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# EDUCATION SERVICE INCENTIVE PAYMENT ACT (CHAPTER 87B, SECTION 18)

# EDUCATION SERVICE INCENTIVE PAYMENT (CONNECT FUND) RULES

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## Citation

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Fund) Rules.

## **Definitions**

- 2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires
  - "Contribution Account" means the Contribution Account maintained under rule 3(a);
  - "Forfeiture Account" means the Forfeiture Account maintained under rule 3(c);
  - "Income Account" means the Income Account maintained under rule 3(b);
  - "member's account", in relation to a member, means the subsidiary account within the Contribution Account maintained under rule 4 in respect of the member;

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"Minister" includes any Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Education.

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# **Accounts in Fund**

- **3.** There shall be maintained in respect of the CONNECT Fund the following accounts:
  - (a) the Contribution Account in which shall be kept such moneys appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of the Ministry of Education and other moneys to meet contributions in respect of every member;
  - (b) the Income Account in which shall be kept all income from the investment of moneys of the CONNECT Fund; and
  - (c) the Forfeiture Account in which shall be kept such other moneys forfeited or transferred thereto in accordance with the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) Regulations (Rg 1).

# Member's accounts in Contribution Account

- **4.**—(1) There shall also be maintained subsidiary accounts (each known as a member's account) within the Contribution Account in respect of each member.
- (2) All contributions prescribed by the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) Regulations in respect of a member shall be credited to the member's account for that member and retained therein until the amounts therein are awarded in accordance with those Regulations.

# **Income Account**

- **5.**—(1) The income from the investment of moneys in the CONNECT Fund shall be paid into the Income Account.
  - (2) There shall be charged on the Income Account
    - (a) all expenses incurred in connection with the administration of the CONNECT Fund, including the cost of auditing the

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- accounts of the Fund and examining the Fund in accordance with section 16 of the Act;
- (b) all expenses incurred in connection with the investment of moneys in the CONNECT Fund, including any fee or commission payable to agents for managing such investments; and
- (c) all losses sustained from the realisation of such investments.
- (3) The Minister may transfer such moneys in the Income Account to the Contribution Account as he thinks fit to meet contributions or payments of awards under the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) Regulations (Rg 1) or to meet future transactions or contingencies.

# **Forfeiture Account**

- **6.**—(1) All or any part of the contributions forfeited and all unclaimed moneys under the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) Regulations shall be credited to the Forfeiture Account.
- (2) The Minister may transfer such moneys in the Forfeiture Account to the Contribution Account as he thinks fit to meet contributions or payments of awards under the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) Regulations or to meet future transactions or contingencies.

## Rectification of errors in member's accounts

- 7.—(1) Where the Minister is satisfied that any excess amount has been credited in error to any member's account, the Minister may rectify the error by deducting the excess from the member's account concerned.
- (2) Where an error in any member's account is rectified under paragraph (1), the member concerned shall be informed in writing of the rectification within 14 days.

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# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

# EDUCATION SERVICE INCENTIVE PAYMENT (CONNECT FUND) RULES (CHAPTER 87B, R 1)

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Fund) Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

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