



THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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Fees Act 1920

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An Act to provide for the levy of fees and payments for licences.

[28 November 1921]

Short title

1. This Act is the Fees Act 1920.

Minister for Finance may frame tables of fees

2. The Minister for Finance may by order frame tables of fees, and of payments for licences, permits and otherwise leviable or to be leviable, in the subordinate courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction, and in all public offices and departments.

Publication

3. Every such table of fees and of payments for licences and permits shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall have effect from the date of the publication and shall be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after publication.

Officers may decline to act till payment

4. The officer of any court, public office or department required to do anything for which a fee or payment is chargeable under this Act may decline to do that thing until the fee is paid or the payment is made.

Fees, etc., recoverable as fines before a Magistrate's Court

5.—(1) All fees and payments for licences and permits prescribed in any such order shall be recoverable when not otherwise provided for by summary procedure before a Magistrate's Court in the manner provided for the recovery of fines and penalties before a Magistrate's Court, on complaint by or on behalf of the officer to whom the fees ought to have been paid or the payment ought to have been made.

(2) A certificate by such officer that the fee has not been paid, or that the payment has not been made shall be held to be prima facie proof of non-payment.

Payments by stamps

6. The Minister for Finance may by order declare that all or any fees or payments for licences or permits in any of the subordinate courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction, public offices and departments so fixed, or to be fixed, shall be payable by means of stamps under any written law in force relating to the collection of stamp duties.

Minister for Finance may declare fees and payments to be payable in stamps or money

7. The Minister for Finance may by order declare that all or any fees or payments in any of the public offices and departments now made payable by means of stamps shall be paid in money, notwithstanding any Act in force to the contrary.

Fees, etc., prescribed by written law

8. Nothing in this Act shall be held to affect the amount of any fees or payments leviable or chargeable under any written law in force when express provision is made as to the amount of such fees or payments in that written law.

Remission of fees

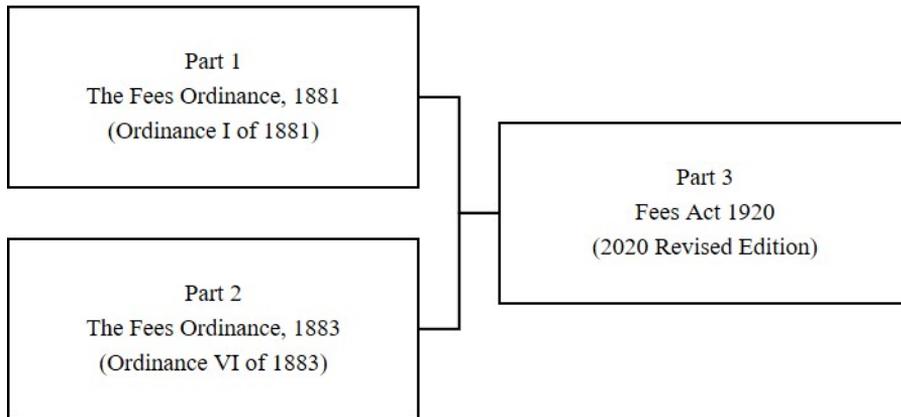
9. Notwithstanding section 8, it shall be lawful for the Minister for Finance to remit wholly or in part, and either generally or in any particular case or class of cases, any fee or other payment prescribed under this Act or under any other written law, and the Minister for Finance may in framing any table of fees or other payments provide for the remission of any such fees or other payments and may specify therein the person by whom remissions shall be granted.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

FEES ACT 1920

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PICTORIAL OVERVIEW OF PREDECESSOR ACTS



LEGISLATIVE HISTORY DETAILS

PART 1

THE FEES ORDINANCE, 1881 (ORDINANCE I OF 1881)

1. Act XII of 1867 — Fees Act, 1867

Bill	:	Information not available
First Reading	:	20 June 1867
Second Reading	:	26 June 1867
Notice of Amendments	:	26 June 1867
Third Reading	:	1 July 1867
Commencement	:	1 July 1867 (passed)

2. Ordinance V of 1873 — The Court's Ordinance, 1873

Bill	:	Information not available
First Reading	:	11 March 1873
Second Reading	:	25 March 1873
Notice of Amendments	:	19 April 1873

Third Reading : 7 July 1873

Commencement : 1 June 1874

Note: This Ordinance repealed the Fees Act, 1867 (Act XII of 1867).

3. Ordinance I of 1881 — The Fees Ordinance, 1881

Bill : G.N. No. 143/1881

First Reading : 22 March 1881

Second Reading : 12 April 1881

Notice of Amendments : 12 April 1881

Third Reading : 19 April 1881

Commencement : 19 April 1881

PART 2

THE FEES ORDINANCE, 1883 (ORDINANCE VI OF 1883)

4. Ordinance VI of 1883 — The Fees Ordinance, 1883

Bill : G.N. No. 266/1883

First Reading : 4 June 1883

Second Reading : 19 June 1883

Notice of Amendments : 19 June 1883

Third Reading : 6 July 1883

Commencement : 6 July 1883

PART 3

FEES ACT 1920 (2020 REVISED EDITION)

5. 1920 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 27 (Fees)

Operation : 28 November 1921

Note: This Revised Edition consolidated The Fees Ordinance, 1881 (Ordinance I of 1881) and The Fees Ordinance, 1883 (Ordinance VI of 1883).

6. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 27 (Fees)

Operation : 1 August 1926

7. 1936 Revised Edition — Fees Ordinance (Chapter 226)

Operation : 1 September 1936

8. Ordinance 31 of 1938 — Fees (Amendment) Ordinance, 1938

Bill : G.N. No. 2991/1938

First Reading : 31 October 1938

Second Reading : 23 November 1938

Notice of Amendments : 23 November 1938

Third Reading : 23 November 1938

Commencement : 6 December 1938

9. 1955 Revised Edition — Fees Ordinance (Chapter 165)

Operation : 1 July 1956

10. Ordinance 31 of 1958 — Legislative Assembly (Presentation of Subsidiary Legislation) Ordinance, 1958

(Amendments made by section 2 read with the Schedule to the above Ordinance)

Bill : 158/1958

First Reading : 16 July 1958

Notice of Amendments : 10 September 1958

Third Reading : 10 September 1958

Commencement : 25 September 1958 (section 2 read with the Schedule)

11. G.N. No. S 223/1959 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) Order, 1959

Commencement : 3 June 1959

12. G.N. No. S (N.S.) 178/1959 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 4) Order, 1959

Commencement : 20 November 1959

13. Act 53 of 1966 — Fees (Amendment) Act, 1966

Bill : 53/1966

First Reading : 5 December 1966

Second and Third Readings : 21 December 1966

Commencement : 6 January 1967

14. 1970 Revised Edition — Fees Act (Chapter 138)

Operation : 30 April 1971

15. 1985 Revised Edition — Fees Act (Chapter 106)

Operation : 30 March 1987

16. 2013 Revised Edition — Fees Act (Chapter 106)

Operation : 31 August 2013

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