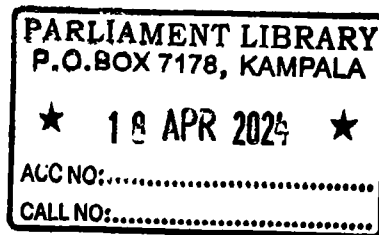




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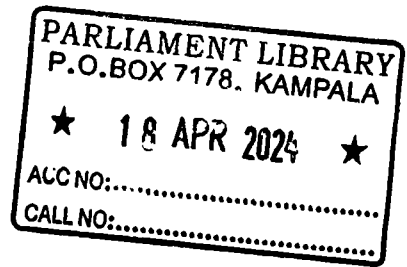
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ACT, 2024**





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I SIGNIFY my assent to the bill.



Y Museveni
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President

Date of assent: 14/6/2024.....

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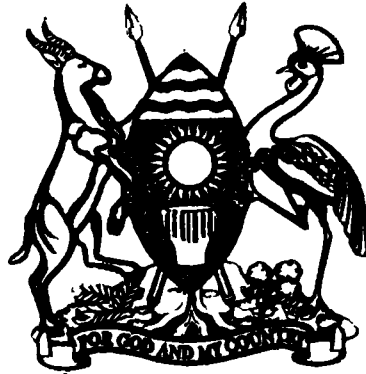
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THE NATIONAL LIBRARY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024

An Act to amend the National Library Act, 2003 to dissolve the National Library Board and transfer the responsibility for the management of the National Library from the National Library Board to the Ministry responsible for education, in order to give effect to the Government Policy on Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure; and for related purposes.

DATE OF ASSENT:

Date of Commencement:

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

1. Interpretation

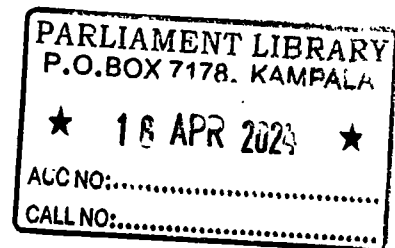
In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agency” means a body established by an Act of Parliament and includes an authority;

“commission” means a body established by the Constitution;

“Government” means the Government of Uganda; and

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for education.



2. Objectives

(1) The main objective of this Act is to give effect to the Government Policy for Rationalisation of Government Agencies and Public Expenditure adopted by the Cabinet on 22nd February, 2021 and contained in Cabinet Minute No. 43(CT 2021).

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), the following objectives shall be deemed to fall under the objective specified in that subsection—

- (a) the merging, mainstreaming and rationalisation of agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure thereby, *inter alia*, relieving the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) the facilitation of efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of government agencies and departments and thereby avoiding duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) the promotion of coordinated administrative arrangements, policies and procedures for—
 - (i) ensuring the efficient and successful management, financial accounting and budgetary discipline of government agencies and departments;
 - (ii) enabling the Government to play its proper role more effectively; and
 - (iii) enforcing accountability; and
- (d) the restructuring and re-organisation of agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

3. Purpose of amendment of Act 2 of 2003

The purpose of amending the National Library Act, 2003, Act 2 of 2003 is to transfer the responsibility for the management of the National Library from the National Library Board to the Ministry.

4. Dissolution of Uganda National Library Board

On the commencement of this Act, the National Library Board established by Act 2 of 2003 shall be dissolved.

5. Responsibility for functions under Act 2 of 2003

On the commencement of this Act, the Ministry shall be responsible for the management of the National Library and performing the functions of the dissolved National Library Board.

6. Amendment of section 2 of Act 2 of 2003

Section 2 of Act 2 of 2003, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act” is amended—

- (a) by repealing the definitions of the words “Board”, “Chairperson”, “Director”, and “Member”; and
- (b) by inserting in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following—

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for education;”.

7. Substitution of title to Part II of principal Act

For the title to Part II of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

“PART II—ADMINISTRATION OF ACT”

8. Amendment of section 4 of principal Act

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsections (2) and (3).

9. Substitution of section 6 of principal Act

For section 6 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

“6. Management of National Library

The National Library shall be managed by the Ministry.”

10. Amendment of section 7 of principal Act

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the word “Board” wherever the word appears, the word “Ministry”.

11. Repeal of section 8 of principal Act

Section 8 of the principal Act is repealed.

12. Repeal of section 9 of principal Act

Section 9 of the principal Act is repealed.

13. Amendment of section 10 of principal Act

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (2).

14. Repeal of section 11 of principal Act

Section 11 of the principal Act is repealed.

15. Repeal of section 12 of principal Act

Section 12 of the principal Act is repealed.

16. Repeal of section 13 of principal Act

Section 13 of the principal Act is repealed.

17. Repeal of section 14 of principal Act

Section 14 of the principal Act is repealed.

18. Substitution of section 15 of principal Act

For section 15 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

“15. Common Seal of National Library

The Common Seal of the National Library shall be in a form to be determined by the Minister.”

19. Substitution of section 16 of principal Act

For section 16 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

“16. Annual report

The Ministry shall, not later than three months after the beginning of each financial year, submit to the Minister, a statement of its activities in the preceding financial year, indicating any particular problems experienced by it in that year in carrying out its functions and making recommendations for solving those problems and containing such other information as the Minister may request.”

20. Repeal of section 17 of principal Act

Section 17 of the principal Act is repealed.

21. Repeal of section 18 of principal Act

Section 18 of the principal Act is repealed.

22. Amendment of section 20 of principal Act

Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the words “and on the advice of the Board”.

23. Repeal of section 22 of principal Act

Section 22 of the principal Act is repealed.

24. Repeal of section 23 of principal Act

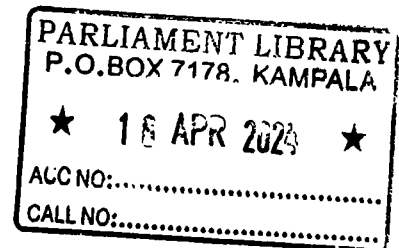
Section 23 of the principal Act is repealed.

25. Repeal of Second Schedule to principal Act

The Second Schedule to the principal Act is repealed.

26. Savings

(1) The members of the National Library Board and staff of the National Library shall be paid their terminal benefits in accordance with the terms and conditions of their service.



(2) Compensation is not payable to any member of the board of the National Library for loss of office resulting from the dissolution of the board.

(3) The staff of the National Library may be redeployed to serve in the public service subject to availability of positions.

(4) On the commencement of this Act, all the property, assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of the National Library shall vest in the Government of Uganda under the Ministry.

(5) Any proceedings commenced by or against the National Library may be continued by or against the Attorney General.

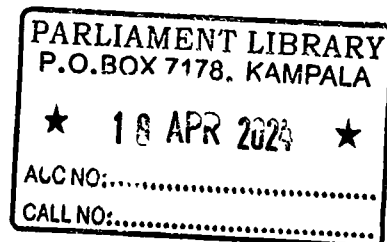
(6) A licence, permit, certificate or authorisation issued by the National Library under the Act which is in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall have effect from the commencement of this Act as if granted by the Ministry.

(7) The terms and conditions including the rights and obligations under a licence, permit, certificate or authorisation in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall not be less favourable than those that applied immediately before the commencement of this Act.



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This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the bill which was passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true copy of the bill.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. ...'.

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Clerk to Parliament

Date of authentication: 30/4/2024