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ACT 1950**

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# Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act 1950

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

### Section

1. Short title
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An Act relating to departmental titles.

[28 March 1950]

### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act 1950.

### **Amendment of titles**

2. Where in any written law or in any other document the title or name of office mentioned in the first column of the Schedule is used, there is to be substituted for that title or name of office the title or name of office mentioned opposite it in the second column of the Schedule.

### **Power to add to or amend Schedule**

3.—(1) The appropriate Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, at any time add to or amend the Schedule.

(2) In this section, “appropriate Minister”, in relation to any title or name of office, means the Minister charged with the responsibility for the department to which the title or name of office relates.

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THE SCHEDULE

OLD AND NEW TITLES

Sections 2 and 3(1)

	<i>Old title or name of office</i>	<i>New title or name of office</i>
1.	Government Pathologist and Professor of Pathology	Senior Pathologist.
2.	Curator, Raffles Museum	Curator of Anthropology.
3.	Assistant Curator, Raffles Museum	Curator of Zoology.
4.	Gaoler	Chief Officer.
5.	Warder	Principal Officer.
6.	Chief Sub-warder	Chief Warder.
7.	Sub-warder	Warder.
8.	Registrar of Malayan Statistics	Chief Statistician.
9.	Secretary for Social Welfare	Director-General of Social Welfare.
10.	Director of Social Welfare	Director-General of Social Welfare.
11.	Deputy Secretary for Social Welfare	Principal Assistant Director of Social Welfare.
12.	Assistant Secretary for Social Welfare	Assistant Director of Social Welfare.
13.	Sanitary Engineer	Public Health Engineer.
14.	Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon, Physician and Lecturer in Ophthalmology	Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon.
15.	Ophthalmic Surgeon and Physician	Ophthalmic Surgeon.
16.	Commissioner of Prisons	Director of Prisons.
17.	Deputy Commissioner of Prisons	Deputy Director of Prisons.
18.	Chief Officer	Chief Rehabilitation Officer.
19.	Principal Officer	Principal Rehabilitation Officer.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

	<i>Old title or name of office</i>	<i>New title or name of office</i>
20.	Senior Customs Officer	Senior Superintendent of Customs and Excise.
21.	Higher Customs Officer	Superintendent of Customs and Excise.
22.	Customs Officer	Assistant Superintendent of Customs and Excise.
23.	Higher Revenue Officer	Chief Customs Officer.
24.	Revenue Officer, Senior Grade	Senior Customs Officer.
25.	Revenue Officer	Customs Officer.
26.	Principal Probation Officer	Chief Probation Officer.
27.	Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	Registrar of Births and Deaths.
28.	Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages	Registrar of Marriages.
29.	Superintendent of Vaccination for the Colony	Director of Medical Services.
30.	Chief Health Officer	Deputy Director of Medical Services (Health).
31.	Assistant Director of Medical Services (Health)	Deputy Director of Medical Services (Health).
32.	City Health Officer	Deputy Director of Medical Services (Health).
33.	Deputy Superintendent of Vaccination	Deputy Director of Medical Services (Health).
34.	Senior Port Health Officer	Senior Health Officer (Quarantine and Epidemiology).
35.	Medical Officer-in-Charge, Maternity and Child Welfare Services (Rural)	Senior Health Officer (Maternal and Child Health).
36.	Director of Medical Services, Federation	Director of Medical Services, States of Malaya.

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	<i>Old title or name of office</i>	<i>New title or name of office</i>
37.	Head of the Department, Faculty of Medicine, University of Singapore	Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, National University of Singapore.
38.	Head of the Department of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Singapore	Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore.
39.	Chief Dental Officer, Singapore	Assistant Director of Medical Services (Dental), Singapore.
40.	Chief Dental Officer, Federation	Deputy Director of Medical Services (Dental), States of Malaya.
41.	Deputy Health Officer	Health Officer.
42.	Assistant Health Officer to City Council	Health Officer.
43.	Health Officer in Rural District	Health Officer.
44.	Registrar of Muslim Marriages and President, Shariah Court	President, Shariah Court.
45.	Chief Kathi	Registrar of Muslim Marriages.
46.	Commissioner for Co-operative Development	Registrar of Co-operative Societies.
47.	Superintendent, Fire Brigade	Chief Fire Officer.
48.	Clerk of the Legislative Assembly	Clerk of Parliament.
49.	Director of Personnel	Permanent Secretary (Finance).
50.	Permanent Secretary (Establishment)	Permanent Secretary (Finance).
51.	Superintendent of Stores and Furniture, Singapore	Chief Supplies Officer.
52.	Senior Superintendent of Stores and Furniture, Singapore	Chief Supplies Officer.
53.	Deputy Financial Secretary	Permanent Secretary (Finance).
54.	Permanent Secretary (Treasury)	Permanent Secretary (Finance).

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

	<i>Old title or name of office</i>	<i>New title or name of office</i>
55.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance	Permanent Secretary (Finance).
56.	Deputy Secretary (Treasury)	Deputy Secretary (Finance).
57.	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance	Deputy Secretary (Finance).
58.	Clerk of the Executive Council	Secretary to the Cabinet.
59.	Governor's Secretary and Clerk to the Council of Ministers	Secretary to the Cabinet.
60.	Senior Superintendent of Surveys	Chief Surveyor.
61.	Superintendent of Surveys	Chief Surveyor.
62.	Senior Assistant Superintendent of Surveys	Deputy Chief Surveyor.
63.	Senior Surveyor	Surveyor.
64.	Director, Raffles Museum	Director, National Museum.
65.	Chairman, Board of Film Censors, Malaya	Chairman, Board of Film Censors, Singapore.
66.	Superintending Pharmaceutical Chemist	Chief Pharmacist.
67.	Chief Chemist and Chief Inspector of Dangerous Materials	Director, Scientific Services.
68.	Deputy Chief Chemist and Deputy Chief Inspector of Dangerous Materials	Deputy Director, Scientific Services.
69.	Senior Chemist and Senior Inspector of Dangerous Materials	Principal Scientific Officer.
70.	Senior Chemist and Senior Inspector of Dangerous Materials	Senior Scientific Officer.
71.	Chemist and Inspector of Dangerous Materials	Scientific Officer.

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72.	Document Examiner	Scientific Officer.
73.	Microbiologist	Scientific Officer.
74.	Chemical Engineer	Scientific Officer.
75.	Radiation Protection Officer	Scientific Officer.
76.	Serologist	Scientific Officer.
77.	Comptroller of Customs and Excise	Director-General of Customs and Excise.
78.	Deputy Comptroller of Customs and Excise	Deputy Director-General of Customs and Excise.
79.	Assistant Comptroller of Customs and Excise	Director of Customs and Excise.
80.	Principal Assistant Director of Social Welfare	Welfare Officer Grade V or VI.
81.	Assistant Director of Social Welfare	Welfare Officer Grade VII or VIII.
82.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, (Public Service Division)	Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office.
83.	Head of Administration and Specialist Division, Criminal Investigation Department	Head of Support and Services Division, Criminal Investigation Department.
84.	Officer-in-Charge of the Land Divisions	Commander of the Land Divisions.
85.	Officer-in-Charge of the Marine Police Division	Commander of the Police Coast Guard.
86.	Assistant Officer-in-Charge of the Marine Police Division	Deputy Commander of the Police Coast Guard.
87.	Head of Support and Services Division, Criminal Investigation Department	Assistant Director CID (Support and Services), Criminal Investigation Department.
88.	Head of Major Crime Division, Criminal Investigation Department	Assistant Director CID (Major Crime), Criminal Investigation Department.

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	<i>Old title or name of office</i>	<i>New title or name of office</i>
89.	Head of Specialised Crime Division, Criminal Investigation Department	Assistant Director CID (Specialised Crime), Criminal Investigation Department.
90.	Head of Commercial Crime Division, Criminal Investigation Department	Assistant Director CID (Commercial Crime), Criminal Investigation Department.
91.	Officer-in-Charge of Secret Societies Branch, Criminal Investigation Department	Head Secret Societies Branch, Criminal Investigation Department.
92.	Head of Intelligence Division, Criminal Investigation Department	Assistant Director CID (Intel), Criminal Investigation Department.
93.	Assistant Director CID (Support & Services), Criminal Investigation Department	Assistant Director CID (Investigation Support & Services), Criminal Investigation Department.
94.	Head of Investigation and Violation Reports, Traffic Police Department	Head Investigation, Traffic Police Department.
95.	Head of Administration, Traffic Police Department	Head of Corporate Services, Traffic Police Department.
96.	Director, National Population Secretariat	Director, National Population and Talent Division.
97.	Deputy Director, National Population Secretariat	Deputy Director, National Population and Talent Division.
98.	Assistant Director, National Population Secretariat	Assistant Director, National Population and Talent Division.
99.	Manager, National Population Secretariat	Manager, National Population and Talent Division.
100.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development.
101.	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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	<i>Old title or name of office</i>	<i>New title or name of office</i>
102.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information.
103.	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information.
104.	Parliamentary Counsel	Chief Legislative Counsel.
105.	Chief Executive, Judiciary Administration and Operations of the Supreme Court	Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Justice.
106.	Deputy Chief Executive, Judiciary Administration and Operations of the Supreme Court	Deputy Chief Executive of the Supreme Court.
107.	Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Justice.
107A.	Deputy Chief Executive of the Supreme Court	Deputy Chief Executive, Office of the Chief Justice.
108.	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.
109.	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

*[S 550/2022 wef 01/07/2022]*

*[S 160/2004; S 1/2011; S 597/2012; S 78/2013;  
S 365/2013; S 625/2013; S 83/2015; S 314/2018;  
S 521/2020; S 746/2020]*

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
DEPARTMENTAL TITLES (ALTERATION)  
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This Legislative History is a service provided by the Law Revision Commission on a best-efforts basis. It is not part of the Act.

**1. Ordinance 10 of 1950 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance 1950**

Date of First Reading : 21 February 1950  
(Bill published on 11 February 1950)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 21 March 1950

Date of commencement : 1 April 1950

**2. 1955 Revised Edition — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Chapter 55)**

Date of operation : 1 July 1956

**3. G. N. No. S 25/1970 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance (Resolution)**

Date of commencement : 16 January 1970

**4. G. N. No. S 139/1970 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance (Resolution)**

Date of commencement : 15 May 1970

**5. 1970 Revised Edition — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Cap. 53)**

Date of operation : 1 April 1971

**6. G. N. No. S 83/1972 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**

Date of commencement : 17 March 1972

**7. G. N. No. S 46/1977 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**

Date of commencement : 18 March 1977

**8. G. N. No. S 178/1978 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**

Date of commencement : 4 August 1978

**9. G. N. No. S 360/1980 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**

Date of commencement : 27 November 1981

- 10. G. N. No. S 321/1985 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**  
Date of commencement : 8 November 1985
- 11. G. N. No. S 203/1986 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**  
Date of commencement : 8 August 1986
- 12. G. N. No. S 121/1987 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**  
Date of commencement : 16 April 1987
- 13. 1985 Revised Edition — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act**  
Date of operation : 30 March 1987
- 14. G. N. No. S 154/1989 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**  
Date of commencement : 14 April 1989
- 15. G. N. No. S 315/1994 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**  
Date of commencement : 12 August 1994
- 16. G. N. No. S 548/1995 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Resolution)**  
Date of commencement : 5 December 1995
- 17. G. N. No. S 412/1998 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1998**  
Date of commencement : 1 February 1996
- 18. Act 20 of 1996 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) (Amendment) Act 1996**  
Date of First Reading : 2 May 1996  
(Bill No. 11/96 published on 3 May 1996)  
Date of Second and Third Readings : 21 May 1996  
Date of commencement : 12 July 1996
- 19. G. N. No. S 151/1999 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1999**  
Date of commencement : 1 April 1999

**20. G. N. No. S 408/1999 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2)  
Notification 1999**

Date of commencement : 26 July 1999

**21. G. N. No. S 173/2000 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2000**

Date of commencement : 1 April 2000

**22. 2001 Revised Edition — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act**

Date of operation : 31 July 2001

**23. G. N. No. S 160/2004 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2004**

Date of commencement : 1 April 2004

**24. G. N. No. S 1/2011 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Amendment  
of Schedule) Notification 2011**

Date of commencement : 1 January 2011

**25. G.N. No. S 597/2012 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2012**

Date of commencement : 1 November 2012

**26. G.N. No. S 625/2013 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) (No. 3)  
Notification 2013**

Date of commencement : 1 November 2012

**27. G.N. No. S 78/2013 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Amendment  
of Schedule) Notification 2013**

Date of commencement : 6 February 2013

**28. G.N. No. S 365/2013 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2)  
Notification 2013**

Date of commencement : 1 July 2013

**29. G.N. No. S 83/2015 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act (Amendment  
of Schedule) Notification 2015**

Date of commencement : 1 February 2015

**30. G.N. No. S 314/2018 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2018**

Date of commencement : 23 May 2018

**31. G.N. No. S 521/2020 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2020**

Date of commencement : 1 July 2020

**32. G.N. No. S 746/2020 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act  
(Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2)  
Notification 2020**

Date of commencement : 27 July 2020

**33. 2020 Revised Edition — Departmental Titles (Alteration)  
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Operation : 31 December 2021

**34. G.N. No. S 550/2022 — Departmental Titles (Alteration) Act 1950  
(Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2022**

Date of commencement : 1 July 2022

### Abbreviations

C.P.	Council Paper
G.N. No. S (N.S.)	Government Notification Number Singapore (New Series)
G.N. No.	Government Notification Number
G.N. No. S	Government Notification Number Singapore
G.N. Sp. No. S	Government Notification Special Number Singapore
L.A.	Legislative Assembly
L.N.	Legal Notification (Federal/Malaysian Subsidiary Legislation)
M. Act	Malayan Act/Malaysia Act
M. Ordinance	Malayan Ordinance
Parl.	Parliament
S.S.G.G. (E) No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette (Extraordinary) Number
S.S.G.G. No.	Straits Settlements Government Gazette Number