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An Act to make provisions for the incorporation of governing boards for the purpose of conducting Government schools and aided schools and for matters connected therewith.

[1 January 1990]

**PART 1****PRELIMINARY****Short title**

1. This Act is the School Boards (Incorporation) Act 1990.

**Interpretation**

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

“aided school” means a school which —

- (a) is established by any person other than the Government; and
- (b) is conducted by a committee of management which is in receipt of a grant-in-aid from the Government for defraying the expenses incurred for conducting the school;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of Education;

“governing board” means a governing board constituted by an order made by the Minister under section 3(1) for the purpose of conducting a school named in the order;

“governor” means a member of a governing board.

## PART 2

ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNING BOARDS  
FOR SCHOOLS**Establishment of governing boards for schools**

**3.—**(1) The Minister may, from time to time, by order in the *Gazette*, establish a governing board by any name that the Minister may designate for the purpose of conducting a school named in the order and promulgate a constitution for that governing board.

(2) A governing board established pursuant to an order made under subsection (1) is a body corporate by the name specified in the order capable of performing such acts as bodies corporate may by law perform and of suing and being sued and having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to exercise and perform the functions and duties that are conferred or imposed on it by or under this Act and the order made under subsection (1).

(3) A governing board consists of such number of governors as may be prescribed in an order made under subsection (1).

(4) Without limiting subsection (1), an order made under that subsection may make provisions —

- (a) to provide that the appointments of governors are to be made with the approval of the Minister;
- (b) as to the tenure of office and the qualifications of governors;
- (c) as to the suspension or removal from office of governors;
- (d) as to the circumstances in which persons are disqualified for holding office as governors;
- (e) for filling vacancies in the governing board;
- (f) as to the election or appointment of a chairperson or vice-chairperson (if any) of the governing board;
- (g) to provide that the principal of the school named in the order is to be appointed by the governing board with the approval of the Director-General;