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CHAPTER 117
HOUSING ACT

[Date of assent: 9th June, 1953.]

[Date of commencement: 9th July, 1953.]

An Act of Parliament to provide for loans and grants of public moneys for the construction of dwellings; to establish the National Housing Development Fund and a housing board for these purposes; and for connected purposes

[Act No. 17 of 1953, Act No. 21 of 1960, Act No. 42 of 1960, L.N. 2/1964, Act No. 21 of 1966, Act No. 9 of 1967, Act No. 18 of 1967, Act No. 8 of 1968, Act No. 12 of 1985, Act No. 22 of 1987, Act No. 21 of 1990, Act No. 7 of 2007, Act No. 18 of 2018, Act No. 23 of 2019.]

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Housing Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**approved**” means approved by the Corporation;

“**dwelling**” means a building the whole or part of which is intended to provide residential accommodation;

“**grant**” means a grant of money made to a local authority out of the National Housing Development Fund under the provisions of section 7(1)(a) of this Act;

“**Housing Fund**” *deleted by Act No. 23 of 2019, s. 55;*

“**National Housing Development Fund**” means the Fund established under section 7 of this Act;

“**scheme**” means a proposal for the construction of several approved dwellings including such other proposals as may be necessary or desirable or incidental thereto by way of the provision of roads, drains, open spaces, places of worship, places of recreation, facilities for social welfare and trading, and the acquisition, laying out, subdivision and development of land comprised within the area of the scheme;

“**the Corporation**” means the National Housing Corporation established by section 3 of this Act.

[Act No. 42 of 1960, s. 3, Act No. 9 of 1967, Sch.,
Act No. 18 of 1967, s. 3, Act No. 23 of 2019, s. 55.]

3. Establishment and constitution of National Housing Corporation

(1) There is hereby established a National Housing Corporation which shall be a body corporate by that name with perpetual succession and a common seal, and which shall perform the duties and have the powers conferred on it by this Act.

(2) The Corporation shall consist of—

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for housing in the Ministry;
- (c) a person appointed by the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for finance; and