

**Societies (Amendment) Act 2004**  
**(No. 15 of 2004)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 19th May 2004 and assented to by the President on 1st June 2004:—

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I assent.

S R NATHAN,  
*President.*  
*1st June 2004.*

**Date of Commencement: 1st September 2004**

An Act to amend the Societies Act (Chapter 311 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Societies (Amendment) Act 2004 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Societies Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “President” in the definition of “political association” and substituting the word “Minister”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “political association”, the following definition:

“ “registered society” means a society registered or deemed to be registered under this Act;”.

## **Amendment of section 4**

### **3. Section 4 of the Societies Act is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the words “any society” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “any society specified in the Schedule (referred to in this Act as a specified society)”;
- (b) by deleting the word “society” wherever it appears in subsection (2) and substituting in each case the words “specified society”;
- (c) by deleting the word “society” in the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 10th, 12th and 15th lines of subsection (3) and substituting in each case the words “specified society”;
- (d) by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsection:
  - “(5) The Registrar shall, by notification in the *Gazette*, publish such particulars as he thinks fit in respect of every specified society registered under this section.”; and
- (e) by deleting the marginal note and inserting the following section heading:

**“Registration of specified societies and refusal to register”.**

## **New section 4A**

**4.** The Societies Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 4, the following section:

### **“Registration of societies not specified in Schedule**

**4A.—**(1) A society may apply to be registered under this section if it is not a specified society.

(2) An application for registration under this section shall be accompanied by —

- (a) the prescribed fee for the purposes of registration under this section;
- (b) a copy of the proposed rules of the society;
- (c) a declaration in such form as the Registrar may require as to the object, purpose or activity of the society; and
- (d) such other documents and duly completed forms as the Registrar may require.

(3) The Registrar shall, on the basis of an application under subsection (2) in respect of a society and without making any further inquiry —