

**COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for National Council of Social Service) Order 2020**

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**No. S 468**

**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020  
(ACT 14 OF 2020)**

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES)  
(ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS FOR  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE)  
ORDER 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Law makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for National Council of Social Service) Order 2020 and is deemed to have come into operation on 27 March 2020.

**Definitions**

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

“associate Council member” means an associate Council member mentioned in section 15(1)(b) of the National Council of Social Service Act (Cap. 195A);

“Board” means the Board of the Council constituted under section 5(1) of the National Council of Social Service Act;

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

“Board member” means any person appointed or elected to the Board;

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

“Community Chest” means the Community Chest established under section 13(1) of the National Council of Social Service Act;

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

“Community Chest member” means the Chairman, a Vice-Chairman or any other member of the Community Chest appointed under section 13(2) of the National Council of Social Service Act;

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

“Council” means the National Council of Social Service established under section 3 of the National Council of Social Service Act;

“Council member” means any organisation or person granted membership of the Council under section 15 of the National Council of Social Service Act, and includes an official representative appointed under section 17(1) of that Act to act on the member’s behalf in the Council;

“electronic means” means electronic communication, video conferencing, tele-conferencing or other electronic means;

“full Council member” means a full Council member mentioned in section 15(1)(a) of the National Council of Social Service Act;

“honorary Council member” means an honorary Council member mentioned in section 15(1)(c) of the National Council of Social Service Act;

“Honorary General Secretary” means the Honorary General Secretary mentioned in section 5(1)(c) of the National Council of Social Service Act, and in respect of a meeting of the Council, includes a person appointed under regulation 7(9) of the National Council of Social Service (Meetings) Regulations (Cap. 195A, Rg 1) to carry out the duties of the Honorary General Secretary under regulation 7 of those Regulations.

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

*[Deleted by S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

3. *[Deleted by S 821/2020 wef 29/09/2020]*

## **Application**

4. This Order sets out the alternative arrangements to personal attendance in respect of the following meetings:

- (a) meetings of the Council;
- (b) meetings of the Board;
- (c) meetings of the Community Chest.

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

## **Alternative arrangements for meetings of Council**

5.—(1) The alternative arrangements for the convening, holding, conducting or deferral of a meeting of the Council set out in the second column of the First Schedule apply in respect of the provisions of the written law relating to such a meeting set out in the first column of that Schedule.

*[S 543/2020 wef 27/03/2020]*

(2) The alternative arrangements apply for the period starting on 27 March 2020 and ending on 30 September 2020.

## **Alternative arrangements for meetings of Board**

6.—(1) The alternative arrangements for the convening, holding, conducting or deferral of a meeting of the Board set out in the second column of the Second Schedule apply in respect of the provisions of the written law relating to such a meeting set out in the first column of that Schedule.

(2) [*Deleted by S 244/2021 wef 06/04/2021*]

### **Alternative arrangements for meetings of Community Chest**

7.—(1) The alternative arrangements for the convening, holding, conducting or deferral of a meeting of the Community Chest set out in the second column of the Third Schedule apply in respect of the provisions of the written law relating to such a meeting set out in the first column of that Schedule.

(2) [*Deleted by S 244/2021 wef 06/04/2021*]

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Paragraph 5(1)

### ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Provision of National Council of Social Service Act or Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018 (Act 5 of 2018)</i>	<i>Alternative arrangement</i>
1. Provision for convening, holding and conducting a meeting of the Council	<p>A meeting of the Council may be convened, held or conducted, whether wholly or partly, by electronic means if the following are satisfied:</p> <p>(a) all Board members and Council members who wish to participate at a meeting of the Council have access to the technology needed to participate in the meeting;</p> <p>(b) a quorum of full Council members can simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting.</p>
2. Provision for attendance at a meeting of the Council	<p>A Board member or a full Council member may attend a meeting of the Council by electronic means.</p> <p>Despite item 1, the Council may provide that an associate Council member or an honorary Council member may only attend a meeting of the Council by observing and listening to the proceedings of the meeting by electronic means, if access to both an audio broadcast and audio-visual broadcast is provided to the member.</p>