

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL
(ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS) ACT 2014**

(No. 25 of 2014)

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An Act to confer on the Attorney-General certain functions in addition to functions conferred by or under the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (1999 Reprint) and any other written law, and to make a related amendment to the Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161 of the 2009 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Attorney-General (Additional Functions) Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“administrative decision” means a decision of an administrative character which is, is proposed to be, or is required to be, made (whether or not in the exercise of a discretion and whether before, on or after the date of commencement of this Act) under any public Act;

“instrument of legislative character” includes an instrument of legislative character made before the date of commencement of this Act under any public Act;

“judicial review” includes proceedings instituted by way of —

(a) an application in respect of an administrative decision for a Mandatory Order, a Prohibiting Order or a Quashing Order, or in respect of an instrument of legislative character for a Quashing Order; or

(b) an application for a declaration or an injunction, or any other suit or action, relating to or arising out of any administrative decision or instrument of legislative character;

“relevant statutory board” means any statutory board specified in the Schedule;

“statutory board” means a body corporate or unincorporate established by or under any public Act to perform or discharge a public function.

Representing relevant statutory boards in judicial review and related court proceedings

3.—(1) The Attorney-General may represent a relevant statutory board in a judicial review instituted by any person in respect of an

administrative decision or instrument of legislative character of the relevant statutory board, and in any proceedings in court (however instituted) for a liquidated sum, damages, equitable relief or restitution if a Mandatory Order, Prohibiting Order, Quashing Order or declaration is made pursuant to the judicial review, if —

- (a) the relevant statutory board makes a request to the Attorney-General for such representation;
- (b) the Minister charged with the responsibility for the relevant statutory board consents to such representation;
- (c) the Attorney-General is of the opinion that the Government and the relevant statutory board have no conflicting interests in the matter; and
- (d) the Attorney-General is of the opinion that such representation is not contrary to the public interest.

(2) Any decision made by the Attorney-General to, or not to, represent a relevant statutory board pursuant to subsection (1) shall be final and conclusive.

Representing relevant statutory boards in other court proceedings

4.—(1) The Attorney-General may represent a relevant statutory board in other proceedings in court (however instituted) not referred to in section 3(1) if —

- (a) the relevant statutory board makes a request to the Attorney-General for such representation;
- (b) the Minister charged with the responsibility for the relevant statutory board consents to such representation;
- (c) the Attorney-General is of the opinion that the Government and the relevant statutory board have no conflicting interests in the matter; and
- (d) the Attorney-General is of the opinion that the proceedings concern a matter of public importance.

(2) Any decision made by the Attorney-General to, or not to, represent a relevant statutory board pursuant to subsection (1) shall be final and conclusive.

Fees

5. The Attorney-General may require a relevant statutory board to pay a fee of such reasonable amount as he determines for representing the relevant statutory board in any proceedings in court referred to in section 3 or 4, and that fee shall be a charge on the funds of that statutory board.

Amendment of Schedule

6. The President may, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.

Related amendment to Legal Profession Act

7. Section 29(2) of the Legal Profession Act (Cap. 161) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “Government” in paragraph (a), the words “, or on behalf of any statutory board pursuant to section 3(1) or 4(1) of the Attorney-General (Additional Functions) Act 2014,”.

THE SCHEDULE

Sections 2 and 6

RELEVANT STATUTORY BOARDS

1. Monetary Authority of Singapore.
2. Singapore Land Authority.
3. Public Utilities Board.
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4. National Parks Board.
[S 63/2015 wef 10/02/2015]
5. Media Development Authority of Singapore.
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6. Housing and Development Board.
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8. Public Transport Council.
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9. Urban Redevelopment Authority.
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10. Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
11. National Environment Agency.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
12. Central Provident Fund Board.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
13. Building and Construction Authority.
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14. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.
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15. Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
16. Council for Private Education.
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17. Health Sciences Authority.
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18. Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
19. Energy Market Authority of Singapore.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
20. Personal Data Protection Commission.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
21. Casino Regulatory Authority of Singapore.
[S 371/2015 wef 16/06/2015]
22. National Heritage Board.
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