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THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

**Object of Bill**

The object of this Bill is to amend the National Curriculum Development Centre Act in relation to the establishment, constitution and functions of the National Curriculum Development Centre. The Bill seeks to broaden the representation of the education sector in curriculum development by including new stakeholders to the Governing Council of the Centre. The Bill also seeks to remove from the membership of the Governing Council the institutions that are no longer in existence, to remove limitation on eligibility for appointment of the chairperson of the Council and to harmonise the financial year of the Centre to the financial year of Government.

**Provisions of the Bill**

The Bill consists of 12 clauses.

Clause 1 amends the definition of the term “financial year” to align the financial year of the Centre to the financial year of Government.

Clause 2 amends section 2 of the Act to provide for other functions of the Centre, including vetting and approving any international curriculum to be used in Uganda, before the registration and licensing of the institution or school that intends to use the curriculum.

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Clause 3 amends section 7 of the Act to include to the membership of the Council representation of the private sector and other stakeholders.

Clause 4 amends section 10 of the Act to allow for the person appointment Chairperson of the Council to be from the public sector or the private sector.

Clause 5 amends section 12 of the Act to provide for filling of vacancies on the Council.

Clause 6 amends section 13 of the Act to provide for a quorum of the Council of twelve members instead of fifteen members.

Clause 7 replaces section 16 of the Act by establishing committees of the Council.

Clause 8 amends section 17 of the Act by changing the membership of the Academic Steering Board.

Clause 9 amends section 18 of the Act to provide for the composition of a subject panel.

Clause 10 amends section 20 of the Act to provide for the quorum of the Academic Steering Board of twelve members instead of five members.

Clause 11 amends section 24 of the Act to create the posts of deputy directors of the Centre.

Clause 12 amends section 31 of the Act to change the reporting period of the Centre from calendar year to financial year.

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*The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports*

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**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

*Clause*

1. Amendment of section 1 of the National Curriculum Development Centre Act
2. Amendment of section 3 of principal Act
3. Amendment of section 7 of principal Act
4. Amendment of section 10 of principal Act
5. Amendment of section 12 of principal Act
6. Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Act
7. Replacement of section 16 of the Principal Act
8. Amendment of section 17 of principal Act
9. Amendment of section 18 of principal Act
10. Amendment of section 20 of principal Act
11. Amendment of section 24 of principal Act
12. Amendment of section 31 of the principal Act



A Bill for an Act

**ENTITLED**

**THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTRE  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2020**

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

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

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

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

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

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

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

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

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

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for subsection (1) (a) the following —
  - “(a) the following ex officio members—
    - (i) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for education, or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
    - (ii) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for culture and community

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development or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;

- (iii) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for finance or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
- (iv) a representative of the Uganda National Examinations Board;
- (v) a representative of the Uganda Allied Health Examinations Board;
- (vi) a representative of the Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board;
- (vii) the Executive Director of the National Council for Higher Education;
- (viii) the Director of Basic and Secondary Education or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
- (ix) the Director of Education Standards or his or her representative at the rank of principal officer or above;
- (x) a member of the Uganda Manufacturers Association, who shall be a representative of the publishers of curriculum related materials;
- (xi) the representative of the Uganda Institute of Professional Engineers;



- (xii) the representative of the Uganda Law Society;
- (xiii) the director of the Federation of Uganda Employers or his or her representative;
- (xiv) the director of the National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda or his or her representative;  
and
- (xv) the chairperson of the Vice Chancellors' Forum.

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

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1), by inserting immediately after the words “member of the council”, the words “or a member appointed under section 7 (1) (b)”.

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

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by—

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

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

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



**6. Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Act**

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

“(5) At all meetings of the council, twelve members, shall constitute a quorum.”

**7. Replacement of section 16 of the Principal Act**

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

**“16. Establishment of committees**

(1) The Council shall have the following Committees—

- (a) the Finance and General Purpose Committee;
- (b) the Appointments and Disciplinary committee;
- (c) the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- “(b) the Director of Basic and Secondary Education;
- (c) the Director of the Directorate of Education Standards;
- (d) a dean of a faculty of education of a public university;
- (e) the academic heads of department of the Centre;
- (f) representatives of the national examinations bodies;
- (g) a representative of the Association of Principals for Primary Teachers’ Colleges;
- (h) a representative of the Association of Principals for Technical Colleges;
- (i) a representative of the Association of Principals of Uganda Colleges of Commerce;
- (j) a representative of the Association of Principals National Teachers’ Colleges;
- (k) a representative of the Association of the Uganda Secondary Schools’ Headteachers;
- (l) a representative of the Association of the Uganda Primary Schools Headteachers;
- (m) a representative of the Uganda National Teachers Union;
- (n) a representative from the Vice Chancellors’ Forum; and
- (o) a specialist in curriculum studies.”

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

Section 18 of the principal Act is amended by—

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

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

- (a) representatives of the Directorate of Education Standards;
- (b) representatives of the national examination bodies;
- (c) education practitioners at the various levels of education; and
- (d) representatives of universities and colleges.”

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

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

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

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

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

**11. Amendment of section 24 of principal Act**

Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after subsection (1), the following—

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“(1a) The Council may appoint deputy directors of the Centre on such terms and conditions as the Council shall determine.”

**12. Amendment of section 31 of the principal Act**

Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words, “calendar year”, the words “financial year”.

