

**Republic Polytechnic Act
(CHAPTER 270)**

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REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC ACT
(CHAPTER 270)

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An Act to establish the Republic Polytechnic, to provide for its functions and powers, and for matters connected therewith.

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Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Republic Polytechnic Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Polytechnic;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Polytechnic set out in the Schedule;

“Deputy Principal” means a Deputy Principal of the Polytechnic appointed under section 9;

“Polytechnic” means the Republic Polytechnic established under section 3;

“Principal” means the Principal of the Polytechnic appointed under section 9;

“Senate” means the Senate of the Polytechnic.

Establishment and incorporation of Republic Polytechnic

3. There is hereby established a Polytechnic to be known as the Republic Polytechnic which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal 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 all such other acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do or suffer.

Common seal

4.—(1) The common seal of the Polytechnic shall be kept in such custody as the Board directs.

(2) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Polytechnic shall be sealed with the common seal of the Polytechnic and the instruments to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by the Principal or a Deputy Principal and by another member of the Board.

(3) All courts and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the common seal of the Polytechnic affixed to any document and shall presume that it was duly affixed.

Objects and powers of Polytechnic

5.—(1) The objects of the Polytechnic are —

- (a) to provide instruction and training in engineering, technology, applied sciences and other subjects of learning;
- (b) to aid by research and other means the advancement of knowledge and its

practical application; and

- (c) to promote the exchange of knowledge and skills with business and industry.

(2) The Polytechnic may —

- (a) provide such facilities for its students as it considers desirable;
- (b) institute academic and other posts and offices and make appointments thereto and employ such other staff as the Polytechnic considers necessary;
- (c) fix, demand and receive fees and other charges;
- (d) provide technical and consultancy services to business and industry as it considers desirable;
- (e) form or participate in the formation of companies or other undertakings having such objects as may be approved by the Board;
- (f) solicit and receive donations and contributions from any source or raise funds by all lawful means;
- (g) give donations and contributions to any person or organisation; and
- (h) do all such things as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of its objects.

Board of Governors and Senate of Polytechnic

6.—(1) The constitutions, functions, powers and duties of the Board and the Senate shall be prescribed by this Act and the Constitution.

(2) The Board shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Constitution, be the supreme governing body of the Polytechnic and shall administer the property and manage the affairs of the Polytechnic.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Constitution and to the financial control of the Board, the Senate shall have the regulation of all matters relating to education in the Polytechnic.

(4) No act or resolution of the Board or the Senate shall be invalid by reason only of any vacancy in, or any defect in the qualification or appointment of any member of, any such body.

Schools of Polytechnic

7.—(1) There shall be such Schools as may be constituted by the Board on the recommendation of the Senate.

(2) There shall be a head of each School with such powers as may be conferred by the Board.

(3) The Board may, on the recommendation of the Senate, form, dissolve or reform such Schools and any department, centre, unit and other sub-divisions of any School as it may from time to time consider desirable.

Committees and delegation of powers

8.—(1) The Board, the Senate and the Principal may establish such committees as they think fit.

(2) Unless otherwise expressly provided, any committee may consist partly of persons who are not members of the Board or the Senate or officers of the Polytechnic, as the case may be.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Constitution, the Board, the Senate and the Principal may, with or without restrictions or conditions as they think fit, delegate any of their powers and duties to any committee.

Officers

9.—(1) The Principal, every Deputy Principal and other officers of the Polytechnic shall be appointed by the Board in accordance with the Constitution.

(2) The academic staff of the Polytechnic shall be the heads of the Schools and such other persons as may be designated as members of the academic staff by the Constitution and shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Principal.

(3) The powers and duties of the officers and members of the academic staff, the periods and conditions for and upon which they hold office and their emoluments shall be such as are prescribed by this Act, the Constitution and the terms of their respective appointments.

(4) In addition to such powers and duties that are assigned under subsection (3), the Board may assign to any officer, and in the case of any member of the academic staff on the recommendation of the Principal, such further powers and duties as the Board thinks fit.

Constitution of Polytechnic

10.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Polytechnic shall be governed by the provisions of the Constitution set out in the Schedule.

(2) The Minister may, after consulting the Board, amend the Constitution by order published in the *Gazette*.