

Postal Services Act 1999
(No. 42 of 1999)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 23rd November 1999 and assented to by the President on 30th November 1999:—

POSTAL SERVICES ACT 1999

(No. 42 of 1999)

I assent.

S R NATHAN,
President.
30th November 1999.

Date of Commencement: 1st December 1999

An Act to provide for the operation and provision of postal systems and services in Singapore and for matters connected therewith, and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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