

Medical Endowment Scheme Act 1993
(No. 4 of 1993)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 18th January 1993 and assented to by the President on 16th February 1993:—

MEDICAL ENDOWMENT SCHEME ACT 1993

(No. 4 of 1993)

I assent.

WEE KIM WEE
President.
16th February 1993.

Date of Commencement: 1st April 1993

An Act to establish a medical endowment scheme and for matters connected therewith.

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical Endowment Scheme Act 1993 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*,

appoint.

Interpretation

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

“approved hospital” means any hospital or any medical institution approved by the Minister under section 10;

“Council” means the Advisory Council established under section 8;

“eligible patient” means a person who is eligible to make an application under section 13;

“Hospital Medifund Account” means the account of an approved hospital referred to in section 11;

“Hospital Medifund committee” means the committee of an approved hospital appointed under section 12;

“Medifund” means the Medical Endowment Fund established under section 3(1).

PART II

MEDICAL ENDOWMENT SCHEME

Establishment of Medical Endowment Fund

3.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be established a fund to be called the Medical Endowment Fund into which shall be paid all capital money provided by Parliament pursuant to this Act and all income of that Fund and out of which shall be met all payments authorised to be paid under this Act.

(2) The Minister shall be responsible for the administration of the Medifund and all moneys belonging to that Fund may be deposited in any bank and invested in any investment authorised under the Financial Procedure Act (Cap. 109).

(3) The Medifund shall be deemed to be a Government fund for the purposes of any written law.

Capital money of Medifund

4.—(1) Upon the commencement of this Act, the Government shall pay into the Medifund as capital money such sum as the Minister for Finance may determine out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the Minister for Finance may from time to time pay

into the Medifund such sums of capital money as he may determine out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

(3) The capital money of the Medifund shall not be used for any purposes other than for investment.

(4) Where at any time there is a permanent diminution of the capital money of the Medifund, the Minister shall, before paying out the income of that Fund, make good such diminution from the income of that Fund.

Application of income of Medifund

5.—(1) The income of the Medifund may be paid out and expended for all or any of the following purposes:

- (a) for the provision of grants to approved hospitals to be applied for the purpose of defraying in whole or in part the hospital charges, fees and other expenses incurred by patients approved by a Hospital Medifund committee and who are unable to pay such charges, fees or other expenses; and
- (b) for such other purposes as are authorised under this Act or as may be prescribed.

(2) For the purpose of providing income to the Medifund for the year 1993, the Minister for Finance shall pay to that Fund such sum of money as is adequate for that purpose out of moneys to be provided by Parliament and such sum of money shall not be regarded as forming any part of the capital money of the Medifund.

Mode of payment out of Medifund

6. No payment shall be made out of the Medifund unless such payment is authorised by the Minister.

Conditions on payment of grants

7.—(1) The Minister may, in authorising payment for any purpose under section 5 to any approved hospital or other person, impose such terms and conditions as he may think fit.

(2) The Minister may require any approved hospital or other person which fails to comply with such terms or conditions to repay into the Medifund any moneys paid under section 5.

Advisory Council