

**Newspaper and Printing Presses Act  
(CHAPTER 206)**

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# NEWSPAPER AND PRINTING PRESSES ACT

## (CHAPTER 206)

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An Act for the licensing of newspaper companies and for matters connected therewith.

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### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

#### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act.

#### Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“chief editor” includes the executive editor, the managing editor and any other person who controls the policy of a newspaper;

“company” means a company incorporated or registered under the Companies Act (Cap. 50) or under any corresponding previous written law;

“declared foreign newspaper” means any newspaper published outside Singapore which has been declared by the Minister under section 24(1) to be engaging in the domestic politics of Singapore;

“document” means any printed newspaper or sheet of paper or other material and any printed pamphlet, leaflet, map, chart and plan, and includes any documents bound together;

“journalist” includes an editor, a sub-editor, an editorial writer, a reporter and any other person whose business it is to edit or write for a newspaper;

“newspaper” means any publication containing news, intelligence, reports of occurrences, or any remarks, observations or comments, in relation to such news, intelligence, reports of occurrences, or to any other matter of public interest, printed in any language and published for sale or free distribution at regular intervals or otherwise, but does not include any publication published by or for the Government;

“newspaper company” means a public company limited by shares which has complied with section 10;

“newspaper register” means the books which are to be kept by the Registrar under section 30;

“place”, in the phrases “place of business” and “place of residence”, means the street, square or other place and the number or other designation of the house;

“proprietor” includes the chief executive officer of a newspaper company;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Newspapers and includes any Deputy or Assistant Registrar of Newspapers appointed by the Minister under section 29.

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(2) For the purposes of this Act, expressions referring to printing shall be construed as including writing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words or objects in a visible form.

## PART II

### PRINTING PRESSES

#### **Licence to use printing press**

**3.—**(1) The Minister may in his discretion grant to any person in Singapore a licence to keep and use a press for the printing of documents and may at any time withdraw the licence either permanently or for such period as he thinks fit.

(2) The licence shall be in the prescribed form.

(3) Any person to whom a licence is refused or whose licence is withdrawn may appeal to the President whose decision shall be final.

(4) No person shall keep for use or use any printing press without a licence.