

National Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Act, 2020



THE GAMBIA
NO. 03 OF 2020

Assented to by The President,
this 23rd day of July, 2020.



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President

AN ACT to amend the National Human Rights Commission Act 2017 to further align it in line with international standards and for connected matters.

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ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the National Human Rights Commission (amendment) Act, 2020.

2. Amendment of the National Human Rights Commission Act, 2017

The National Human Rights Commission Act (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.

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3. Amendment of Section 2

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definitions in alphabetical order-

“**Commission**” means the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) established under section 3(1);

“**Secretariat**” means the administrative body of the Commission;

“**Staff**” means the Executive Secretary, the Deputy Executive Secretary and any other staff appointed under the Secretariat;

4. Amendment of section 6

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting it and substituting for it the following-

“6. The Chairperson of the Commission shall hold office for five years and the other Commissioners shall hold office for four years; and they are both eligible for re-appointment for one further term.”

5. Amendment of section 9

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended in sub-section (1) (a) by deleting the words **“or from any other cause.”**

6. Amendment of section 11

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting sub-section (2) and substituting for it the following –

“(2) The President shall, after consultation with the Public Service Commission, appoint the members of the Commission, in accordance with the procedure specified in the Schedule to this Act”.

7. Amendment of section 15

Section 15(1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “section 12 (1) (c)” the words “section 12(c)”.

8. Amendment of section 26

Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended –

(a) in sub-section (1) by substituting for it, the following –

“There is established by this Act, a Secretariat for the Commission, which shall be headed by the Executive Secretary”;

(b) by inserting the following provision as the new sub-section (2)

“The Secretariat shall consist of the Executive Secretary, the Deputy Executive Secretary and such other staff as the Commission may appoint”.

(c) re-numbering the remaining sub-sections accordingly.

9. Amendment of section 27(1)(b)

Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended in sub-section (1)(b) by substituting for the word “Commission”, with the word “Secretariat”.

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PASSED in the National Assembly this 07th day of July, in the year
of Our Lord Twenty Twenty.



M. A. Sise

Clerk of the National Assembly.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill
which has passed in the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and
correct copy of the said Bill.



M. A. Sise

Clerk of the National Assembly.