

**National Cadet Corps Act  
(CHAPTER 194)**

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**NATIONAL CADET CORPS ACT**  
**(CHAPTER 194)**

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An Act to provide for the raising and maintenance of a National Cadet Corps and for matters connected therewith.

[1st April 1973]

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the National Cadet Corps Act.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
  - “cadet” means a person enrolled in the Corps under section 8;
  - “Commandant” means the person for the time being appointed under section 6;
  - “commanding officer” means an officer for the time being commanding a unit of the Corps;
  - “Corps” means the National Cadet Corps established under this Act;

“Council” means the National Cadet Corps Council established under section 5;

“member” means any officer or cadet appointed or enrolled in the Corps, as the case may be, and includes a person undergoing an officer cadet course;

“officer” means a person appointed as such by the Minister under section 9;

“permanent resident” means any person who is not subject to any restriction as to his period of residence imposed under the provisions of any written law relating to immigration for the time being in force in Singapore;

“school” has the same meaning as in the Education Act (Cap. 87);

“Singapore Armed Forces” means the Singapore Armed Forces raised and maintained under the provisions of the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295).

### **Raising and maintenance of National Cadet Corps**

3. There shall be raised and maintained in the manner provided in this Act a corps to be known as the National Cadet Corps.

### **Organisation**

4.—(1) The Corps shall consist of such headquarters, units, training institutions, services, departments or other like bodies as the Minister may from time to time establish.

(2) The Corps shall be a unified corps consisting of land, maritime and air divisions and shall consist of such numbers of cadets as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(3) The Corps shall be affiliated to the Singapore Armed Forces for the purposes of training but members of the Corps shall not be members of the Singapore Armed Forces.

(4) The Minister may disband any unit, training institution, service, department or other body established under subsection (1) in whole or in part or amalgamate any such unit, training institution, service, department or other body or alter the name or title thereof.

### **Establishment of National Cadet Corps Council**

5.—(1) For the purpose of the administration of matters relating to the Corps, there shall be established the National Cadet Corps Council consisting of a Chairman to be appointed by the Minister, a Deputy Chairman and 2 members to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, and such other members as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Council shall be empowered to delegate any of its functions and powers to any officer of the Singapore Armed Forces or to any officer appointed under this Act.

(3) The Council may meet at such intervals as it thinks fit and may regulate its own procedure.

### **Appointment of Commandant**

6.—(1) The Minister shall, on the recommendation of the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, appoint a Commandant who shall exercise executive command of the Corps and who shall be responsible to the Council in matters of administration affecting recruitment, promotion, training, conditions of service, finance and discipline of the Corps.

(2) The Commandant may, from time to time, make such general or routine orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder, for the control, direction and information of the Corps as he thinks fit and it shall not be necessary to publish such general or routine orders in the *Gazette*.

(3) The Council may appoint a Deputy Commandant and so many other Assistant Commandants as the Council may think necessary to assist the Commandant in the general administration of matters relating to the Corps.

### **Command and affiliation**

7. The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Council, place the Corps or any unit thereof under the command of any officer of the Singapore Armed Forces or affiliate any unit to a unit of the Singapore Armed Forces.

### **Eligibility**

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the regulations made under this Act, any person who is a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident of Singapore shall be eligible to be enrolled as a cadet in the Corps.

(2) The Minister may in special cases approve the enrolment of persons who are neither citizens of Singapore nor permanent residents of Singapore in the Corps.

### **Appointment of officers, honorary officers and honorary instructors**

9.—(1) The Minister may appoint officers of the Corps from among the teaching staff of any school or from among members of the Corps.

(2) The Minister may appoint honorary officers to the Corps from among such persons as he thinks fit.