

# **Municipal (Provident Fund) Rules**

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**MUNICIPAL (PROVIDENT FUND) RULES**

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**Citation**

- 1. These Rules may be cited as the Municipal (Provident Fund) Rules.**

## **Establishment of Fund**

2. There shall be established for the purposes of these Rules a Fund to be called “The Singapore Municipal Provident Fund”, referred to in these Rules as the Fund.

## **Definitions**

3. In these Rules —

“Committee” means the Committee of Management appointed under rule 12;

“Council” means the former City Council of Singapore;

“contribution” means the contribution made by a member as described in rule 6;

“donation” means the donation payable by the Council as described in rule 8 or 9;

“Fund of 1923” means the Singapore Municipal Provident Fund 1923, the Rules of which were approved by the Colonial Secretary’s letter No. 8219/20 dated 24th March 1923, as amended from time to time;

“member” means a member of the Fund;

“Minister” means the Minister for Finance;

“salary” means the substantive salary actually drawn from time to time including contributable expatriation allowance but not including any other allowance unless specifically resolved to the contrary by the Council and approved by the Minister:

Provided that if a member of the Fund is released from duty for a period in order to undertake a course of study or training under conditions which provide for his maintenance in lieu of the payment of the whole or part of his salary, he shall be deemed for the purposes of these Rules to be in receipt of the salary (including any normal annual increments) he would have drawn had he not been so released;

“service” means whole time employment with the Council whether before or after 1st January 1955, and more particularly —

- (a) for the purposes of rule 8(1) includes such employment of any description either before or after attaining the age of 20 years whether continuous or not;
- (b) for the purposes of rule 8(2)(b) and rule 9(3)(iv) and (4) includes such employment of any description either before or after attaining the age of 20 years, and continuity of service shall not be deemed to be broken or diminished by approved leave of absence either with or

without pay;

- (c) for the purposes of rule 9(3) means such employment during which a person has been a contributor to the Fund of 1923 and this Fund and includes any period during which a person would have been a contributor had he not been granted leave of absence in order to undertake a course of study or training under conditions which provide for his maintenance in lieu of the payment of the whole or part of his salary; and
- (d) in all cases includes —
  - (i) as regards persons who were members of the Fund of 1923 on 15th February 1942, such period from that date until such persons again entered the employment of the Municipal Commissioners of Singapore as the Commissioners may have thought fit to reckon as not breaking or diminishing continuous service in accordance with the final paragraph of rule 12 of the Provident Fund Rules (1923)<sup>1</sup> ;
  - (ii) as regards persons who were not members of the Fund of 1923 on 15th February 1942, the period from the date prior to the 1st April 1946 on which such person may have been deemed to have become a member of the Fund of 1923 in accordance with rule 2 of the Municipal (Provident Fund) Rules 1948<sup>2</sup> , whether or not such a person made any contribution to the Fund of 1923 in respect of such period;  
[\[S 183/48\]](#)

<sup>1</sup> Revoked by the Municipal (Provident Fund) Rules 1956 (G.N. No. S 179/56) w.e.f 1.1.1955.

<sup>2</sup> Revoked by the Municipal (Provident Fund) Rules 1956 (G.N. No. S 179/56) w.e.f 1.1.1955.

“temporary staff” means any employee of the Council who has not been appointed to an office included in the list of offices approved under section 16 of the repealed Municipal Ordinance or who is employed on a work or works of an extraordinary nature and whose employment will or is likely to cease on the conclusion or completion of such work or works.  
[\[1936 Ed.\]](#)

## Membership

4. Every employee of the Council on 1st January 1955 and every person who enters the service of the Council on or after that date shall be a member of the Fund and be subject in all respects to these Rules as from the date on which he fulfils the following conditions:

- (a) he has attained the age of 20 years;
- (b) he has been appointed to an office included in the list of offices approved under section 16 of the Municipal Ordinance;
- (c) his whole time is given to the service of the Council and he does not derive regular income from any other service excepting that which is sanctioned by the Council;
- (d) he had not attained the age of 50 years on the date he otherwise becomes eligible for membership;
- (e) he is not a member of the temporary staff; and
- (f) he has passed a medical examination of the standard from time to time prescribed by the Council:

Provided that any person who on 1st January 1955 fulfilled these conditions and was a member of the Fund of 1923 shall be a member of the Fund with effect from 1st January 1955 and any person who fulfilled these conditions before the 1st July 1955, and was not a member of the Fund of 1923 shall be a member of the Fund, with effect from the 1st July 1955.

### **Cessation of membership**

5. A member of the Fund shall cease to be a member forthwith —

- (a) when he ceases to fulfil condition (c) or (e) or rule 4;
- (b) when he attains the age of 55 years unless his employment has been extended by the Council beyond that age on conditions specifically stated to include provident fund benefits;
- (c) when he has exercised an option under section 6(d) of the Pensions Act [Cap. 225] to relinquish all rights under these Rules; or
- (d) when he has exercised an option under rule 10 to withdraw his membership from the Fund.

### **Contributions by members**

6.—(1) Whenever from time to time any amount on account of salary as defined in rule 3 or on account of any annual wage supplement becomes due and payable by the Council to a member, the Council shall not pay the amount so due and payable in full to