

**National Council of Social Service Act
(CHAPTER 195A)**

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ACT
(CHAPTER 195A)**

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An Act to establish the National Council of Social Service, and for matters connected
therewith.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the National Council of Social Service Act.

Interpretation

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

“Board” means the Board of the Council;

“Board member” means any person appointed or elected to the Board under section 5(1);

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Community Chest;

“Chief Executive Officer” means the Chief Executive Officer of the Council appointed under section 22(1);

“Community Chest” means the Community Chest established under section 13(1);

“Council” means the National Council of Social Service established under section 3;

“Council member” means any organisation or person granted membership of the Council under section 15;

“Endowment Fund” means the Endowment Fund established under section 12(1);

“General Fund” means the General Fund established under section 24(1);

“President” means the President of the Board;

“Vice-President” means the Vice-President of the Board.

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PART II

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL

Establishment of National Council of Social Service

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Council of Social Service which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with powers to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to perform such other acts as a body corporate may by law perform.

Common seal

4.—(1) The common seal of the Council shall be kept in such custody as the Board may direct.

(2) All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Council shall be sealed with the common seal of the Council, and the instruments to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by the President and the Chief Executive Officer or some other person duly authorised by the Board for the purpose.

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

(4) Section 12 of the Registration of Deeds Act (Cap. 269) shall not apply to any instrument purporting to have been executed under subsection (2).

Board of Council

5.—(1) The management of the affairs of the Council and of its properties shall be vested in a Board which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) a President to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) 2 Vice-Presidents —
 - (i) one of whom is to be a person elected at the annual general meeting of the Council from among the Council members; and
 - (ii) the other of whom is to be a person appointed by the Minister in consultation with the President;
- (c) an Honorary General Secretary to be appointed by the President;
- (d) an Honorary Treasurer to be appointed by the President;
- (e) the Chairman of the Community Chest;
- (f) 5 persons to be appointed by the President;
- (g) 8 persons, each from a different full Council member referred to in section 15(1)(a), to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Council;
- (h) 2 persons, each from a different associate Council member referred to in section 15(1)(b), to be elected at the annual general meeting of the Council;
- (i) the Director of Social Welfare or his representative; and