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**THE NATIONAL RECORDS AND ARCHIVES  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2024**

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*President*

*Date of assent: 14/5/2024*

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**An Act to amend the National Records and Archives Act, 2001 to dissolve the National Records and Archives Agency and mainstream the functions of the National Records and Archives Agency into the Ministry responsible for the public service; and for related matters.**

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 the National Records and Archives Agency established under section 4 of the National Records and Archives Act, 2001;

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“Government” means the Government of Uganda; and  
“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for the public service.

**2. Objectives of Act**

(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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 subsection (1)—

- (a) to merge, mainstream and rationalise agencies, commissions, authorities and public expenditure in order to relieve the Government of the financial drain on its resources and the burden of wasteful administration and expenditure;
- (b) to facilitate efficient and effective service delivery by clearly delineating the mandates and functions of Government agencies and departments to avoid duplication of mandates and functions;
- (c) to promote 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) to restructure and reorganise agencies and departments of Government by eliminating bloated structures and

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functional ambiguities in Government agencies and departments.

**3. Dissolution of National Records and Archives Agency**

On the commencement of this Act, the National Records and Archives Agency established by the National Records and Archives Act, 2001, is dissolved.

**4. Amendment of Act 12 of 2001**

The National Records and Archives Act, 2001, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act” is amended in section 2—

- (a) by repealing the definitions of the words “Advisory Committee”, “Agency” and “Director”;
- (b) in the definition of the words “currency point” by substituting for the words “First Schedule”, the word “Schedule”, and wherever the words appear in the principal Act;
- (c) in the definition of the word “Minister”, by substituting for the words “the administration of this Act”, the words “public service”; and
- (d) by inserting immediately after the definition of the word “Minister”, the following—

““Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for the public service;”.

**5. Amendment of heading of Part II of principal Act**

The heading of Part II of the principal Act is substituted for the following—

“PART II—ADMINISTRATION OF ACT”

**6. Substitution of section 4 of principal Act**

For section 4 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

**“4. Administration of Act**

The Ministry responsible for the public service is responsible for the administration of this Act.”

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

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by substituting for the head note, the following—

**“5. Functions of Ministry”;**

(b) by substituting for the word “Agency”, the word “Ministry”, and wherever the word appears in the principal Act; and

(c) in paragraph (c), by substituting for the word “Director”, the word “Ministry”, and wherever the word appears in the principal Act.

**8. Repeal of section 6 of principal Act**

Section 6 of the principal Act is repealed.

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

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for paragraph (a) the following—

“(a) ensuring that a senior officer is designated to superintend the action taken in each organ of State in respect of this Act;”

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

Section 8 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (c) by substituting for the words “his or her”, the word “its”.



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

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “Chairpersons of Boards”, the words “accounting officers”.

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

Section 11 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (d) by repealing the words “on the advice of the Advisory Committee”, and wherever the words appear in the principal Act.

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

Section 12 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “his or her”, the word “its”, and wherever the words appear in the section.

**14. Amendment of section 13 of principal Act**

Section 13 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for the words “his or her”, the word “its” wherever the words appear in the section;
- (b) in subsection (2)—
  - (i) by substituting for the words “appear to him or her”, the words “may appear”;
  - (ii) in paragraph (c), by substituting for the words “him or her”, the words “the Ministry”.

**15. Amendment of section 16 of principal Act**

Section 16 of the principal Act is amended in subsections (1) and (3)—

- (a) by substituting for the words “his or her”, the word “its” wherever the words appear in the subsections; and
- (b) by substituting for the words “he or she”, the word “the Ministry” wherever the words appear in the subsections.

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

Section 18 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the words “his or her”, the word “its”;
- (b) in subsection (3)—
  - (i) by substituting for the words “he or she”, the word “it”; and
  - (ii) by substituting for the phrase “sections 25 and 31”, the phrase “section 31”.

**17. Amendment of section 21 of principal Act**

Section 21 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (5), the following—

“(5) The Minister may establish a register of private records and archives.”

**18. Amendment of section 23 of principal Act**

Section 23 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2), by substituting for the words “who may take them into his or her custody”, the words “which may take the records, archives or historical documents into its custody”.

**19. Repeal of Part VI of principal Act**

Part VI of the principal Act consisting of sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 is repealed.

**20. Repeal of section 30 of principal Act**

Section 30 of the principal Act is repealed.

**21. Amendment of section 31 of principal Act**

For section 31 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

**“31. Regulations**

(1) The Minister may make regulations prescribing all matters that are required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without limiting the general effect of subsection (1), the Minister may make regulations relating to—

- (a) fees to be charged for the supply of copies;
- (b) certification of copies; and
- (c) provision of other services under this Act.”

**22. Substitution of section 32 of principal Act**

For section 32 of the principal Act, there is substituted the following—

**“32. Amendment of Schedule**

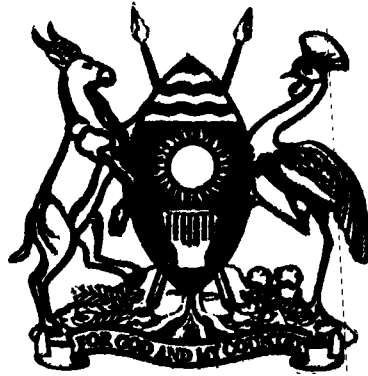
The Minister may, with the approval of Cabinet, by statutory instrument, amend the Schedule.”

**23. Repeal of section 33 of principal Act**

Section 33 of the principal Act is repealed.

**24. Repeal of Second Schedule to principal Act**

The Second Schedule to the principal Act is repealed.



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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.

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*Clerk to Parliament*

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