

MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT
(CHAPTER 185, SECTION 44)

MISUSE OF DRUGS (BOARD OF VISITORS FOR APPROVED
INSTITUTIONS) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Board of Visitors for Approved Institutions) Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “Board” means the Board of Visitors appointed by the Minister under regulation 3;
- “Superintendent” means a person appointed to be in charge of an approved institution.

Appointment of Board of Visitors

3.—(1) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint a Board of Visitors to advise and make recommendations to the

Superintendent in respect of the matters referred to in regulation 9 at any approved institution.

(2) A Board may be appointed for one or more approved institutions as the Minister thinks fit.

Number of board members

4.—(1) The number of members of any Board shall be at the discretion of the Minister.

(2) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of any member of the Board.

Term of office

5. A member of the Board shall —

(a) hold office for a period of not more than 3 years from the date of his appointment; and

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(b) be eligible for reappointment on completion of that period unless the member resigns during his period of office or unless his appointment is revoked by the Minister under regulation 4(2).

Termination of office

6. A person appointed as a member of the Board shall cease to hold such appointment —

(a) on his death or resignation; or

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(b) if the Minister revokes such appointment under regulation 4(2).

Vacancy

7. A vacancy occurring in the Board shall be filled by a fresh appointment made by the Minister, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for so long as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

Assistance from Superintendent

8. The Superintendent shall assist any member of the Board in the exercise of his powers and the discharge of his functions under these Regulations.

Functions of board members

9.—(1) Members of the Board shall satisfy themselves that the health, maintenance, recreation and discipline of the inmates are satisfactory and that an efficient standard is maintained throughout each approved institution, but shall not be concerned with the general administrative matters of the approved institutions.

(2) Members of the Board shall on every visit hear any complaint which any inmate may wish to make to them.

(3) Members of the Board shall send their comments and recommendations regarding an approved institution to the Superintendent.

(4) The Superintendent shall take such action as may be necessary on any recommendation made under paragraph (3) and report to the Board on any action taken as soon as possible.

Visits by board members

10. No fewer than 2 members of the Board shall visit each approved institution in respect of which they are appointed at least once a month.

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