

# COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION AGENCY BILL, 2019

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**COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION AGENCY ACT, 2019**

AN ACT to establish the Complementary Education Agency to oversee the administration of complementary education and to provide for related matters.

**PASSED** by Parliament and assented to by the President:

*Establishment of the Complementary Education Agency*

**Establishment of the Agency**

1. (1) There is established by this Act, a body corporate with perpetual succession to be known as the Complementary Education Agency.

(2) The Agency may, for the performance of its functions, acquire and hold movable and immovable property, dispose of property and enter into a contract or any other related transaction.

(3) Where there is a hindrance to the acquisition of immovable property, the immovable property may be acquired for the Agency under the State Lands Act, 1962 (Act 125) and the cost shall be borne by the Agency.

**Objects of the Agency**

2. The objects of the Agency are to

- (a) provide complementary education; and
- (b) promote quality complementary education.

**Functions of the Agency**

3. To achieve the objects under section 2, the Agency shall,
- (a) provide functional basic literacy to disadvantaged groups;
  - (b) provide complementary education pathways from primary to tertiary levels;
  - (c) provide occupational skills training for different trade groups;
  - (d) advise the Minister on the orientation of complementary education in accordance with national development plans;
  - (e) formulate policies and guidelines to advance complementary education;
  - (f) develop curricula, instructional materials and best practice for complementary education;
  - (g) coordinate and implement activities in the complementary education sector;
  - (h) monitor and evaluate the implementation of approved learning activities in the complementary education sector;
  - (i) create community learning platforms for complementary education;
  - (j) develop partnerships to enhance complementary education and occupational skills development;
  - (k) equip learners with the knowledge, attitudes and skills to enable the learners to improve the quality of life in their communities in a lifelong learning framework;
  - (l) equip learners to improve upon their occupational skills through functional basic literacy;
  - (m) design and promote strategies and programmes for the conduct and implementation of all forms of complementary education;
  - (n) determine the qualifications, standards and other relevant criteria for the appointment of the staff of the Agency;
  - (o) determine the application, standards and other criteria for the appointment of the staff of a District Complementary Education Agency; and
  - (p) perform any other functions that are necessary for the attainment of the object of the Agency.

*Governance of the Agency*

**Governing body of the Agency**

4. (1) The governing body of the Agency is a Board consisting of
- (a) a chairperson with considerable experience in the public service nominated by the Minister;
  - (b) two retired senior staff of the Non-Formal Education Division of the Ministry responsible for Education nominated by the Minister;
  - (c) the Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training;
  - (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for
    - (i) Local Government and Rural Development not below the rank of a Director nominated by the Minister responsible for Local Government and Rural Development;
    - (ii) Finance not below the rank of a Director nominated by the Minister responsible for Finance;
    - (iii) Gender, Children and Social Protection not below the rank of a Director nominated by the Minister responsible for Gender, Children and Social Protection;
    - (iv) Employment and Labour Relations not below the rank of a Director nominated by the Minister responsible for Employment and Labour Relations;
    - (v) Education not below the rank of a Director nominated by the Minister;
  - (e) a representative of the Ghana Employers Association nominated by the Ghana Employers Association; and
  - (f) the Executive Director of the Agency;
- (2) The President shall appoint the chairperson and other members of the Board in accordance with article 70 of the Constitution.
- (3) The President shall, in making the appointment under paragraph (a) of subsection (1), consider the knowledge and expertise of the person and in particular the ability of that person to contribute to the work of the Agency.