

THE MAURITIUS EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING AUTHORITY ACT 1981

Repealed and Replaced by [[Act No. 16 of 1985](#)]

Act No. 12 of 1981

I assent,

25 June 1981
General

BURRENCHOBAY
Governor-

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**To make better provisions for the promotion of Educational
Broadcasting in Mauritius**

(27 June).

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mauritius Educational Broadcasting **Authority** Act 1981.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

“**Authority**” means the Mauritius Educational Broadcasting **Authority** established under section 3;

“Board” means the Board established under section 5;

“Director” means the person appointed as such under section 7;

"Member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairman;

"Minister" means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of education and cultural affairs is assigned.

Establishment of the Authority

3. (1) There is established for the purposes of this Act an **Authority** to be known as the Mauritius Educational Broadcasting **Authority** to perform the functions set out in this Act.
- (2) The **Authority** shall be a body corporate.

Object of the Authority

4. The object of the **Authority** shall be to promote education through mass media.

The Board.

5. (1) The **Authority** shall be administered by the Board.
- (2) The Board shall consist of—
 - (a) a Chairman appointed by the Prime Minister;
 - (b) the Director;
 - (c) a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
 - (d) a representative of the Ministry of Finance;
 - (e) a representative of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development;
 - (f) a representative of the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs;
 - (g) a representative of the Ministry of Health;
 - (h) a representative of the Ministry of Social Security;
 - (i) a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Environment—
 - (j) a representative of the University of Mauritius;
 - (k) a representative of the Mauritius Institute of Education;
 - (l) a representative of the **Private Secondary Schools Authority**;
 - (m) a representative of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation;
 - (n) a representative of the staff of the **Authority** appointed by the Minister after consultation with any staff association representing the employees of the **Authority**.
- (3) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, co-opt such other persons not exceeding four in number to be members of the Board.

Meetings of the Board.

6. (1) The Board shall meet at such time and place as the Chairman may direct.
- (2) Five members shall constitute a quorum.

The Director.

7. (1) There shall be a chief executive officer of the **Authority** who shall-
- (a) be known as the Director; and
 - (b) be appointed by the Prime Minister.
- (2) The Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the **Authority** and for the control and management of its day to day business.
- (3) In the exercise of his functions the Director shall act in accordance with such directions as he may receive from the Board.

Appointment of staff.

8. (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, appoint, on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, such staff as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act.
- (2) The staff of the **Authority** shall be under the administrative control of the Director.

Conditions of service of staff.

9. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make provision to govern the conditions of service of the staff of the **Authority**, and in particular to deal with-
- (a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, pay and leave of, and the security to be given by, staff;
 - (b) appeals by staff against dismissal and other disciplinary measures;
 - (c) the establishment and maintenance of a superannuation scheme and medical benefits and loan funds and the contributions payable thereto and the benefits recoverable therefrom.

Powers of the Minister

10. (1) The Minister may, in relation to the exercise of its functions by the Board, give such directions to the Board as he considers necessary in the public interest and the Board shall comply with these instructions
- (2) The Board shall furnish to the Minister such reports and other information with respect to the activities of the **Authority**, in such manner and at such time, as the Minister may require.
- (3) The Director shall furnish to the Minister such returns or copies of such documents, including minutes of proceedings of the Board and the accounts of the **Authority**, as the Minister may require.

Exemptions.

11. (1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, the **Authority** shall be exempt from payment of every duty, rate, charge, fee, tax or licence.

- (2) The **Authority** is hereby authorised-
- (a) to frank letters and postal packets destined to persons in Mauritius ; and
 - (b) to make remittances by money order.

Regulations.

12. (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as he thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) Any regulation made under subsection (1) may provide for-
- (a) the taking of fees and the levying of charges
 - (b) a breach of any provision of the regulations to be punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees.

Consequential amendment.

13. The Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act, 1972, is amended in the First Schedule by adding the following item-
33. Mauritius Educational Broadcasting **Authority** Act No. 12 of 1981

Repeal.

14. The Mauritius College of the Air Act, 1971 is repealed.

Transfer of employees.

15. All employees of the Mauritius College of the Air under the Mauritius College of the Air Act, 1971 will be transferred to the **Authority** without losing their time of service and under the same conditions of employment.

Transfer of assets.

16. All the assets and liabilities of the Mauritius College of the Air established under the Mauritius College of the Air Act, 1971 shall vest in the **Authority**.

Commencement

17. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.

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