

BILL

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A BILL ENTITLED

The National Youth Service(Amendment) Act, 2023 Short title.

Being an Act to amend the National Youth Service Act, 2016 and
to provide for other related matters.

[] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this
present Parliament assembled.

Amendment
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

1. Section 1 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by of section 1 the repeal and replacement of that section with following new section -

"Interpretation. 1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;

"Executive -Director" means the Executive -
Director of the National Youth Service appointed
under section 18;

"graduate" means a person who has received a degree
or diploma on completing a course of study in a
university or college and is below the age of 35 years;

"members" means members of the Board ;

"Minister" means the minister responsible for youth
affairs and "Ministry" shall be construed
accordingly;

"non-graduate" means a Sierra Leonean, below the age
of 35 years, who holds a TVET certificate, BECE
certificate, WASSCE certificate, diploma or other
relevant certificate from a recognised educational
institution;

"Service" means the National Youth Service
established under section 2;

"service corps" means graduates who are enlisted in
the National Youth Service scheme;

"service scheme" means the National Youth Service
scheme that service participants undertake for a
period of one year. "

2. Section 4 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in subsection (2) by the repeal and replacement of that subsection with the following new subsection -

Amendment
of section 4
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

"(1) The governing body of the Service shall be a Board which shall consist of a Chairman and following other members-

- (a) Director of Youth;
- (b) the Financial Secretary;
- (c) the Commissioner of Labour;
- (d) the Commissioner, National Youth Commission;
- (e) the President, the National Youth Service Alumni Association;
- (f) a representative of the Republic of the Sierra Leone Armed Forces;
- (g) a representative of the Sierra Leone Police;
- (h) a representative each, of the 5 administrative regions of Sierra Leone, with knowledge and practical experience in matters relevant to the functions of the Service, appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister; and
- (i) the Executive-Director, who shall serve as secretary to the Board."

3. Section 7 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in subsection (2) by the repeal and replacement of that subsection with the following new subsection -

Amendment
of section 7
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

"(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) it shall be the function of the Board to-

- (a) provide policy guidance and advice to the Ministry and the National Directorate that will ensure the efficient implementation of the functions of the Service and enhance the overall performance of the Service;
- (b) monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans and programs of the Service and make recommendations for improvement;
- (c) develop guidelines for selection of participants in programs of the Service;
- (d) advise the Minister on matters relating to the Service."

Amendment
of section 12
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

4. Section 12 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

"Functions of Service. 12. (1) The object for which the Service is established is to train graduates and non-graduates and to enhance their ability to provide services to the nation.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), it shall be the function of the Service to-

- (a) establish orientation camps for training of Service members;
- (b) provide technical and vocational skills training, apprenticeship and personal development programmes and activities for Service members;

- (c) generate national consciousness and discipline in Service members by instilling in them a tradition of patriotism, loyalty, integrity, duty and service to the nation;
- (d) provide personal development programmes and activities for Service members;
- (e) initiate, plan, organise, fund, manage, administer and control programmes and activities for the development of service;
- (f) inculcate youth volunteerism and civil responsibilities among Service members;
- (g) operate with and assist the Office of National Security, the National Disaster Management Agency and other public institutions during emergencies and disasters;
- (h) develop fortitude of mind and moral competence required for leadership in Service members;
- (i) enable the Service members to acquire the capacity to be self-reliant by encouraging them to develop skills for employment;
- (j) develop cross cultural integration among Service members;
- (k) assists the Ministry in the establishment and capacity support of both District and Chiefdom Youth Councils
- (l) do such other things so as to attain the object of the Service."

Amendment
of section 14
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

5. Section 14 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (g) of subsection (2) by the insertion immediately after that subparagraph following new subparagraph -

"(vii) the Teaching Service Commission."

Amendment
of section 17
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

6. Section 17 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended in paragraph (d) by the insertion immediately after that paragraph following new paragraph -

"(e) implement the budget approved by the Board and the Minister for the funding of activities and projects undertaken by the Service."

Amendment
of section 26
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

7. Section 26 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

"Compulsory
service.

12. Subject to section 28, -

- (a) a college or university graduate shall be enlisted in the Service Scheme for a period of one year; and
- (b) a non-graduate youth shall be enlisted in the Service Scheme for a period of one year and 6 months,

starting from the date specified in the call-up instrument."

Amendment
of section 27
of Act No. 4
of 2016.

8. Section 27 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of that section with the following new section -

"Form.

27. (1) A prospective Service participant shall fill out the form set out in the First Schedule."

9. Subsection (3) of section 28 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the insertion immediately after the word "graduate", the words "or a non-graduate".

Amendment of Section 28 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

12. Subsection (2) of section 38 of the National Youth Service Act, 2016 is amended by the repeal and replacement of the figures "15,000,000.00" with the figures "Le 50,000".

Amendment of Section 38 of Act No. 4 of 2016.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of the Bill is to amend the National Youth Service Act, 2016 and to provide for other related matters.

MADE this day of , 2023.

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