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# Singapore Polytechnic Act 1954

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An Act to establish the Singapore Polytechnic and for matters connected therewith.

[27 October 1954]

### Short title

1. This Act is the Singapore Polytechnic Act 1954.

**Interpretation**

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

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Singapore Polytechnic constituted under section 4;

“Board of Studies” means the Board of Studies established under section 13;

“by-laws” means by-laws made by the Board under section 7;

“Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the Board;

“Principal” means the Principal of the Singapore Polytechnic, and includes any individual acting in that capacity.

[5/2018]

**Establishment of Polytechnic**

3. For the purpose of providing for studies, training and research in technology, science, commerce and arts there is established an institution styled the Singapore Polytechnic (called in this Act the Polytechnic).

**Constitution of Board of Governors**

4.—(1) A body called the Board of Governors of the Singapore Polytechnic is constituted, which is a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

(2) The Board consists of the following members:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a Deputy Chairperson;

(c) the Principal; and

(d) such other persons, not being less than 9 or more than 15, as the Minister may determine.

(3) Every member of the Board, except the Principal, is to be appointed by the Minister and, unless the Minister otherwise directs, holds office for a period of 3 years from the date of the appointment and is eligible for re-appointment.

**Vacation of office of member of Board**

**5.—**(1) The office of a member of the Board is vacated if the member —

- (a) becomes a bankrupt or suspends payment to, or makes any arrangement or composition with, his or her creditors; or
- (b) has been absent, without leave of the Board, from 3 consecutive meetings of the Board.

(2) The Minister may revoke the appointment of a member of the Board, except that of the Principal, if the member becomes in the opinion of the Minister unfit to continue in office or incapable of performing the member's duties.

(3) A member of the Board, except the Principal, may resign from his or her appointment at any time by giving written notice to the Minister.

**Filling of vacancy in office of member of Board**

**6.** If the office of a member of the Board, other than that of the Principal, is vacant, the Minister may appoint any person to fill the vacancy and to hold the office for the remainder of the term of the person's predecessor.

**Functions of Board**

**7.—**(1) It is the duty of the Board, in the exercise of its powers and in the performance of its functions, to act in the manner that appears to it best calculated to promote the aims and interests of the Polytechnic.

(2) The functions of the Board include the carrying on of all activities and the doing of all things that are necessary or advantageous and proper for the government, control and administration of the Polytechnic and of the assets of the Polytechnic.

(3) In particular, but without limiting subsection (2), the functions of the Board include the following:

- (a) the authorisation of appropriate and necessary expenditure within the limits of the funds available to the Polytechnic;