

LOÏS LAGESSE TRUST FUND ACT

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Loïs Lagesse Trust Fund Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Board” means the Board of Trustees referred to in section 5;

“Centre” means the Loïs Lagesse Centre;

“Fund” means the Loïs Lagesse Trust Fund established under section 3;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of social security and national solidarity is assigned.

3. Establishment of Fund

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the Loïs Lagesse Trust Fund.

(2) The Fund shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Fund

The objects of the Fund shall be to—

- (a) aid, train and educate all blind persons in Mauritius;
- (b) assist blind persons in obtaining medical treatment and suitable employment;
- (c) set up and manage training centres, schools and hostels for the blind;
- (d) cater for the general welfare of the blind.

5. The Board

(1) The Fund shall be managed by a Board of Trustees which shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairperson, to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) a Deputy Chairperson, to be appointed by the Minister;
- (c) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
- (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;
- (e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;
- (f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of women's affairs;
- (g) 3 blind persons attending the Centre and appointed by the Minister;
- (h) 4 members appointed by the Minister; and
- (i) a member nominated by Mr Loïs Lagesse's family and appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Chairperson or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairperson shall preside at every meeting of the Board and, in the absence of both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, the members present shall elect from among themselves a member to act as Chairperson for that meeting and the member so elected shall, in relation to that meeting, exercise the functions and have all the powers of the Chairperson.

(3) Eight members shall constitute a quorum.

(4) Subject to this section, the Board shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it thinks fit.

[S. 5 amended by Act 47 of 1984.]

6. General Manager

The Board shall, with the approval of the Minister, appoint, on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, a full-time General Manager who will be responsible for—

- (a) coordinating the activities of the School for the Blind;
- (b) the training of the blind persons attending the Centre;
- (c) the production and marketing of articles by the blind workers of the Centre; and
- (d) the financial management of the Fund so as to ensure its viability and the development of its activities.

7. Execution of documents

No document shall be executed by or on behalf of the Fund unless it is signed by—

- (a) the Chairperson or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairperson; and
- (b) one other member.

[S. 7 amended by Act 47 of 1984.]

8. Donations and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Fund.

9. Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other enactment—

- (a) the Fund shall be exempt from the payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax;
- (b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which the Fund is the sole beneficiary.

10. Regulations

The Board may make such regulations as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

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