

PART XVI – NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE**103. Establishment of College**

- (1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the National Co-operative College.
- (2) The College shall be a body corporate.

104. Objects of National Co-operative College

The objects of the College shall be to –

- (a) provide facilities and engage in research and training for the promotion and development of co-operative entrepreneurship, philosophy, principles and values;
- (b) act as a centre for the consolidation and development of the co-operative movement through education and training and for the exchange of information in the field of co-operatives; and
- (c) promote and develop capacity building through entrepreneurship and business leadership.

105. Functions and powers of College

(1) The College shall have such functions as may be necessary to further its objects most effectively and shall –

- (a) organise and conduct co-operative management and information technology courses;
 - (b) organise and conduct examinations and award certificates on its own or in collaboration with other educational institutions;
 - (c) establish links with foreign training institutes and organisations; and
 - (d) provide consultancy and advisory services in the field of co-operatives.
- (2) In the discharge of its functions, the College may –
- (a) employ resource persons;

- (b) use resource persons from universities and other institutions;
- (c) enter into agreements or other relationships with other institutions, at national and international levels;
- (d) specify the conditions under which trainees may be admitted to the College and the disciplinary provisions to which such trainees shall be subject; and
- (e) levy such fees as it may determine.

106. The Council

(1) The College shall be managed by a Council which shall comprise –

- (a) a Chairperson, to be appointed by the Minister;
- (b) the supervising officer or his representative;
- (c) the Registrar or his representative;
- (d) the Secretary for Co-operative Development or his representative;
- (e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of economic development;
- (f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of training; and
- (g) 3 persons having wide experience in the field of co-operatives, education and business, to be appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Chairperson and the members referred to in subsection (1)(g) shall hold office for a period of 2 years and be eligible for reappointment.

(3) The Chairperson and the members of the Council shall be paid such fee or allowance as the Minister may determine.

(4) The Council shall regulate its meetings and proceedings in such manner as it may determine.

(5) At any meeting of the Council, 5 members shall constitute a quorum.

107. Director of College

(1) There shall be a Director of the College who shall be the chief executive officer of the College and shall be responsible to the Council for the day to day management of the College.

(2) The Director shall be appointed by the Council with the approval of the Minister and shall hold office on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

(3) In the exercise of his functions, the Director shall act in accordance with such directions as he may receive from the Council.

108. Appointment of employees

(1) The Council may appoint, on such terms and conditions as it may determine, such employees as it may consider necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act.

(2) Every employee shall be under the administrative control of the Director.

109. Legal proceedings

(1) Service of process by, or on behalf of, the Director shall be equivalent to service by, or on behalf of, the College.

(2) The College shall act, sue and be sued, impleaded or be impleaded, under its corporate name.

110. Annual report of College

The Council shall, not later than 6 months after the close of a financial year, submit to the Minister an annual report on the activities of the College for that financial year.

111. Execution of documents

(1) Subject to subsection (2), every document executed by or on behalf of the College shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Council or by the Director.

(2) Every cheque of the College shall be signed by –

- (a) the Director; and
- (b) the Chairperson or, in his absence, such other person as the Council may designate.

112. General Fund

(1) The Council shall set up a General Fund –

- (a) into which all monies received by the College shall be paid; and
- (b) out of which all payments required to be made by the College shall be effected.

(2) The College shall derive its funds from –

- (a) the Consolidated Fund;
- (b) any dues or fees levied by the College; and
- (c) such other source as the Minister may approve.

113. Donations and legacies

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

114. Offences for use of name or logo of College

Any person who, without the authority of the Council, uses its name or logo shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year and to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees.

115. Exemption from duties and charges

Notwithstanding any other enactment, the College may, subject to the approval of the Minister responsible for the subject of finance, be exempted from the payment of any duty, levy, rate, charge, fee or tax.