



The New 2020 Revised Edition of Acts

Over 500 Acts in the Singapore Statute Book are revised. The Acts are updated to 1 December 2021.

Why is there a need for universal revision?

The last universal revision of Acts was carried out about 35 years ago with the publication of the 1985 Revised Edition of Acts.

A universal revision of all in-force Acts will as far as possible ensure consistency in house styles and expressions, and accuracy in cross-references, across all Acts.



What changes will we see to the Acts?

Generally, revised Acts use **simpler or shorter word alternatives** and **gender-neutral language**.

There are **stylistic changes** like replacing Roman numbers with Arabic numerals. Some Acts have **renumbered provisions**.

The citations of revised Acts are **more informative**, and **Chapter numbers will no longer be required** when citing an Act revised in the 2020 Revised Edition.

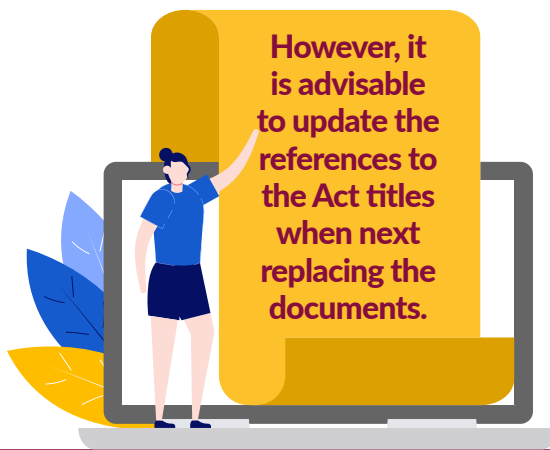
Legislative histories of revised Acts are much **more comprehensive**, with **diagrams** to aid interpretation.



When the 2020 Revised Edition of Acts comes into operation, do existing documents or guides which make references to the Acts need to be updated to reflect the year of enactment?

Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to an Act by its previous or current short title will be taken to refer to the latest in-force version of the Act with the revised short title. It is not necessary to change the title of the Act in those documents immediately as the documents do not become invalid.

However, it is advisable to update the references to the Act titles when next replacing the documents.



Where can I obtain a copy of the 2020 Revised Edition?



The copies will be made available on Singapore Statutes Online, and for sale at **TOPPAN**.

The Revised Edition of Acts is available online at the **Singapore Statutes Online** website. For more information, please visit the **Revised Editions of Legislation** on the AGC website.