PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994
[PROCLAMATION NO. 103 OF 1994]

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as amended by
Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994
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Intelligence Services Act, No. 38 of 1994
[with effect from 1 January, 1995]
Public Service Amendment Act, No. 13 of 1996
Public Service Second Amendment Act, No. 67 of 1996
South African Revenue Service Act, No. 34 of 1997
[with effect from 1 October, 1997]
Public Service Laws Amendment Act, No. 47 of 1997
Department of Communications Rationalisation Act, No. 10 of 1998
[with effect from 1 April, 1998]
Public Service Laws Amendment Act, No. 86 of 1998
Public Service Amendment Act, No. 5 of 1999

GENERAL NOTE
In terms of s. 32 (1) of Act No. 38 of 1994, the words “National Intelligence Services”,
wherever they occur, are substituted by the words “Agency or the Service”.

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To provide for the organisation and administration of the public service of the Republic,
the regulation of the conditions of employment, terms of office, discipline, retirement and
discharge of members of the public service, and matters connected therewith.
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INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF ACT

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“Agency” means the Agency as defined in section 1 of the Intelligence Services Act, 1994;

[Definition of “Agency” inserted by s. 32 (1) of Act No. 38 of 1994.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “agreement” . . . . . . . .

“agreement” . . . . . . . .

[Definition of “agreement” substituted by s. 27 (1) of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994 and deleted by s. 1 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “calendar month” means a period extending from a day in one month to a day preceding the day corresponding numerically to that day in the following month, both days inclusive;

“calendar month” means a period extending from a day in one month to a day preceding the day corresponding numerically to that day in the following month, both days inclusive;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “central level” . . . . . .

“central level” . . . . . .

[Definition of “central level” substituted by s. 27 (1) of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994 and deleted by s. 1 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “Commission” means the Public Service Commission established by section 196 (1) of the Constitution;

“Commission” means the Public Service Commission established by section 196 (1) of the
Constitution;

[Definition of “Commission” substituted by s. 1 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “Commission Act” means the Public Service Commission Act, 1997;

“Commission Act” means the Public Service Commission Act, 1997;

[Definition of “Commission Act” substituted by s. 1 (c) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996);


[Definition of “Constitution” substituted by s. 1 (d) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “Council” . . . . . . .

“Council” . . . . . . .

[Definition of “Council” substituted by s. 27 (1) of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994 and deleted by s. 1 (e) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “department” means a national department, a provincial administration or a provincial department;

“department” means a national department, a provincial administration or a provincial department;

[Definition of “department” substituted by s. 1 (a) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “educator” means a teacher or other person performing education functions at a state educational institution;

“educator” means a teacher or other person performing education functions at a state educational institution;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “employee” means a person contemplated in section 8 (1) (c);
“employee” means a person contemplated in section 8 (1) (c);

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “employer” . . . . . .

“employer” . . . . . .
[Definition of “employer” substituted by s. 27 (1) of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994 and deleted by s. 1 (e) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “executing authority”, in relation to—

“executing authority”, in relation to—
(a) the Office of the President, means the President acting on his or her own;
(b) the Office of the Deputy President, means the Deputy President;
(c) a department or organisational component within a Cabinet portfolio, means the Minister responsible for such portfolio;
(d) the Office of the Commission, means the Chairperson of the Commission;
(e) the Office of a Premier of a province, means the Premier of that province acting on his or her own; and

[Para. (e) substituted by s. 1 (b) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

(f) a provincial department within an Executive Council portfolio, means the member of such Executive Council responsible for such portfolio;

[Definition of “executing authority” substituted by s. 1 (f) of Act No. 47 of 1997. Para. (f) substituted by s. 1 (b) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “fixed establishment” means the posts which have been created for the normal and regular requirements of a department;

“fixed establishment” means the posts which have been created for the normal and regular requirements of a department;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “head of department”, “head of a department” or “head of the department” means the incumbent of a post mentioned in the second column of Schedule 1 or 2, and includes any officer acting in such post;

“head of department”, “head of a department” or “head of the department” means the incumbent of a post mentioned in the second column of Schedule 1 or 2, and includes any officer
acts in such post;
[Definition of “head of department” substituted by s. 1 (c) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—/ “information technology” means all aspects of technology which are used to manage and support the efficient gathering and utilisation of information as a strategic resource;

“information technology” means all aspects of technology which are used to manage and support the efficient gathering and utilisation of information as a strategic resource;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—/ “Minister” means the Minister for the Public Service and Administration;

“Minister” means the Minister for the Public Service and Administration;
[Definition of “Minister” inserted by s. 1 (g) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—/ “month” means a period extending from the first to the last day, both days inclusive, of any one of the 12 months of a year;

“month” means a period extending from the first to the last day, both days inclusive, of any one of the 12 months of a year;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—/ “national department” means a national department referred to in section 7 (2);

“national department” means a national department referred to in section 7 (2);
[Definition of “national department” substituted by s. 1 (d) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise—/ “officer” means a person who has been appointed permanently, notwithstanding that such appointment may be on probation, to a post contemplated in section 8 (1) (a), and includes a person contemplated in section 8 (1) (b) or 8 (3) (c);

“officer” means a person who has been appointed permanently, notwithstanding that such appointment may be on probation, to a post contemplated in section 8 (1) (a), and includes a person contemplated in section 8 (1) (b) or 8 (3) (c);

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act,
unless the context indicates otherwise— / “prescribed” means prescribed by or under this Act;

“prescribed” means prescribed by or under this Act;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “provincial administration” means a provincial administration referred to in section 7 (2), but does not include a provincial department in so far as this Act deals with any matter in respect of which a power or duty is entrusted or assigned by or under this Act or any other law to the head of the provincial department or the relevant executing authority;

“provincial administration” means a provincial administration referred to in section 7 (2), but does not include a provincial department in so far as this Act deals with any matter in respect of which a power or duty is entrusted or assigned by or under this Act or any other law to the head of the provincial department or the relevant executing authority;

[Definition of “provincial administration” substituted by s. 1 (e) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “provincial department” means a provincial department referred to in section 7 (2);

“provincial department” means a provincial department referred to in section 7 (2);

[Definition of “provincial department” inserted by s. 1 (f) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “provincial service commission” . . . . . . .

“provincial service commission” . . . . . . .

[Definition of “provincial service commission” deleted by s. 1 (h) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “public service” means the public service contemplated in section 8;

“public service” means the public service contemplated in section 8;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “regulation” means a regulation made or deemed to have been made under this Act;

“regulation” means a regulation made or deemed to have been made under this Act;
Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “revenue” means the National Revenue Fund established by section 213 (1) of the Constitution or, in relation to any province, the relevant Provincial Revenue Fund established by section 226 (1) of the Constitution, as the case may be;

“revenue” means the National Revenue Fund established by section 213 (1) of the Constitution or, in relation to any province, the relevant Provincial Revenue Fund established by section 226 (1) of the Constitution, as the case may be;

[Definition of “revenue” substituted by s. 1 (i) of Act No. 47 of 1997 and by s. 1 (g) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “salary range” means a minimum and maximum salary limit linked to a specific level of work;

“salary range” means a minimum and maximum salary limit linked to a specific level of work;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “scale”, in relation to salary, includes salary at a fixed rate;

“scale”, in relation to salary, includes salary at a fixed rate;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “Service” means the Service as defined in section 1 of the Intelligence Services Act, 1994;

“Service” means the Service as defined in section 1 of the Intelligence Services Act, 1994;

[Definition of “Service” inserted by s. 32 (1) of Act No. 38 of 1994.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “state educational institution” means an institution (including an office controlling such institution), other than a university or technikon, which is wholly or partially funded by the State and in regard to which the remuneration and service conditions of educators are determined by law;

“state educational institution” means an institution (including an office controlling such institution), other than a university or technikon, which is wholly or partially funded by the State and in regard to which the remuneration and service conditions of educators are determined by law;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “the National Intelligence Services”
“the National Intelligence Services” . . . . .

[Definition of “the National Intelligence Services” deleted by s. 32 (1) of Act No. 38 of 1994.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “the services” means—

“the services” means—

(a) the Permanent Force of the National Defence Force;

(b) the South African Police Service; and

(c) the Department of Correctional Services;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “this Act” includes the regulations and Public Service Staff Code mentioned in sections 41 and 42, respectively;

“this Act” includes the regulations and Public Service Staff Code mentioned in sections 41 and 42, respectively;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “transfer” includes a change-over to a regraded or renamed post, or from one grade to a higher grade connected to the same post, or from one rank to a higher rank;

“transfer” includes a change-over to a regraded or renamed post, or from one grade to a higher grade connected to the same post, or from one rank to a higher rank;

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 1. Interpretation.—(1) In this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise— / “Treasury” means—

“Treasury” means—

(a) the Minister of Finance or a duly authorised officer in the Department of State Expenditure; or

(b) the member of an Executive Council of a province responsible for the execution of the treasury function in that province or a duly authorised officer in his or her office or department,

[Para. (b) substituted by s. 1 (h) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

as the case may be.

(2) Any reference in this Act to a reduction in a scale of salary or salary, in relation to an officer, shall be construed as including a reference to the application of a scale of salary which is lower than the scale previously applied as regards the maximum of the scale, or to a salary which is lower in comparison with a salary which would have applied at any time prior to that reduction, as the
case may be, and a reference in that connection to a reduction in grade or to a grade being lower than another grade shall be construed correspondingly.

(3) Where it is uncertain who the executing authority or head of department is for the purposes of any act under this Act in respect of an officer or employee, the Minister shall indicate the authority or head to be regarded as the executing authority or head of department in the case concerned.

[Sub-s. (3) added by Proclamation No. R.171 of 1994 and substituted by s. 1 (j) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 2. Application of Act.—(1) Except in so far as this section provides otherwise and except where it is inconsistent with the context or clearly inappropriate, the provisions of this Act shall apply to or in respect of officers and employees whether they are employed within or outside the Republic, and in respect of persons who were employed in the public service or who are to be employed in the public service.

(2) Where persons employed in the services or state educational institutions are not excluded from the provisions of this Act, those provisions shall apply only in so far as they are not contrary to the laws governing their employment.

(3) Where persons employed in the Agency or the Service are not excluded from the provisions of this Act, those provisions shall apply only in so far as they are not contrary to the laws governing their service, and those provisions shall not be construed as derogating from the powers or duties conferred or imposed upon the Agency or the Service.

(4) . . . . .

[Sub-s. (4) deleted by s. 2 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(5) (a) All posts established in terms of a law repealed by this Act and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act, and all authorisations for employment of persons additional to such posts issued in terms of such a law and in force immediately before such commencement, shall save where clearly inappropriate, be deemed to have been established or issued under this Act.

(b) All persons who immediately before the commencement of this Act were, by virtue of a law repealed by this Act, officers or employees in an institution referred to in section 236 (1) of the Interim Constitution, shall remain in employment and shall from such commencement be deemed, without break in service, to be officers or employees, as the case may be, and the provisions of this Act shall apply to or in respect of those officers or employees.

[Para. (b) substituted by s. 2 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(6) . . . . .
CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, INCLUDING THE SOUTH AFRICAN MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AND THE TRAINING FUND

[Chapter II substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 3. Functions of Minister and executing authority.—(1) (a) The Minister may exercise the powers and shall perform the duties entrusted to the Minister by or under this Act or any other law.

(b) Where it is a requirement of this Act or of any other law that any executing authority or other person shall act in consultation with the Minister, the Minister may express his or her concurrence with the act in question or refuse to express it.

(2) (a) For the purposes of this subsection, any policy may relate to any of or all the following matters, namely—

(i) the functions of, and organisational arrangements in, the public service;
(ii) employment and other personnel practices, including the promotion of broad representivity as well as human resource management and training, in the public service;
(iii) the salaries and other conditions of service of officers and employees;
(iv) labour relations in the public service;
(v) information management and information technology in the public service;
(vi) public service transformation and reform.

(b) The Minister shall accept responsibility for—

(i) any policy which relates to a matter referred to in paragraph (a); and
(ii) the provision of a framework of norms and standards with a view to giving effect to any such policy.

(3) The Minister may—

(a) advise the President regarding the establishment or abolition of any department or organisational component in the national sphere of government, or the designation of any such department or organisational component or the head thereof, in order to enable the President to amend Schedule 1 or 3;

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 2 (a) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]
after consultation with the relevant executing authority or executing authorities, as the case may be, make determinations regarding the allocation of any function to, or the abolition of any function of, any department or the transfer of any function from one department to another or from a department to any other body or from any other body to a department: Provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed so as to empower the Minister—

(i) to allocate any function to, or to abolish any function of, any provincial administration or provincial department except in consultation with the Premier of the province concerned; or

(ii) to transfer any function from one provincial administration or provincial department to another or from a provincial administration or provincial department to any body established by or under any provincial law or from any such body to a provincial administration or provincial department;

[Para. (b) substituted by s. 2 (b) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

[Editorial Note: S. 3 (3) (b) has been declared inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and invalid to the extent set out in the Constitutional Court Order published under Government Notice No. R.589 in Government Gazette 21266 of 15 June, 2000.]

(c) subject to the provisions of this Act, make determinations regarding the conditions of service of officers and employees generally, including the scales of salaries, wages or allowances of all the various classes, ranks and grades of officers and employees as well as salary ranges in respect of particular classes, ranks and grades of officers and employees;

(d) make regulations under section 41 (1);

(e) issue directives which are not inconsistent with this Act to elucidate or supplement any regulation.

(4) (a) If so requested by the President or an executing authority, the Minister may advise, or assist in such manner or on such conditions as the Minister may determine, the President or the relevant executing authority as to any matter relating to—

(i) the public service;

(ii) the employment, remuneration or other conditions of service of persons employed in a department in terms of any law other than this Act or of functionaries employed by any board, institution or body established by or under any law and which obtains its funds, either wholly or in part, from revenue;

(iii) the remuneration or other conditions of appointment of the officebearers of any such board, institution or body; or

(iv) the staffing, employment or other personnel practices of any such board, institution or body.

[Para. (a) amended by s. 2 (c) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), the Minister has access to such official documents or
may obtain such information from the chief executive officer of the relevant board, institution or body as may be necessary to advise or assist the President or the relevant executing authority.

[Para. (b) substituted by s. 2 (d) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, an executing authority shall have those powers and duties—

(a) regarding the internal organisation of the office or department concerned, including the organisational structure and the transfer of functions within that office or department;

(b) regarding the post establishment of that office or department, including the creation, grading and abolition of posts and the provision for the employment of persons additional to the fixed establishment where the class of work is of a temporary nature;

(c) regarding the recruitment, appointment, performance management, promotion, transfer, discharge and other career incidents of officers and employees of that office or department, including any other matter which relates to such officers and employees in their individual capacities,

which are entrusted to the executing authority by or under this Act, and such powers and duties shall be exercised or performed by the executing authority in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(6) (a) The relevant executing authority may perform any act in connection with any matter which relates to or arises from the employment or the conditions of service of a former officer or employee whilst he or she was an officer or employee, provided that executing authority would at the relevant time have been competent in terms of this Act or any other law to perform any such act in respect of a serving officer or employee.

(b) No such act shall be to the detriment of a former officer or employee, and the relevant executing authority shall not perform any such act in respect of any former officer or employee after the expiry of a period of two years after he or she ceased to be an officer or employee.

[S. 3 substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 3A. Functions of Premiers.—The Premier of a province may—

3A. Functions of Premiers.—The Premier of a province may—

(a) subject to the provisions of section 7 (5), establish or abolish any department of the provincial administration concerned;

(b) make determinations regarding the allocation of any function to, or the abolition of any function of, any office or department of the provincial administration concerned or the transfer of any function from one such office or department to another or from such office or department to any body established by or under any law of the provincial legislature or from any such body to such office or department.

[S. 3A inserted by s. 3 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]
3B. Handling of appointment and other career incidents of heads of department.—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Act, the appointment and other career incidents of the heads of department shall be dealt with by, in the case of—

(a) a head of a national department or organisational component, the President; and
(b) a head of a provincial administration, department or office, the relevant Premier.

(2) Any person appointed as head of department may before or at the expiry of his or her term of office, or extended term of office, be deployed with his or her consent by the relevant executing authority referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) in the case of—

(a) a head of a national department or organisational component, to perform functions in a similar or any other capacity in any national department or organisational component in a post or against a post of equal, higher or lower grading, or additional to the establishment, as the executing authority deems fit; and
(b) a head of a provincial administration, department or office, to perform functions in a similar or any other capacity in the administration, department or office of the relevant province in a post or against a post of equal, higher or lower grading or additional to the establishment, as the executing authority deems fit.

(3) Any person appointed as head of department who thereafter is deployed in accordance with subsection (2), shall—

(a) for the unexpired portion of his or her term of office, or extended term of office, be appointed at the same salary and conditions of service; and
(b) at the expiry of his or her term of office, or extended term of office, be appointed at the salary and conditions of service attaching to the post or capacity in which he or she is appointed.

(4) The executing authority referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) may delegate or assign any power or duty to appoint the head referred to in that paragraph, as well as any power or duty regarding the other career incidents of that head, in the case of—

(a) the President, to the Deputy President or a Minister; or
(b) the Premier of a province, to a Member of the relevant Executive Council.

[S. 3B inserted by s. 1 of Act No. 5 of 1999.]
4. South African Management and Development Institute and Training Fund.—(1) The management and administration of the South African Management and Development Institute shall be under the control of the Minister.

(2) The Institute—

(a) shall provide such training or cause such training to be provided or conduct such examinations or tests or cause such examinations or tests to be conducted as the Head: South African Management and Development Institute may with the approval of the Minister decide or as may be prescribed as a qualification for the appointment, promotion or transfer of persons in or to the public service;

(b) may issue diplomas or certificates or cause diplomas or certificates to be issued to persons who have passed such examinations.

(3) Notwithstanding the substitution of section 3 (5) (a) (iii) by the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1997, the Training Fund established under the said section shall continue to exist, and the Fund shall consist of—

(a) all moneys which immediately prior to the commencement of the said Act were moneys of the Fund;

(b) such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated by Parliament with a view to promoting training under this Act;

(c) any other moneys accruing to the Fund in terms of this Act or from any other source.

(4) (a) The Fund shall be administered by the Head, who shall be the accounting officer charged with the responsibility of accounting for moneys received by, and disbursements made from, the Fund.

(b) Moneys in the Fund shall be utilised to promote training under this Act, but moneys or other property donated or bequeathed to the Fund shall be utilised in accordance with the conditions of the donation or bequest concerned.

(c) Moneys in the Fund not required for immediate use may be invested with the Public Investment Commissioners or in such other manner as the Minister may with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance approve.

(5) (a) The financial year of the Fund shall terminate on the last day in March in each year.

(b) The Head shall—

(i) cause records to be kept of moneys received by, and disbursements made from, the Fund and of its assets, liabilities and financial transactions;

(ii) as soon as may be practicable after the end of each financial year, cause annual financial statements to be prepared reflecting, with appropriate details, moneys received by, and disbursements made from, the Fund during, and its assets and liabilities at the end of, that financial year.

(c) The records and annual financial statements shall be audited annually by the Auditor-General.

[S. 4 amended by Proclamation No. 134 of 1994 and substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]
Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 5. Implementation or limitation of actions affecting public service or its members.—(1) For the purposes of this Act or any other law—

5. Implementation or limitation of actions affecting public service or its members.—(1) For the purposes of this Act or any other law—

(a) a concurrence or determination of the Minister shall be deemed to have been expressed or made on the date of the communication in writing conveying such concurrence or determination;

(b) where any executing authority or other person is required to act in consultation with the Minister, such act shall be deemed to be implemented by the relevant executing authority or person on the date of the communication in writing conveying to the affected person or body that the executing authority or person is acting in consultation with the Minister;

(c) where the Minister is competent to make a determination, such determination shall be deemed to be implemented on the date on which such determination is made, unless expressly stated otherwise in the communication in writing conveying such determination.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), any determination of the Minister may be withdrawn or varied or further varied by the Minister at any time within a period of six calendar months from the date upon which it was made by the Minister or varied the previous time.

(3) A determination by the Minister involving expenditure from revenue shall not be implemented unless the Treasury approves the expenditure.

(4) Every act of the Minister, any executing authority or any other person, irrespective of whether such act consists of the making of any regulation or other enactment, the making of any determination or the taking of any decision, which relates to any matter which constitutes the subject matter of any collective agreement contemplated in item 15 (i) of Schedule 7 to the Labour Relations Act, 1995 (Act No. 66 of 1995), or of any collective agreement concluded by a bargaining council established in terms of the said Act for the public service as a whole or for a particular sector in the public service, shall be performed only in accordance with any such collective agreement.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4)—

(a) any executing authority or other person may act in respect of a particular officer or employee in accordance with the provisions of this Act or any other law: Provided that where any such act constitutes any deviation from a collective agreement referred to in the said subsection (4), it shall not derogate from or annul such a collective agreement or the collective bargaining relationship, or reduce the remuneration or other service benefits of the particular officer or employee, or deprive that officer or employee of his or her remuneration or other service benefits, except in accordance with section 34; or

(b) the last offer made by the State as employer in a bargaining council referred to in the said subsection (4) on a specific matter may, if a deadlock in negotiations is reached,
be implemented by acting in terms of the provisions of this Act or any other law, provided any such act does not have the effect of reducing existing remuneration or other service benefits, except in accordance with section 34.

[S. 5 amended by s. 27 (1) of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994 and substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 6. Access to documents and information by Minister.—The Minister has access to such official documents or may obtain such information from heads of departments or from officers or employees in the service of those departments as may be necessary for the performance of his or her functions under this Act or any other law.

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[S. 6 substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

CHAPTER III
ORGANISATION AND STAFF

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 7. Public service, departments and heads of departments.—(1) The public service established by section 197 (1) of the Constitution shall be structured and organised as provided for in this Act.

7. Public service, departments and heads of departments.—(1) The public service established by section 197 (1) of the Constitution shall be structured and organised as provided for in this Act.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 4 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(2) For the purposes of the administration of the public service there shall be national departments and provincial administrations mentioned in the first column of Schedule 1, provincial departments mentioned in the first column of Schedule 2 and the organisational components mentioned in the first column of Schedule 3.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 4 (a) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(3) (a) Each department shall have a head of department who as an officer shall be the incumbent of the post on the fixed establishment bearing the designation mentioned in the second column of Schedule 1 or 2 opposite the name of the relevant department, or the officer who is acting in
that post.

(b) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d), a head of department shall be responsible for the efficient management and administration of his or her department, including the effective utilisation and training of staff, the maintenance of discipline, the promotion of sound labour relations and the proper use and care of State property, and he or she shall perform the functions that may be prescribed.

(c) In addition to any power or duty entrusted or assigned by or under this Act or any other law to the head of a provincial administration, the said head shall—

(i) be the Secretary to the Executive Council of the province concerned;

(ii) subject to the provisions of sections 85 (2) (c) and 125 (2) (e) of the Constitution, be responsible for intergovernmental relations between the relevant provincial administration and other provincial administrations as well as national departments and for the intragovernmental co-operation between the relevant provincial administration and its various provincial departments, including the co-ordination of their actions and legislation; and

(iii) subject to the provisions of paragraph (d), be responsible for the giving of strategic direction on any matter referred to in section 3 (2) (a).

(d) The head of a provincial administration shall in respect of a provincial department exercise no power or perform no duty which is entrusted or assigned by or under this Act or any other law to the head of the provincial department.

(e) The incumbent of a post mentioned in the second column of Schedule 2 shall not by virtue only of such incumbency be entitled to the rank, status or salary scale and accompanying benefits of the incumbent of a post mentioned in the second column of Schedule 1.

[Sub-s. (3) substituted by s. 4 (b) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(4) (a) An organisational component mentioned in the first column of Schedule 2 and the officer who is the incumbent of the post bearing the designation mentioned in the second column of the said Schedule 2 opposite the name of the relevant organisational component, or the officer who is acting in that post, shall for the purposes of the this Act be deemed to be a department and a head of department, respectively.

(b) The incumbent of a post contemplated in this subsection shall not by virtue only of such incumbency be entitled to the rank, status or salary scale and accompanying benefits of the incumbent of a post mentioned in the second column of Schedule 1.

[Sub-s. (4) substituted by s. 4 (c) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(5) (a) The President may—

(i) on the advice of the Minister on the establishment or abolition of any department or organisational component in the national sphere of government, or the designation of any such department or organisational component or the head thereof, amend Schedule 1 or 3 by proclamation in the Gazette; or

(ii) at the request of the Premier of a province for the establishment or abolition of any
department of the provincial administration concerned, or the designation of any such
department or the head thereof, amend Schedule 2 by proclamation in the Gazette,
which amendment, if the President considers it necessary, may be effected retrospectively to the date
of the said advice or request, as the case may be.

(b) The President shall give effect to any request referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) if the
President is satisfied that it is consistent with the provisions of the Constitution or this Act.

[Sub-s. (5) substituted by s. 4 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997 and by s. 4 (d) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

service.—(1) The public service shall consist of persons who—

8. Composition of public service.—(1) The public service shall consist of persons who—

(a) hold posts on the fixed establishment—

(i) classified in the A division and the B division;

(ii) in the services;

(iii) in the Agency or the Service; and

(iv) in state educational institutions;

(b) (i) having ceased to hold posts on the fixed establishment contemplated in paragraph
(a), and not having retired or having been discharged, are employed additional to
the fixed establishment or who are deemed to continue to hold posts under the
circumstances contemplated in subsection 3 (c);

(ii) are appointed permanently additional to the fixed establishment;

(c) (i) hold posts on the fixed establishment other than posts referred to in paragraph (a);

(ii) are employed temporarily or under a special contract in a department, whether in a
full-time or part-time capacity, additional to the fixed establishment or in vacant
posts on the fixed establishment.

(2) The Minister may make determinations regarding the posts to be included in the A and the
B division, respectively.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 5 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(3) (a) The Minister may make a determination that any post included in one division shall be
removed from that division and be included in the other division, or that any post included in the A or B
division shall be excluded from both those divisions.

(b) A determination under this subsection shall not deprive any officer of any prescribed
privilege or right which arose from the occupancy by him or her of a post in one of the said divisions.

(c) Any officer whose post has been excluded from both the divisions aforementioned shall,
for the purposes of this Act and the applicable pension law, be deemed to continue to hold a post in the
division in which his or her post was included immediately before the determination whereby such
exclusion was effected came into force.

[Sub-s. (3) substituted by s. 5 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

CHAPTER IV APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION AND TRANSFER

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 9. Powers of executing authority.—(1) The appointment of any person or the promotion or transfer of any officer or employee in the employ of a department shall be made by the relevant executing authority or by an officer or officers to whom the said authority has delegated his or her power of appointment, promotion or transfer.

9. Powers of executing authority.—(1) The appointment of any person or the promotion or transfer of any officer or employee in the employ of a department shall be made by the relevant executing authority or by an officer or officers to whom the said authority has delegated his or her power of appointment, promotion or transfer.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, appointments and promotions in, and transfers in or to, the public service shall be made in such manner and on such conditions as may be prescribed.

[S. 9 substituted by s. 6 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 10. Qualifications for appointment.—(1) No person shall be appointed permanently or be transferred and appointed permanently under section 15 (1), whether on probation or not, to any post in the A or B division unless he or she—

10. Qualifications for appointment.—(1) No person shall be appointed permanently or be transferred and appointed permanently under section 15 (1), whether on probation or not, to any post in the A or B division unless he or she—

(a) is a South African citizen;

(b) is of good character; and

(c) in so far as his or her condition of health is concerned, complies with such requirements as may be prescribed.

[Para. (c) substituted by s. 7 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) (c), a person may be appointed on probation, but his or her appointment shall not be confirmed unless he or she complies with the requirements contemplated in that paragraph.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 11. Appointments and filling of posts.—(1) In the making of appointments and the filling of posts in the public
service due regard shall be had to equality and the other democratic values and principles enshrined in the Constitution.

11. Appointments and filling of posts.—(1) In the making of appointments and the filling of posts in the public service due regard shall be had to equality and the other democratic values and principles enshrined in the Constitution.

(2) In the making of any appointment or the filling of any post in the public service—

(a) all persons who qualify for the appointment, transfer or promotion concerned shall be considered; and

(b) the evaluation of persons shall be based on training, skills, competence, knowledge and the need to redress the imbalances of the past to achieve a public service broadly representative of the South African people, including representation according to race, gender and disability.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), the relevant executing authority may, subject to the prescribed conditions, approve the appointment, transfer or promotion of persons to promote the basic values and principles referred to in section 195 (1) of the Constitution.

[S. 11 substituted by s. 8 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 12. Appointment of heads of department.—(1) Any person who immediately prior to the commencement of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1997—

12. Appointment of heads of department.—(1) Any person who immediately prior to the commencement of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1997—

(a) was appointed in the office of head of department or to any post mentioned in the second column of Schedule 2 or 3, or was promoted or transferred to that office or post; or

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 5 (a) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

(b) was promoted or transferred from the office of head of department referred to in paragraph (a) to another office of head of department, shall occupy, subject to the provisions of Chapter V and any collective agreement contemplated in section 18 (b) of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1998—

(i) in the case of a person referred to in paragraph (a)—

(aa) that office for a period of five years as from the date of his or her appointment, promotion or transfer, or the shorter period approved by the relevant executing authority, and if the term of office was extended at the expiry thereof, for the extended period approved by that executing authority;

(bb) that post for a period of five years as from the date of commencement of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1997;
(ii) in the case of a person referred to in paragraph (b), the latter office for the remainder of the term of office which applies to him or her in terms of paragraph (i) in respect of the former office, and if the term of office was extended at the expiry thereof, for the extended period approved by the relevant executing authority.

[Sub-s. (1) amended by s. 5 (b) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(2) As from the date of commencement of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1997—

(a) a person shall be appointed in the office of head of department in the prescribed manner, on the prescribed conditions and in terms of the prescribed contract between the relevant executing authority and such a person for a period of five years from the date of his or her appointment, or such shorter period as that executing authority may approve;

(b) the term of office as head of department of such a person may be extended at the expiry thereof in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract or a further contract, as the case may be, concluded between that executing authority and such a person for a period or successive periods of not less than twelve months and not more than five years, as that executing authority may approve;

(c) the term of office as head of department of any person referred to in subsection (1), or any extended term thereof, may be extended at the expiry of the term of office or extended term, as the case may be, in the prescribed manner for a period of not less than twelve months and not more than five years, as the relevant executing authority may approve, provided the said person concludes the prescribed contract with that executing authority, whereupon any further extension of his or her term of office shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), take place in accordance with the terms and conditions of that contract or a further contract, as the case may be.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), any person referred to in that subsection may at any time after the commencement of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1997, conclude a contract contemplated in subsection (2) with the relevant executing authority.

[Sub-s. (3) inserted by s. 5 (d) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), a contract contemplated in that subsection may include any term and condition agreed upon between the relevant executing authority and the person concerned as to—

(a) any particular duties of the head of department;

(b) the specific performance criteria for evaluating the performance of the head of department;

(c) the grounds upon, and the procedures according to which, the services of the head of department may be terminated before the expiry of his or her term of office or extended term of office, as the case may be; and

(d) any other matter which may be prescribed.
Appointment of persons on grounds of policy considerations.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, an executing authority may appoint one or more persons under a special contract, whether in a full-time or part-time capacity—

(a) to advise the executing authority on the exercise or performance of the executing authority’s powers and duties;

(b) to advise the executing authority on the development of policy that will promote the relevant department’s objectives; or

(c) to perform such other tasks as may be appropriate in respect of the exercise or performance of the executing authority’s powers and duties.

(2) The maximum number of persons that may be appointed by an executing authority under this section and the upper limits of the remuneration and other conditions of service of such persons shall be determined by the Cabinet in the national sphere of government.

(3) The special contract contemplated in subsection (1) shall include any term and condition agreed upon between the relevant executing authority and the person concerned, including—

(a) the contractual period, which period shall not exceed the term of office of the executing authority;

(b) the particular duties for which the person concerned is appointed; and

(c) the remuneration and other conditions of service of the person concerned.

Appointments, transfers, and promotions on probation.—(1) The appointment of a person and the transfer or promotion of an officer in the A or B division shall be made on probation—

(a) unless, in the case of an appointment the person having the power to approve such an appointment, directs otherwise; or

(b) if, in the case of a promotion or a transfer the person having the power to approve such a transfer or promotion, so directs.

(2) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (b) and (c), the period of probation shall not be
less than 12 calendar months.

(b) If an officer who is serving on probation is transferred or promoted to another post, a lesser period of service on probation may be directed in the new post which, together with the period of probation served in the former post, shall total at least 12 calendar months.

(c) The period of probation of an officer shall be extended by the number of days leave taken by him or her during the period of probation or any extension thereof.

(3) If the head of the office, branch, subdepartment, institution or department certifies that, during the period of probation or extended period of probation, the officer concerned has been diligent and his or her conduct has been uniformly satisfactory and that he or she is in all respects suitable for the post which he or she holds, and if the officer has complied with all the conditions to which his or her appointment, transfer or promotion was subject, the person having the power to make the appointment, transfer or promotion concerned, may confirm that appointment, transfer or promotion, but if the probationary appointment, transfer or promotion is not so confirmed the person having the power to make the appointment, transfer or promotion concerned may extend the period of probation or act in accordance with the provisions of subsection (5).

(4) . . . . .

(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in subsection (2) or in any collective agreement contemplated in section 18 (b) of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1998, but subject to the provisions of subsection (6), an officer who is serving on probation may be discharged from the public service by the person having the power of discharge, whether during or at or after the expiry of the period of probation—

(a) by the giving of one month’s written notice to such officer; or

(b) forthwith, but subject to the provisions of the Labour Relations Act, 1995 (Act No. 66 of 1995), if his or her conduct or performance is unsatisfactory.

[Sub-s. (5) amended by s. 7 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in sections 14 and 34, a person whose transfer or promotion on probation is not confirmed and who immediately prior to that transfer or promotion on probation was an officer, other than an officer on probation, shall be transferred to the post formerly held by him or her, or to a post of equivalent grading, and shall receive such salary as he or she would have received in the said former post if he or she had not been transferred or promoted on probation.

[S. 13 substituted by s. 10 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 14. Transfers within public service.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every officer or employee may, when the public interest so requires, be transferred from the post or position occupied by him or her to any other post or position in the same or any other department, irrespective of whether such a post or position is in another division, or is of a lower or higher grade, or is within or outside the Republic.
14. **Transfers within public service.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every officer or employee may, when the public interest so requires, be transferred from the post or position occupied by him or her to any other post or position in the same or any other department, irrespective of whether such a post or position is in another division, or is of a lower or higher grade, or is within or outside the Republic.

(2) (a) The transfer of an officer or employee from one post or position to another post or position may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), be made on the authority of the person having the power of transfer.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 11 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

**Wording of Sections**

(b) In the case of a transfer from one department to another department the approval of the persons who in respect of each of those departments have the power to transfer, shall first be obtained.

(c) . . . . .

[Para. (c) deleted by s. 11 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

**Wording of Sections**

(d) . . . . .

[Para. (d) deleted by s. 11 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

**Wording of Sections**

(3) An officer—

(a) shall not upon transfer suffer any reduction in his or her salary or scale of salary without his or her consent, except in accordance with the provisions of section 38 and any collective agreement contemplated in section 18 (b) of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1998;

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 8 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

**Wording of Sections**

(b) . . . . .

[Para. (b) deleted by s. 11 (c) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

**Wording of Sections**

(c) who has been transferred to or who is employed in a post which is graded higher than his or her own grade, or which is regraded or converted to a post of a higher grade than his or her own grade, shall not by reason only of that transfer or employment be entitled to the higher scale of salary applicable to the post;

(d) . . . . .

[Para. (d) deleted by s. 11 (c) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

**Wording of Sections**

(e) holding a post in the A or B division shall not without his or her consent be transferred to a post in any branch of the services or the Agency or the Service.

(4) A member of any of the three branches of the services shall not without his or her consent
be transferred to a post in any other of those branches or to a post in the A or B division, and a
member of the Agency or the Service shall not, subject to the provisions of any law regulating the
service of such a member, without his or her consent be transferred to a post in such a division.

**Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 15. Transfer and secondment of officials.**—(1) A person holding a pensionable appointment in a department under any law other than this Act or in any institution or body established by or under any law and which obtains its funds directly in whole or in part from revenue, may be transferred to, and appointed in, a post in the A or B division.

(2) A person in the service of a department under any law other than this Act, or in the service of another government, or of any council, institution or body established by or under any law, or of any other body or person, may be employed by another department or a department, as the case may be, for a particular service or for a stated period and on such terms and conditions, other than conditions laid down by or under any pensions law, as may be agreed upon by the employer of the person concerned and the relevant executing authority and approved by the Treasury.

(3) **(a)** An officer or employee may with his or her consent and on such conditions, in addition to those prescribed by or under any law, as may be determined by the relevant executing authority after consultation with the Treasury, be placed at the disposal of another government, or of any council, institution or body established by or under any law, or of any other body or person, for a particular service or for a stated period.

**(b)** Such an officer or employee remains subject to the laws applicable to officers and employees in the public service while so placed at such disposal.

(4) **(a)** A person (in this paragraph referred to as the official) in the service of a department under any law other than this Act, or in the service of another government, or of any council, institution or body established by or under any law, or of any other body or person, may be employed by another department or a department, as the case may be, for a stated period and on such terms and conditions, other than conditions laid down by or under any pensions law, as may be agreed upon by the employer of the official and the relevant executing authority and approved by the Treasury, and in such a case, on such conditions, in addition to those prescribed by or under any law, as may be determined by the said authority after consultation with the Treasury, an officer or employee may with his or her consent and in terms of such an agreement be placed at the disposal of the employer of the official for the same period on an exchange basis.

**(b)** Such an officer or employee remains subject to the laws applicable to officers and employees in the public service while so placed at such disposal.

[S. 15 substituted by s. 12 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections
CHAPTER V
TERMINATION OF SERVICE

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 16. Retirement and retention of services.—(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, an officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, shall have the right to retire from the public service, and shall be so retired, on the date when he or she attains the age of 65 years: Provided that a person who is an employee on the day immediately before the commencement of the Public Service Amendment Act, 1996, has the right to retire on reaching the retirement age or prescribed retirement date provided for any other law applicable to him or her on that day.

(16. Retirement and retention of services.—(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, an officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, shall have the right to retire from the public service, and shall be so retired, on the date when he or she attains the age of 65 years: Provided that a person who is an employee on the day immediately before the commencement of the Public Service Amendment Act, 1996, has the right to retire on reaching the retirement age or prescribed retirement date provided for any other law applicable to him or her on that day.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 3 of Act No. 13 of 1996.]

Wording of Sections

(b) If such an officer attains the said age after the first day of a month, he or she shall be deemed to have attained it on the first day of the following month.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), an officer or employee, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, employed with effect from a date prior to 1 October 1993 in terms of a law repealed by this Act, shall have the right to retire from the public service at or at any time after the retirement age applicable to him or her as at 1 October 1993, and that retirement age shall not be changed without his or her consent.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 13 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(b) An officer who has the right to an earlier retirement age in terms of paragraph (a), and who wishes to be so retired, shall give written notification to his or her head of department of his or her wish to be so retired, and he or she shall—

(i) if that notification is given at least three calendar months prior to the date on which he or she attains the retirement age applicable to him or her in terms of paragraph (a), be so retired on the date on which he or she attains that age or, if he or she attains it after the first day of a month, on the first day of the following month; or

(ii) if that notification is not given at least three calendar months prior to the date on which he or she attains the said age, be so retired on the first day of the fourth month after the month in which the notification is received.
(c) (i) In the case of an officer who occupies the office of head of department, he or she shall give notification of his or her wish to be retired from the public service at least six calendar months prior to the date on which he or she attains the said age, and if he or she has so given notification, the provisions of paragraph (b) (i) apply mutatis mutandis.

(ii) If such an officer has not so given notification at least six calendar months prior to the date on which he or she attains the said age, he or she shall be so retired on the first day of the seventh month following the month in which that notification is received.

(2A) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) (a), an officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, shall have the right to retire from the public service on the date on which he or she attains the age of 55 years, or on any date after that date.

(b) The provisions of subsection (2) (b) shall apply with the necessary changes to an officer who wishes to retire in terms of paragraph (a).

[Sub-s. (2A) inserted by s. 1 (a) of Act No. 67 of 1996.]

(3) (a) Subject to the provisions of this section and the terms and conditions of a contract contemplated in section 12 (2), an officer who occupies the office of head of department has the right to retire from the public service and he or she shall be so retired at the expiry of the term contemplated in section 12 (1) or (2), or of any extended term contemplated therein, as the case may be.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 13 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997 and by s. 9 (a) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(b) If an officer retires or is retired in terms of paragraph (a), he or she shall be deemed to have been discharged from the public service in terms of section 17 (2) (b).

(4) An officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service who has reached the age of 60 years may, subject in every case to the approval of the relevant executing authority, be retired from the public service.

[Sub-s. (4) substituted by s. 13 (c) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(5) (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of a contract contemplated in section 12 (2), an executing authority may, at the request of an officer occupying the office of head of department, allow him or her to retire from the public service before the expiry of the term contemplated in section 12 (1) or (2), or any extended term contemplated therein, and notwithstanding the absence of any reason for discharge in terms of section 17 (2) or the contract concluded with the officer, as the case may be, if a reason exists which the said authority deems sufficient.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 13 (d) of Act No. 47 of 1997 and by s. 9 (b) of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(b) If an officer is allowed to retire from the public service in terms of paragraph (a), he or she shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in subsection (4), be deemed to have retired in terms of that subsection, and he or she shall be entitled to such pension as he or she would have been entitled to if he or she had retired from the public service in terms of that subsection.

(6) (a) An executing authority may, at the request of an officer, allow him or her to retire from the public service before reaching the age of 55 years, notwithstanding the absence of any reason for
discharge in terms of section 17 (2), if in the opinion of such authority a sufficient reason exists therefor and the retirement will be to the advantage of the State.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 1 (b) of Act No. 67 of 1996 and by s. 13 (e) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(b) The provisions of subsection (5) (b) shall mutatis mutandis apply to any officer who is allowed to retire from the public service in terms of paragraph (a).

(7) If it is in the public interest to retain an officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, in his or her post beyond the age at which he or she is required to be retired in terms of subsection (1), he or she may, with his or her consent and with the approval of the relevant executing authority, be so retained from time to time for further periods which shall not, except with the approval of Parliament granted by resolution, exceed in the aggregate two years.

[Sub-s. (7) substituted by s. 13 (f) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 17. Discharge of officers.—(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), the power to discharge an officer or employee shall vest in the relevant executing authority, who may delegate that power to an officer, and the said power shall be exercised with due observance of the applicable provisions of the Labour Relations Act, 1995 (Act No. 66 of 1995).

17. Discharge of officers.—(1) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), the power to discharge an officer or employee shall vest in the relevant executing authority, who may delegate that power to an officer, and the said power shall be exercised with due observance of the applicable provisions of the Labour Relations Act, 1995 (Act No. 66 of 1995).

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 14 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the power to discharge an officer, excluding a head of department, in terms of subsection (2) (e), shall be vested in the head of department.

(c) ........

[Para. (c) deleted by s. 14 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(2) Every officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, may be discharged from the public service—

(a) on account of continued ill-health;

(b) owing to the abolition of his or her post or any reduction in or reorganisation or readjustment of departments or offices;

(c) if, for reasons other than his or her own unfitness or incapacity, his or her discharge will promote efficiency or economy in the department or office in which he or she is employed, or will otherwise be in the interest of the public service;
(d) on account of unfitness for his or her duties or incapacity to carry them out efficiently;
(e) on account of misconduct;
(f) if, in the case of an officer appointed on probation, his or her appointment is not confirmed;
(g) on account of misrepresentation of his or her position in relation to a condition for permanent appointment;
(h) if his or her continued employment constitutes a security risk for the State; and
(i) if the President or a Premier appoints him or her in the public interest under any law to an office to which the provisions of this Act do not apply.

[Para. (i) substituted by s. 14 (c) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(3) (a) If an officer is discharged under subsection (2) (g), he or she shall be deemed to have been discharged under subsection (2) (e).

(b) If an officer is discharged under subsection (2) (h), he or she shall be deemed to have been discharged under subsection (2) (d).

(c) . . . . . . .

[Para. (c) deleted by s. 14 (d) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(4) . . . . . . .

[Sub-s. (4) deleted by s. 14 (e) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(5) (a) (i) An officer, other than a member of the services or an educator or a member of the Agency or the Service, who absents himself or herself from his or her official duties without permission of his or her head of department, office or institution for a period exceeding one calendar month, shall be deemed to have been discharged from the public service on account of misconduct with effect from the date immediately succeeding his or her last day of attendance at his or her place of duty.

(ii) If such an officer assumes other employment, he or she shall be deemed to have been discharged as aforesaid irrespective of whether the said period has expired or not.

(b) If an officer who is deemed to have been so discharged, reports for duty at any time after the expiry of the period referred to in paragraph (a), the relevant executing authority may, on good cause shown and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law, approve the reinstatement of that officer in the public service in his or her former or any other post or position, and in such a case the period of his or her absence from official duty shall be deemed to be absence on vacation leave without pay or leave on such other conditions as the said authority may determine.

[Para. (b) substituted by s. 14 (f) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(6) . . . . . . .

[Sub-s. (6) deleted by s. 14 (g) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]
CHAPTER VI INEFFICIENCY AND MISCONDUCT
[Chapter VI repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]


18. . . . . .
   [S. 18 substituted by s. 15 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]


19. . . . . .
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20. . . . . .
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21. . . . . .
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22. . . . . .
   [S. 22 substituted by s. 19 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]


23. . . . . .
   [S. 23 amended by s. 20 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

24. . . . . .  
[S. 24 substituted by s. 21 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

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25. . . . . .  
[S. 25 amended by s. 22 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

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26. . . . . .  
[S. 26 substituted by s. 23 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections


27. . . . . .  
[S. 27 substituted by s. 24 of Act No. 47 of 1997 and repealed by s. 10 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

CHAPTER VII
OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 28. Rights and obligations.—An officer or employee shall fulfil the obligations imposed upon him by this Act or any other law, and he or she shall have the rights and may be granted the privileges which are prescribed by or under this Act or any other law.

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Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 29. Saving regarding rights and obligations.—No provision of this Act shall be construed as abrogating or derogating from any existing, accruing or contingent right, liability or obligation of any person flowing from any other law.

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Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 30. Other work by officers and employees.—Unless it is otherwise provided for in his or her conditions of employment—

30. Other work by officers and employees.—Unless it is otherwise provided for in his or her conditions of employment—

(a) every officer and employee shall place the whole of his or her time at the disposal of the State;

(b) no officer or employee shall perform or engage himself or herself to perform remunerative work outside his or her employment in the public service, without permission granted by the relevant executing authority or an officer authorised by the said authority; and

[Para. (b) substituted by s. 25 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(c) no officer or employee may claim any additional remuneration in respect of any official duty or work which he or she performs voluntarily or is required by a competent authority to perform.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 31. Unauthorized remuneration.—(1) (a) (i) If any remuneration, allowance or other reward is received by an officer or employee in connection with the performance of his or her work in the public service otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act or a determination of the Minister, or is received contrary to the provisions of section 30 (b), that officer or employee shall, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (iii), pay into revenue an amount equal to the amount of any such remuneration, allowance or reward or, where it does not consist of money, the value thereof as determined by the head of the department in which he or she was employed, or in which he or she is regarded to have been employed by virtue of the provisions of section 1 (3), at the time of the receipt thereof, and if he or she does not do so, it shall be recovered from him or her by the said head by way of legal proceedings or in such other manner as the Treasury may approve, and be paid into revenue.

31. Unauthorized remuneration.—(1) (a) (i) If any remuneration, allowance or other reward is received by an officer or employee in connection with the performance of his or her work in the public service otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Act or a determination of the Minister, or is received contrary to the provisions of section 30 (b), that officer or employee shall, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (iii), pay into revenue an amount equal to the amount of any such remuneration, allowance or reward or, where it does not consist of money, the value thereof as determined by the head of the department in which he or she was employed, or in which he or she is regarded to have been employed by virtue of the provisions of section 1 (3), at the time of the receipt
thereof, and if he or she does not do so, it shall be recovered from him or her by the said head by way of legal proceedings or in such other manner as the Treasury may approve, and be paid into revenue.

(ii) The officer or employee concerned may appeal against the determination of the head of department to the relevant executing authority, who may make such decision as he or she may think fit.

(iii) The relevant executing authority may approve of the officer or employee concerned retaining the whole or a portion of the said remuneration, allowance or reward.

[Para. (a) substituted by s. 26 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]  

Wording of Sections

(b) If in the opinion of the head of department mentioned in paragraph (a) an officer or employee has received any remuneration, allowance or other reward contemplated in that paragraph, and it is still in his or her possession or under his or her control or in the possession or under the control of any other person on his or her behalf, or, if it is money, has been deposited in any deposit-taking financial institution in his or her name or in the name of any other person on his or her behalf, that head of department may in writing require that officer or employee or that other person or that financial institution not to dispose thereof, or, if it is money, not to dispose of a corresponding sum of money, as the case may be, pending the outcome of any legal steps for the recovery of that remuneration, allowance or reward or the value thereof.

(c) A person or financial institution contemplated in paragraph (b) who or which fails to comply with a requirement in terms of that paragraph, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year.

(d) The provisions of this section shall also apply to an officer who is a head of department, and in such a case a reference to a head of department shall be construed as a reference to the Treasury.

(2) (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), any salary, allowance, fee, bonus or honorarium which may be payable in respect of the services of an officer or employee placed temporarily at the disposal of any other government, or of any council, nstitution, body or person contemplated in section 15 (3) or (4), shall be paid into revenue.

(b) In circumstances regarded by the relevant executing authority as exceptional, the said authority may approve of paying out of revenue an amount equal to that salary, allowance, fee, bonus or honorarium, or a portion thereof, to the officer or employee concerned.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 26 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]  

Wording of Sections

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) (a) (i)—

(a) “this Act” includes any law repealed by this Act;

(b) “determination of the Minister” includes any recommendation of the Public Service Commission established by section 209 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 (Act No. 200 of 1993), or of any commission for administration, public service commission or other like institution established by or under, or which functioned in accordance with, any such law; and

(c) “section 30 (b)” includes any corresponding provision of any such law.
Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 32. Assignment of other functions to officers and employees.—An executing authority or the head of a department, branch, office or institution may direct any officer or employee under his or her control temporarily to perform duties other than those ordinarily assigned to such an officer or employee or appropriate to the grade, designation or classification of his or her post, and he or she shall comply with such a direction.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 33. Cession of emoluments.—No officer or employee shall without written approval of the accounting officer, as defined in section 1 of the Exchequer Act, 1975 (Act No. 66 of 1975), of the department or office in which he or she is employed, cede the right to the whole or any part of any salary or allowance payable to him or her.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 34. Reduction of salaries.—The salary or scale of salary of an officer shall not be reduced without his or her consent except in terms of the provisions of section 13 (6) or 38 or of any collective agreement contemplated in section 18 (b) of the Public Service Laws Amendment Act, 1998, or of an Act of Parliament.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 35. Grievances of officers and employees.—(1) For the purposes of asserting his or her right to have his or her complaint or grievance concerning an official act or omission investigated
and considered by the Commission, an officer or employee may lodge that complaint or grievance with the relevant executing authority under the prescribed circumstances, on the prescribed conditions and in the prescribed manner, and if that complaint or grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of such an officer or employee, that executing authority shall submit the complaint or grievance to the Commission in the prescribed manner and at the prescribed time or within the prescribed period.

35. Grievances of officers and employees.—(1) For the purposes of asserting his or her right to have his or her complaint or grievance concerning an official act or omission investigated and considered by the Commission, an officer or employee may lodge that complaint or grievance with the relevant executing authority under the prescribed circumstances, on the prescribed conditions and in the prescribed manner, and if that complaint or grievance is not resolved to the satisfaction of such an officer or employee, that executing authority shall submit the complaint or grievance to the Commission in the prescribed manner and at the prescribed time or within the prescribed period.

(2) After the Commission has investigated and considered any such complaint or grievance, the Commission may recommend that the relevant executing authority acts in terms of a particular provision or particular provisions of this Act or any other law if, having regard to the circumstances of the case, the Commission considers it appropriate to make such a recommendation.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), the powers conferred upon the Commission by section 11 of the Commission Act shall be deemed to include the power to make rules which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section as to the investigation of complaints or grievances concerning official acts or omissions, and “prescribed” means prescribed by the Commission by rule under the Commission Act.

[W. 35 substituted by s. 28 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 36. Political rights of officers and employees.—Subject to the provisions of section 20 (g), an officer or employee may—

36. Political rights of officers and employees.—Subject to the provisions of section 20 (g), an officer or employee may—

(a) be a member and serve on the management of a lawful political party;

(b) attend a public political meeting, but may not preside or speak at such a meeting; and

(c) not draw up or publish any writing or deliver a public speech to promote or prejudice the interests of any political party.
employees.—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 5, officers and employees shall be paid the salaries, wages and allowances in accordance with the scales determined by the Minister for their ranks and grades in terms of section 3 (3) (c).

37. Remuneration of officers and employees.—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 5, officers and employees shall be paid the salaries, wages and allowances in accordance with the scales determined by the Minister for their ranks and grades in terms of section 3 (3) (c).

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 29 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

(2) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed—

(a) officers or employees or classes of officers or employees may on appointment, transfer or promotion be paid higher salaries or wages than the minimum amounts of the appropriate scales;

(b) officers or employees or classes of officers or employees may be granted special advancement in salaries within the scales applicable to them;

(c) the salary or wage of an officer or employee of exceptional ability or possessing special qualifications or who has rendered meritorious service, and, if it is in the interest of the public service, of any officer or employee, may be specially advanced within the scale applicable to him or her or may be paid a salary or wage in accordance with a higher scale or may be granted any other fitting reward; and

(d) any special service benefit may be granted to a head of department or class of heads of department before or at the expiry of a term contemplated in section 12 (1) (a) or (b), or any extended term contemplated in section 12 (1) (c), or at the time of retirement or discharge from the public service.

[Sub-s. (2) amended by s. 29 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 38. Wrongly granted remuneration.—(1) If an incorrect salary or scale of salary on appointment, transfer or promotion, or an incorrect advancement of salary within the limits of the scale of salary applicable to his or her grading, was awarded or granted to an officer or employee, or was awarded or granted at the correct notch or scale but at a time when or in circumstances under which it should not have been awarded or granted to him or her, the head of the department in which that officer or employee is employed, shall correct his or her salary or scale of salary with effect from the date on which the incorrect salary, scale of salary or salary advancement commenced, notwithstanding the provisions of section 14 (3) (a) and notwithstanding the fact that the officer or employee concerned was unaware that an error had been made in the case where the correction amounts to a reduction of his or her scale of salary or salary.
38. **Wrongly granted remuneration.**—(1) If an incorrect salary or scale of salary on appointment, transfer or promotion, or an incorrect advancement of salary within the limits of the scale of salary applicable to his or her grading, was awarded or granted to an officer or employee, or was awarded or granted at the correct notch or scale but at a time when or in circumstances under which it should not have been awarded or granted to him or her, the head of the department in which that officer or employee is employed, shall correct his or her salary or scale of salary with effect from the date on which the incorrect salary, scale of salary or salary advancement commenced, notwithstanding the provisions of section 14 (3) (a) and notwithstanding the fact that the officer or employee concerned was unaware that an error had been made in the case where the correction amounts to a reduction of his or her scale of salary or salary.

(2) If an officer or employee contemplated in subsection (1) has in respect of his or her salary, including any portion of any allowance or other remuneration or any other benefit calculated on his or her basic salary or scale of salary or awarded to him or her by reason of his or her basic salary—

(a) been underpaid, an amount equal to the amount of the underpayment shall be paid to him or her, and that other benefit which he or she did not receive, shall be awarded to him or her as from a current date; or

(b) been overpaid or received any such other benefit not due to him or her—

(i) an amount equal to the amount of the overpayment shall be recovered from him or her by way of the deduction from his or her salary of such instalments as the head of department, with the approval of the Treasury, may determine if he or she is in the service of the State, or, if he or she is not so in service, by way of deduction from any moneys owing to him or her by the State, or by way of legal proceedings, or partly in the former manner and partly in the latter manner;

(ii) that other benefit shall be discontinued or withdrawn as from a current date, but the officer or employee concerned shall have the right to be compensated by the State for any patrimonial loss which he or she has suffered or will suffer as a result of that discontinuation or withdrawal.

(3) With the approval of the Treasury the amount of an overpayment to be recovered in terms of subsection (2) (b) may be remitted in whole or in part.

**Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 39. Limitation of actions.**—(1) No legal proceedings shall be instituted against the State or any body or person in respect of any alleged act in terms of this Act, or any alleged omission to do anything which in terms of this Act should have been done, unless the legal proceedings are instituted before the expiry of a period of 12 calendar months after the date upon which the claimant had knowledge, or after the date on which the claimant might reasonably have been expected to have knowledge, of the alleged act or omission, whichever is the earlier date.

39. **Limitation of actions.**—(1) No legal proceedings shall be instituted against the State or any body or person in respect of any alleged act in terms of this Act, or any alleged omission to do anything which in terms of this Act should have been done, unless the legal proceedings are instituted
before the expiry of a period of 12 calendar months after the date upon which the claimant had
knowledge, or after the date on which the claimant might reasonably have been expected to have
knowledge, of the alleged act or omission, whichever is the earlier date.

(2) No such legal proceedings shall be commenced before the expiry of at least one calendar
month after a written notification, in which particulars as to the alleged act or omission are given, of
intention to bring those proceedings has been served on the defendant.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) shall not be construed as precluding a court of law from dispensing
with the requirements or prohibitions of those sections where the interests of justice so require.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 40. Limitation of
liability.—Whenever any person is conveyed in or makes use of any vehicle,
aircraft or vessel which is the property of the State, the State or a person in
the service of the State shall not be liable to such person or his or her spouse,
parent, child or other dependant for any loss or damage resulting from any
bodily injury, loss of life or loss of or damage to property caused by or arising
out of or in any way connected with the conveyance in or the use of such
vehicle, aircraft or vessel, unless such person is so conveyed or makes use
thereof in, or in the interest of, the performance of the functions of the State:
Provided that the provisions of this section shall not affect the liability of a
person in the service of the State who wilfully causes the said loss or damage.

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 41. Regulations.—(1) The
Minister may make regulations—

41. Regulations.—(1) The Minister may make regulations—

(a) regarding—

(i) the functions of departments, the transfer of functions from one department to
another or from a department to any other body or from any other body to a
department;

(ii) the establishment or abolition of subdepartments, branches, offices or institutions;

(iii) the control, organisation, rationalisation, restructuring or readjustment of
departments, subdepartments, branches, offices or institutions;

(b) regarding—
(i) the creation, number, grading, regrading, designation, redesignation, conversion, deployment or abolition of posts on the fixed establishment;

(ii) the number of persons to be employed temporarily or under a special contract, whether in a full-time or a part-time capacity—

(a) against posts on the fixed establishment which are not permanently filled;

(bb) additional to the fixed establishment, whether by reason of the absence of the incumbent of any post, or when it is necessary to provide staff for the performance of a class of work for which staff is not ordinarily employed on a permanent basis, or when it is necessary for any other reason to increase temporarily the staff of any department;

(e) regarding—

(i) the employment of persons and the transfer, promotion and continued employment of officers and employees, including the continued employment of officers in or against posts graded higher or lower than their own grade, or additional to the fixed establishment;

(ii) the circumstances under which medical examination shall be required for the purposes of any provision of this Act, and the form of medical reports and certificates;

(iii) the particular classes of officers and employees who may be required to provide security, and the amount and form thereof;

(d) regarding—

(i) the duties, powers, conduct, discipline, hours of attendance and leave of absence of officers and employees and their other conditions of service, including the occupation of official quarters;

(ii) the management of matters regarding conduct, including a code of conduct with which officers and employees shall comply: Provided that such a code shall only be approved by the Minister on the advice of the Commission;

(iii) the general security in departments and the security requirements with which officers and employees shall comply;

(iv) the conditions on which and the circumstances under which remuneration for overtime duty, and travelling, subsistence, climatic, local and other allowances shall be paid to officers and employees;

(v) journeys on official duty and the transport privileges of officers and employees;

(vi) medical aid to officers and employees;

(vii) the health and safety of officers and employees in the workplace;

(e) in order to promote efficient, economic and effective use of resources and to improve the management and functioning of departments, subdepartments, branches, offices and institutions, regarding—

(i) organisation, procedure and methods;
(ii) supervision;
(iii) the simplification of work and the elimination of unnecessary work;
(iv) the management of information and the utilisation of information technology;
(v) the co-ordination of work;
(vi) the limitation of the number of officers and employees of departments, subdepartments, branches, offices and institutions, and the utilisation of the services of officers and employees to the best advantage;
(vii) the training of officers and employees;
(viii) work facilities;
(ix) sound labour relations;
(x) any other matter which the Minister may consider essential;

(f) regarding the keeping of records of the functions and organisation of departments, of officers and employees and of post establishments;

(g) regarding any matter required or permitted to be prescribed by regulation under this Act;

(h) regarding the designation or establishment of an authority or more than one authority and the power of such an authority to authorise a departure from the provisions of a regulation in respect of an officer or employee or class of officers or employees under stated circumstances;

(i) in general, regarding any matter which the Minister may consider necessary or expedient to prescribe or to regulate in order to achieve the objects of this Act.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 30 (a) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(2) Different regulations may be made in respect of the A and B divisions, or to suit the varying requirements of particular departments or branches of departments, or of particular classes of officers or employees, or of particular kinds of employment in the public service.

(3) (a) A regulation made under this Act shall be in force unless and until Parliament, by resolution, disapproves of the regulation, in which event the regulation shall lapse with effect from a date to be specified in the resolution.

(b) The lapsing of a regulation in terms of this subsection shall not affect the validity of anything done under the regulation prior to the date mentioned in the resolution.

(c) The provisions of this subsection shall not affect the power of the Minister to make a new regulation regarding the subject matter dealt with by a regulation that has lapsed in terms of paragraph (a).

[Para. (c) substituted by s. 30 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 42. Public Service Staff
(1) **Subject to the provisions of section 5 (4)**—

42. **Public Service Staff Code.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of section 5 (4)—

(a) any standing determination of a general nature made by the Minister; and

(b) any directive by the Minister to elucidate or supplement any regulation, and which is not inconsistent with this Act may be included in a code to be called the Public Service Staff Code.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 31 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections

(2) The provisions of section 41 (2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of the Public Service Staff Code.

(3) The provisions of the Public Service Staff Code shall be binding upon any department, officer or employee in so far as they apply to that department, officer or employee.

42A. **Assignment of functions by Minister.**—(1) The Minister may—

(a) delegate to the Director-General: Public Service and Administration or any officer or employee of the Department concerned any power conferred upon the Minister by or under this Act or any other law, excluding the power referred to in section 41 (1), on such conditions as the Minister may determine; or

(b) authorise the said Director-General, officer or employee to perform any duty assigned to the Minister by or under this Act or any other law.

(2) Any delegation under subsection (1) (a) shall not prevent the exercise of the relevant power by the Minister himself or herself.

[S. 42A inserted by s. 32 of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

43. **Repeal of laws and savings.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), the laws mentioned in Schedule 4 are hereby repealed to the extent indicated in the third column of that Schedule.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 12 of Act No. 86 of 1998.]

Wording of Sections

(2) Anything done under any law repealed by subsection (1) and which could be done under a provision of this Act, shall be deemed to have been done under that provision.
Wording of Sections
(3) . . . . .
[Sub-s. (3) deleted by s. 33 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections
(4) . . . . .
[Sub-s. (4) deleted by s. 33 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Wording of Sections
(5) . . . . .
[Sub-s. (5) deleted by s. 33 (b) of Act No. 47 of 1997.]

Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / 44. Short title.—This Act shall be called the Public Service Act, 1994.

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Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / Schedule 1 DEPARTMENTS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

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**Schedule 2**

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**Acts / Labour / PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, 1994 / Schedule 3 ORGANISATIONAL COMPONENTS AND HEADS THEREOF**

**Schedule 3**

ORGANISATIONAL COMPONENTS AND HEADS THEREOF

(Section 7 (4))

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