

**Singapore Council of Social Service Act
(CHAPTER 299)**

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SINGAPORE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ACT

(CHAPTER 299)

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An Act to incorporate the Singapore Council of Social Service.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Council of Social Service.

Interpretation

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

“Board” means the Board of Management of the Council;

“Council” means the Singapore Council of Social Service incorporated by this Act;

“Fund” means the Singapore Council of Social Service Fund and includes all subscriptions, donations, bequests, interest and dividends and all other movable or immovable property received, acquired or held by the Council;

“society” means the Singapore Council of Social Service in existence immediately before the commencement of this Act and registered under the provisions of the Societies Act [Cap. 311].

Incorporation of Council

3.—(1) There is hereby established in Singapore a body corporate to be known as the Singapore Council of Social Service.

(2) The Council shall have perpetual succession and may sue and be sued in its corporate name and perform acts or things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

Common seal

4. The Council shall have a common seal which may from time to time be broken, changed, altered and made anew as the Council thinks fit.

Transfer of property, liabilities, etc.

- 5.—(1) All the assets and movable and immovable property of every description and

all the powers, rights and privileges in connection therewith or appertaining thereto which immediately before the commencement of this Act were vested in the society are vested in the Council without further assurance.

(2) All liabilities and obligations of the society which may have existed immediately before the commencement of this Act are transferred to the Council.

(3) Every officer of the society shall be deemed to hold a corresponding appointment in the Council, subject to any provision that may subsequently be made.

Constitution of Council

6.—(1) The Council shall consist of one representative each from all the organisations set out in the Schedule.

(2) The Minister may, from time to time by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule on the advice of the Council or the Board.

(3) Subject to subsection (2), the Board may accept as members of the Council organisations in any of the following categories:

- (a) welfare and welfare co-ordination organisations; and
- (b) organisations or bodies engaged in any form of social, welfare, community or humanitarian work or service.

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Associates

7.—(1) Any person, firm, corporation or organisation which subscribes such annual sum, as may be determined from time to time by the Council on the recommendation of the Board, to the Fund may, in the discretion of the Council, be admitted to be an associate of the Council for the year of the subscription.

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(2) Such associates may attend the meetings of the Council but shall not vote in any of its proceedings.

(3) Such associates may elect from among themselves a number not exceeding two to represent them on the Board. All such elected associates are entitled to attend the meetings of the Board and have the right to vote on any issue at the meetings.

Ex officio members

8. The Director of Social Welfare or his representative and the Head of the Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore, or his representative shall be ex officio members of the Council as well as of the Board.

Patrons

9. The Council may, on the recommendation of the Board, at any annual general meeting nominate suitable persons to be patron-in-chief patrons and honorary members of the Council.

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Objects of Council

10.—(1) The objects of the Council are —

- (a) to co-ordinate voluntary welfare activities in Singapore not only as between member organisations of the Council but also with other organisations;
- (b) to maintain and improve standards of voluntary social work and to encourage voluntary welfare efforts in fields not fully covered by the Government;
- (c) to assist member organisations by contributions or otherwise to promote voluntary welfare activities in Singapore;
- (d) to initiate, assist and organise such forms of relief and schemes of social service as may be deemed desirable by the Council;
- (e) to raise, receive, administer and distribute such funds and goods in kind as are entrusted to it;
- (f) to disseminate information to and interest in all possible ways the members of the public in social welfare matters and to encourage participation therein;
- (g) to make such recommendations to the Government as the Council thinks fit on matters pertaining to legislation in the field of social welfare or for the furtherance of the objects of the Council; and
- (h) to establish a headquarters and social service centre.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out any of the objects set out in subsection (1), the Council may —

- (a) acquire or accept leases, purchase, take, hold and enjoy any lands, buildings, messuages or tenements of any nature or kind and wherever situated in Singapore or elsewhere;
- (b) invest moneys on deposit in any bank in Singapore or on mortgage of any