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An Act to make better provision for Land Surveys and the Licensing and Control of Land Surveyors and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith

Part I – Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Land Survey Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**Board**” means the Land Surveyors Registration Board established under [section 4A](#);

[24 of 1986]

“**customary land**” means customary land vested in the Government, and not the subject of a lease or right of occupancy;

“**Commissioner**” means the Commissioner of Surveys;

“**Government surveyor**” means the Commissioner or, as the case may be, any officer of the Survey Department who is authorized in writing by the Commissioner to perform the duties of a surveyor under this Act;

“**graduate surveyor**” means a Government surveyor or a registered assistant surveyor employed or engaged as an assistant to a Government surveyor or licensed surveyor and who fulfils the requirements of [section 5](#) (1) (b) (i) and (iv) but who is not a licensed surveyor;

[24 of 1986]

“**land**” includes land covered with water;

“**licensed surveyor**” means the land surveyor duly licensed as a surveyor under this Act;

“**owner**” includes—

- (a) every lessee, tenant or licensee of land and his successors in title and every occupier of land, whether as supervisor, overseer or manager or otherwise;
- (b) any agent who receives rents or profits on behalf of any such person;

“**plan**” includes any map, chart, diagram or aerial photograph where such aerial photograph is approved by the Commissioner suitable for survey purposes, and any photographic copy of any such plan, map, chart, diagram or aerial photograph;