



## REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

### STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT NO. 3 OF 2022

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Assent: 20/06/2022

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## STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT NO. 3 OF 2022

An Act to provide for amendments to certain Acts.

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

### **1 Amendment**

The following Acts are amended as set out in the Schedule:

- (a) Civil Registration and Identity Management Act No.28 of 2021;
- (b) Employment Act [CAP 160];
- (c) Foreign Services Act No. 20 of 2013;
- (d) Government Contracts and Tenders Act [CAP 245];
- (e) Interpretation Act [CAP 132];
- (f) Law Reform Commission Act [CAP 115];
- (g) Public Health Act [CAP 234];
- (h) Public Service Act [CAP 246];
- (i) Vanuatu Financial Services Commission Act [CAP 229].

### **2 Repeal of the Act**

- (1) This Act is repealed on the day following the day on which all provisions of this Act have commenced.

- (2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 11 of the Interpretation Act [CAP 132], affect any amendments made by this Act.

### **3 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

**SCHEDULE**  
**MINOR AMENDMENTS**

**1 CIVIL REGISTRATION AND IDENTITY MANAGEMENT ACT  
NO.28 OF 2021**

**(a) Section 23**

Repeal the section.

**(b) After paragraph 24(1)**

Insert

“(1A) The Registrar-General must not register a change of name for a person who holds dual citizenship.”

**2 EMPLOYMENT ACT [CAP 160]**

**Paragraph 54(1)(d)**

Delete “6 consecutive years”, substitute “12 consecutive months”

**3 FOREIGN SERVICES ACT NO. 20 OF 2013**

**Subsection 36(1)**

Delete “, by Order,”

**4 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND TENDERS ACT [CAP 245]**

**(a) Section 2 (Interpretation)**

Insert in their correct alphabetical positions:

““Declaration of Public Health Emergency” means a Declaration of Public Health Emergency made under section 21A of the Public Health Act [CAP 234];

“state of emergency” has the same meaning as in the Disaster Risk Management Act No. 23 of 2019;”

**(b) Paragraph 17(ca)**

After “emergency”, insert “or a Declaration of Public Health Emergency”

**5 INTERPRETATION ACT [CAP 132]**

**Subsection 15(5)**

Delete “VT20,000”, substitute “VT 1,000,000”

**6 LAW REFORM COMMISSION ACT [CAP 115]**

**Subsections 3A(2) and 3B(2)**

Delete “3”, substitute “4”

**7 PUBLIC HEALTH ACT [CAP 234]**

**(a) After paragraph 5A(2)(k)**

Insert

“(ka) a representative of the Office of the Attorney General nominated by the Attorney General; and”

**(b) After subsection 5A(2)**

Insert

“(3) The Minister is to appoint the person nominated under paragraph (2)(ka).”

**(c) Section 125**

Delete “VT 100,000”, substitute “VT 1,000,000”

**8 PUBLIC SERVICE ACT [CAP 246]**

**(a) Subsection 18(1)**

Repeal the subsection, substitute

“(1) The Commission may appoint a person to be a director or appoint a person to a position equivalent to the position of a director.”

**(b) Subsection 18(1A)**

Delete “director”, substitute “person appointed under subsection (1)”

**9 VANUATU FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION ACT [CAP 229]**

**Paragraph 6(8)(a)**

(a) Delete “VT12000”, substitute “VT40,000”

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- (b) Delete "VT10,000", substitute "VT30,000"