps shall be affiliated to the Police Force but members of the Corps shall not be police officers within the meaning of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235).

(2) The Commissioner may second any member of the Police Force for full-time or part-time service in the Corps.

Corps to consist of units

8. The Corps shall consist of such units and divisions as may from time to time be approved by the Minister.

Power to disband Corps

9. The Minister may, whenever it seems to him expedient to do so, disband or discontinue the service of the Corps or any part of the Corps.

Oath or affirmation

10.—(1) Every member of the Corps shall take an oath or affirmation in such form as the Minister may prescribe before the Commandant or such person as may be authorised by him.

(2) Any member of the Corps who refuses to take such oath or affirmation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(3) This section shall not apply to members of the Corps who are national servicemen.

Certificate

11.—(1) A certificate shall be issued to every member of the Corps and shall be evidence of his appointment under this Act.

(2) No certificate shall be issued to any member of the Corps who is a national serviceman.

Resignation and discharge from Corps

12.—(1) Any member of the Corps, who is enrolled as a volunteer, may resign by giving to the Commandant 14 days' notice in writing of his intention to do so.

(2) The Commandant may discharge any member of the Corps where he is of the opinion that the member is not likely to become or remain useful in the Corps.

Delivery of Government property on leaving Corps