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**THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021**

An Act to amend the National Curriculum Development Centre Act, Cap. 135, to align the financial year of the Centre to the financial year of the Government; to broaden the ex-officio membership of the governing council of the centre; to eliminate limitations over eligibility for appointment of the chairperson of the council; to create the post of deputy director and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT: 21st March, 2021

*Date of Commencement:* 9th April, 2021

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

**1. Amendment of section 1 of the National Curriculum Development Centre Act**

Section 1 of the National Curriculum Development Centre Act in this Act referred to as the principal Act is amended by substituting for paragraph (f) the following—

“(f) “financial year” means the period of twelve months starting on the first day of July of any year and ending on the thirtieth day of June of the following year;”.



**2. Amendment of section 3 of principal Act**

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting at the end of subsection (1) (d) the words, “and to disseminate the teaching aids and materials”; and
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) (j), the following —
  - “(ja) to cause to be produced by publishers, curriculum related materials for use by schools and colleges and to evaluate those materials;
  - (jb) to vet and approve any international or other curriculum that is not developed by the Centre, to be used by a tertiary institution or school in Uganda, before the registration or licensing, by the relevant authority, of the tertiary institution or school that intends to use that curriculum;”.

**3. Replacement of section 7 of principal Act**

Section 7 of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

**7. Membership of the Council**

- (1) The governing body of the Centre shall be the Council consisting of the following members—
  - (a) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for education, or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
  - (b) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for finance or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;

- (c) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for labour or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
- (d) a representative of the national examination bodies, appointed by the Minister;
- (e) the Executive Director of the National Council for Higher Education or his or her representative;
- (f) the Director of Basic and Secondary Education or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
- (g) the Director of Education Standards or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
- (h) a representative of the Private Sector Foundation;
- (i) the director of the Federation of Uganda Employers or his or her representative;
- (j) the Director of the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda or his or her representative;
- (k) the chairperson of the Vice Chancellor's Forum or his or her representative;
- (l) a representative of private schools and private education institutions, who shall be recommended, subject to the approval of the Minister; and
- (m) not more than three other members appointed by the Minister, who shall be persons qualified as having experience in the practice and administration of education.

(2) At least a third of the members appointed by the Minister shall be women."

**4. Amendment of section 10 of principal Act**

Section 10 of principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the word "ex officio".

**5. Amendment of section 12 of principal Act**

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by—

- (a) numbering the existing provision as subsection (1);
- (b) inserting immediately after the numbered provision the following—

"(2) The director shall, in writing, inform the Minister of a vacancy on the council, within fourteen days of the vacancy.

(3) The director shall, in writing, inform the Minister of the expiry of the term of office of the chairperson or of an appointed member of the council, six months before the expiry of the term."

**6. Amendment of section 13 of principal Act**

Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (5) the following—

"(5) At all meetings of the council, two thirds of the members of the Council, shall constitute a quorum."

**7. Replacement of section 16 of principal Act**

Section 16 of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

**"16. Establishment of committees**

(1) The Council shall have the following Committees—

- (a) the Finance and General Purpose Committee;



- (b) the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee;
- (c) the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee;
- (d) the Skills Needs Anticipation Committee; and
- (e) the Accreditation and Certification Committee.

(2) The Council may establish other committees of the Council, as may be necessary.

(3) The members of a committee shall be appointed by the Council, from among its members.

(4) Subject to any direction of the Council, a Committee shall regulate its own procedure and fix the quorum for its meetings.

(5) A committee may invite any person who is not a member of the Committee to attend a meeting of the committee and give advice to the Committee but such person shall not have a right to make a decision or vote on any matter before the Committee.”

**8. Amendment of section 17 of principal Act**

Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by substituting paragraphs (b) to (j) with the following—

- “(b) the Director of Basic and Secondary Education;
- (c) the Director of the Directorate of Education Standards;
- (d) the dean of a faculty of education of a university appointed by the Minister;

- (e) the heads of the academic departments of the Centre;
- (f) one representative for each of the national examination bodies;
- (g) a representative of the Association of Principals for Primary Teachers' Colleges;
- (h) a representative of the Association of Principals for Technical Colleges;
- (i) a representative of the Association of Principals of Uganda Colleges of Commerce;
- (j) a representative of the Association of Principals National Teachers' Colleges;
- (k) a representative of the Association of the Uganda Secondary Schools' Headteachers;
- (l) a representative of the Association of the Uganda Primary Schools' Headteachers;
- (m) a representative of the Uganda National Teachers Union;
- (n) a representative from the Vice Chancellors' Forum; and
- (o) a specialist in curriculum studies."

**9. Amendment of section 18 of principal Act**

Section 18 of the principal Act is amended by—

- (a) substituting for subsection (4) the following—

“(4) A subject panel shall consist of not more than fifteen members who shall include—

- (a) representatives of the Directorate of Education Standards;



- (b) representatives of the national examination bodies; and
- (c) education practitioners at the pre-primary, primary, secondary, tertiary and higher levels of education.”;

(b) inserting immediately after subsection (4) the following—

“(5) A member of a subject panel shall serve for a period of five years and the contract of service may be renewed for one other term.”

**10. Amendment of section 20 of principal Act**

Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (5) the following—

“(5) At all meetings of the board, two thirds of the members shall constitute quorum.”

**11. Replacement of section 31 of principal Act**

Section 31 of the principal Act is substituted with the following—

**“31. Report of the Centre’s activities**

(1) The Council shall, not later than three months following the end of each financial year, submit a report to the Minister, on the activities of the Centre.

(2) The Council shall submit to the Minister, such other reports within such time as the Minister may require.”