

**National University of Singapore Act  
(CHAPTER 204)**

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## **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE ACT**

### **(CHAPTER 204)**

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An Act to give effect to the merger of the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University by the establishment and incorporation of the National University of Singapore and for matters connected therewith.

Whereas the University of Singapore was established and incorporated by the University of Singapore Act (Chapter 181 of the 1970 Revised Edition) and the Nanyang University was established and incorporated by the Nanyang University Act (Chapter 178 of the 1970 Revised Edition):

And Whereas it is desirable for the better development of university education in Singapore that the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University be merged as one institution to be known as the National University of Singapore.

[8th August 1980]

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the National University of Singapore Act.

### **Interpretation**

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

“Council” means the Council of the University;

“officer” has the same meaning as in the University Constitution;

“Nanyang University” means the Nanyang University established by the repealed Nanyang University Act;

“University” means the National University of Singapore established and incorporated by this Act;

“University Constitution” means the Constitution of the University;

“University of Singapore” means the University of Singapore established by the repealed University of Singapore Act.

### **Establishment and incorporation of National University of Singapore**

3.—(1) There is hereby established a University to be known as the National University of Singapore 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 and suffer.

(2) The full name of the University shall be the National University of Singapore (incorporating the University of Singapore and the Nanyang University) and the University may use its full name for such purposes as it thinks fit.

### **Common seal**

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

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

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

### **Functions and powers of University**

5.—(1) The functions of the University shall include —

- (a) the provision in Singapore of educational facilities at university standards for persons enrolled therein;
- (b) the advancement and dissemination of knowledge and the promotion of research and scholarship; and
- (c) the conferring and awarding of degrees, diplomas and certificates, including honorary degrees and other distinctions.

(2) The University may, for the purpose of discharging its functions —

- (a) provide such facilities for its students as it considers desirable;
- (b) institute professorships, lectureships and other posts and offices and make appointments thereto;
- (c) regulate conditions of service of officers and employees of the University, including schemes of service, salary scales, leave and discipline;
- (d) provide for pension or superannuation or provident fund schemes for the benefit of officers or employees of the University;
- (e) fix, demand and receive fees and other charges;
- (f) promote the formation of or acquire any interest in any undertaking; and

- (g) do all such things as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of its functions and powers.

### **Constitution of University**

6.—(1) The University shall be governed by the provisions of the University Constitution set out in the First Schedule.

(2) The Minister may, on the advice of the Council, amend the University Constitution by order published in the *Gazette*.

(3) Statutes and regulations of the University made under the University Constitution shall not be deemed to be subsidiary legislation.

### **Grants-in-aid**

7.—(1) The Minister for Finance shall pay to the University such moneys as may be provided by Parliament from time to time as grants-in-aid to the University.

(2) All moneys paid to the University under subsection (1) may be applied or expended by the University for all or any of the purposes of the University.

### **Issue of shares, etc.**

8. As a consequence of the vesting of any property, rights or liabilities of the Government in the University under this Act, or of any capital injection or other investment by the Government in the University in accordance with any written law, the University shall issue such shares or other securities to the Minister for Finance as that Minister may from time to time direct.

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### **Accounts and financial statements**

9.—(1) The University shall keep proper accounts and records of its transactions and affairs and shall do all things necessary to ensure that —

- (a) all payments out of its moneys are correctly made and properly authorised; and
- (b) adequate control is maintained over the assets of, or in the custody of, the University and over the expenditure incurred by the University.

(2) The University shall, as soon as practicable after the close of each financial year, prepare and submit financial statements in respect of that year to the auditor of the University.