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REGISTRAR GENERAL

An Act to provide for and regulate the appointment of a Registrar General and for other purposes.*[Commencement 21st March, 1974]*

- 7 of 1914
43 of 1926
45 of 1927
20 of 1944
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50 of 1954
43 of 1964
7 of 1966
26 of 1970
29 of 1971
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1. This Act may be cited as the Registrar General Act. Short title.
2. In this Act, “Registrar General”, “Deputy Registrar General” and “Assistant Registrar General” mean the persons respectively appointed as Registrar General, Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General under the provisions of this Act. Interpretation.
4 of 1991, s. 2.
3. The Departments of the Registrar General and of the Registrar of Records shall be controlled and administered as one under the management of the Registrar General. Amalgamation of Departments.
7 of 1966, s. 2.
4. The Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Public Service Commission, may appoint a Registrar General who shall hold office during pleasure. Appointment of Registrar General.
36 of 2009, s. 2.
5. (1) The Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Public Service Commission, may appoint a Deputy Registrar General and suitable persons to be Assistant Registrars General who shall hold office during pleasure. Appointment of Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrars General.
36 of 2009, s. 3.
- (2) The Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General shall assist the Registrar General in the discharge of his duties as Registrar General and may, subject to the directions and instructions of the Registrar General, during the temporary absence of the Registrar General from the Registry, lawfully perform all the duties and exercise all the powers of the Registrar General under this or any other Act. 29 of 1971, s. 2.
4 of 1991, s. 2.
- (3) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to preclude the Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General from holding any office in the gift of either House of Parliament. 26 of 1970, s. 2.
4 of 1991, s. 2.

Vesting of powers in Registrar General.

7 of 1966, s. 6.

6. (1) All powers, authorities, jurisdictions, rights, privileges, duties and liabilities by any Act conferred or imposed on the Registrar of Records whether original or *ex officio* shall upon the amalgamation of the registries as provided for in section 3 of this Act be conferred and imposed on the Registrar General, who shall, for the purposes of any Act, be deemed to be the Registrar of Records.

(2) Any reference in any law or in any agreement, contract, deed or other document to the Registrar of Records, shall be deemed to refer to, and shall be read and construed as a reference to the Registrar General.

36 of 2009, s. 4.

7. Repealed

Powers of Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General.

7 of 1966, s. 9.;
26 of 1970, s. 2.
4 of 1991, s. 2.

8. The Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General shall have power to administer oaths and take solemn declarations or affirmations in all matters required to be taken or made by any Act.

Clerks in the Registrar General's Department.
E.L.A.O., 1974.

9. The Governor-General acting in accordance with the advice of the Public Service Commission may appoint such clerks in the Registrar General's Department as are provided for by any Act.

Clerks to be under the control of the Registrar General

26 of 1970, s. 2.
4 of 1991, s. 2

10. The Deputy Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General as assistants to the Registrar of Records and the clerks in the Registrar General's Department shall be subject to the orders and be under the control of the Registrar General.

Power to administer oaths.
7 of 1966, s. 8.;
29 of 1971.

11. A public officer in the Registrar General's Department, designated for that purpose by the Registrar General by notice in the *Gazette*, may administer all oaths and take all affirmations required to be taken or made by the Registration of Records Act or any Act for the time being regulating the administration and taking of the same.

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12. The Minister responsible for the Registry of Records may make rules for carrying into effect the objects of this Act.