



The New 2020 Revised Edition of Acts

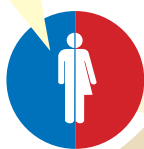
Over 500 Acts in the Singapore Statute Book are revised.
The Acts are updated to 1 December 2021.

SIMPLIFIED LANGUAGE

Language in most Acts is simplified and modernised.
The revisions do not change the meaning of the legislation.

Gender-neutral language

e.g. "chairperson" instead of "chairman"
"him or her" instead of just "him"



Archaic words and long expressions simplified

e.g. "Despite" instead of "Notwithstanding"
"To avoid doubt" instead of "For the avoidance of doubt"



Precise word choice

e.g. "must" instead of "shall"



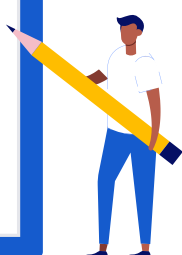
Lengthy provisions broken down into sub-provisions



STREAMLINED AND MORE INFORMATIVE CITATIONS

Short titles of revised Acts include the year of enactment

e.g. "Penal Code 1871"



Cap. 5

Chapter numbers no longer required



Citing an Act with Chapter number (together with year of Revised Edition) will only be necessary when referring to a specific historical version



FULL AND UPDATED LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

Legislative history is found at the end of every Act.

Legislative history includes information on predecessor Acts which were repealed.



The legislative history includes information about the progress of the Bill through Parliament, amendments made to the Act over time and the revised editions of the Act.

For Acts with complex legislative histories, diagrams are provided.

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.