

**Singapore Labour Foundation Act
(CHAPTER 302)**

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SINGAPORE LABOUR FOUNDATION ACT
(CHAPTER 302)

An Act to establish the Singapore Labour Foundation and for matters connected therewith.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Labour Foundation Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “Board” means the Board of Directors constituted under section 7(1);
 - “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board elected in accordance with section 7(3);
 - “director” means a member of the Board of Directors referred to in section 7(1);
 - “Foundation” means the Singapore Labour Foundation established under section 3;
 - “general meeting” means an annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting of the Foundation;
 - “member” means a member of the Foundation;
 - “National Trades Union Congress” means the National Trades Union Congress registered under the Trade Unions Act (Cap. 333).

PART II

THE FOUNDATION AND THE BOARD

Establishment and incorporation of Foundation

3. There is hereby established a body corporate, to be known as the Singapore Labour Foundation, which —

- (a) shall have perpetual succession;
- (b) shall have a common seal;
- (c) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (d) may perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform; and
- (e) may exercise such powers as are conferred by this Act.

Objects

4. The objects of the Foundation shall be to —

- (a) promote the welfare of the members of the trade union movement in Singapore and of the families of the members;
- (b) participate, aid and assist in social, economic or educational programmes and undertakings relating to the development of the trade union movement in Singapore;
- (c) provide bursaries, scholarships and fellowships for —
 - (i) children of members of trade unions affiliated to the National Trades Union Congress and of members of other organisations that are associate affiliates of the National Trades Union Congress;
 - (ii) workers from Singapore or elsewhere who pursue studies or undergo training in Singapore in fields that are relevant to trade unions; and
 - (iii) persons nominated by the National Trades Union Congress to pursue studies in institutions of higher learning in Singapore or elsewhere;
- (d) award fellowship and awards in institutions of higher learning for research in matters relating to the trade union movement;
- (e) establish and maintain industrial rehabilitation centres;
- (f) construct and maintain suitable premises for the use of trade unions and co-operative societies managed by trade unions in Singapore; and
- (g) assist by way of grants, donations or otherwise such charitable, educational or other work, object or endeavour in Singapore or elsewhere as the Board considers desirable in the interests of, or for the furtherance of, the trade

union or co-operative movement in Singapore or elsewhere.

Powers

5. For the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Foundation, the Board may —

- (a) purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property which may be considered necessary or convenient for any of the objects of the Foundation;
- (b) sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Foundation;
- (c) receive any gift of any nature for one or more of the objects of the Foundation;
- (d) take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may, from time to time, be considered necessary or expedient by the Board, to obtain funds for the Foundation in the shape of contributions, donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise, and generally raise funds by all lawful means to carry out the objects of the Foundation;
- (e) borrow money in such manner as the Board may think fit;
- (f) invest the moneys of the Foundation not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as the Board may think fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may, for the time being, be imposed or required by law;
- (g) utilise the corpus and income of the Foundation in such manner as the Board may think fit for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Foundation;
- (h) appoint one or more committees consisting of directors alone or any combination of directors and members (so long as there shall be, in the latter case, on each committee one director who shall be chairman of that committee) for any object, power or purpose set out in this Act (other than the power to borrow money) which, in the opinion of the Board, would be better or more conveniently regulated, managed or carried out by means of a committee; and
- (i) do all such other lawful acts or things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Foundation.

Members of Foundation