

Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Bill

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An Act to establish and incorporate the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board, to provide for its functions, duties and powers, 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 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Act 2003 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 —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“assessment” means any test, examination or other method of assessing the level of proficiency, aptitude, skill, knowledge or understanding of a person in any subject matter, other than any of the national examinations;

“Board” means the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board established under section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board and includes a temporary Chairman of the Board;

“chief executive” means the chief executive of the Board appointed under section 16 and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“Examinations Division” means the department in the Ministry of Education known as the Examinations Division;

“member” means a member of the Board and includes a temporary member of the Board;

“national examinations” means the examinations specified in the Schedule.

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION OF BOARD

Establishment and incorporation of Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing, or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering such other acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

Common seal

4.—(1) The Board shall have a common seal and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered or made anew as the Board thinks fit.

(2) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Board shall be sealed with