
Second Session First Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 1 of 1978

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of "The St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade of Trinidad and Tobago" and for matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 23rd February, 1978]

WHEREAS for many years there has been established in Preamble Trinidad and Tobago a unified voluntary charitable organization known as the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade,

And whereas it is expedient that the said organization should be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth:

- Enactment** ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
- Short title** 1. This Act may be cited as the *St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1977.*
- Interpretation** 2. In this Act—
 “Chairman” means the Chairman of the Council;
 “Vice-Chairman” means the Vice-Chairman of the Council;
 “Council” means the National *St. John* Council of the Order of *St. John* for the Territory of Trinidad and Tobago;
 “Order of *St. John*” means the Grand Priory of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of *St. John* of Jerusalem of the United Kingdom, herein referred to as “the Order”;
 “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Council;
 “*St. John Ambulance*” means the national unified voluntary charitable organization in Trinidad and Tobago of the foundation of the Order known as the *St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade of Trinidad and Tobago.*
- Incorporation** 3. The *St. John Ambulance* shall be and is hereby created a body corporate and by that name shall have perpetual succession and may sue and be sued in all courts of justice in Trinidad and Tobago by that name and shall have and use a common seal with power from time to time to change such seal.
- Objects** 4. The aims and objects of the *St. John Ambulance* are:
 (a) the instruction of members of the public in the principles and practice of First Aid, Nursing, Hygiene and other allied or ancillary subjects;
 (b) the preparation, publication and distribution of textbooks and other training aids to facilitate such instruction and the organization of examinations and tests for the purpose of issuing certificates of proficiency in such subjects;

- (c) the organization, training and equipment of men, women and young persons to undertake, on a voluntary basis either as individuals or as organized groups, First Aid, Nursing and allied activities, in the streets, public places, hospitals, homes, places of work or elsewhere as occasion may require for the relief, transport, comfort or welfare of those in need;
- (d) the instruction of boys and girls in First Aid, Nursing and other subjects conducive to the education of good citizens;
- (e) the provision of trained personnel to give assistance to Central or Local Government Departments or to the Armed Forces at times of emergency in peace or in war, irrespective of race, class or creed in accordance with the principles of the Order embodied in its motto *Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum*;
- (f) the formation of ambulance and medical comforts depots and the organization and administration of transport by ambulance;
- (g) the maintenance of contact and the development of collaboration with kindred Orders and bodies locally and overseas;
- (h) the manufacture and distribution by sale or presentation of publications, equipment or materials useful for or connected with furthering the objects and purposes of the St. John Ambulance;
- (i) the award of medals, badges or certificates of honour for special services in the cause of humanity, especially for saving life at imminent personal risks.
- (j) the exercise of such other powers and performance of such other functions, and duties as may be conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects and purposes.

5. The St. John Ambulance may make rules for the proper conduct of its affairs and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and any such rules may be amended, altered, rescinded or revoked. ^{Power to make Rules}

**The National
St. John
Council**

6. The National St. John Council shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred on the St. John Ambulance by this Act and in particular shall manage the affairs, control the income, capital funds and property of the St. John Ambulance and decide all matters connected with the administration of the affairs the accomplishment of the aims and objects and the carrying out of the functions of the St. John Ambulance.

**Powers of the
St. John
Ambulance**

7. (1) Subject to all laws (including this Act) and to the rules of the St. John Ambulance, the St. John Ambulance shall have the powers specified in subsection (2) and such other powers as are appropriate to the accomplishment of its aims and objects.

(2) The St. John Ambulance shall have power—

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, endowments, exchange, demise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;

**Vesting of
property**

8. Upon the commencement of this Act—

- (a) all land and other property of every kind including things in action vested or deemed to be vested in the Order or in the Council immediately before the commencement of this Act is hereby vested in the St. John Ambulance;
- (b) all the rights, privileges and advantages and all the liabilities and obligations to which the Order or the Council was entitled or subject as the case may be are hereby transferred to, and conferred or imposed upon the St. John Ambulance for the purposes of this Act.

**Mode of
execution of
Documents**

9. (1) All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring the seal of the St. John Ambulance shall be sealed with the common seal of the St. John Ambulance in the presence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, and the Secretary who shall sign every such deed, document or other instrument to which the common seal is affixed, and such signing is sufficient evidence that the seal was duly and properly affixed and that it is the lawful seal of the St. John Ambulance.

(2) All documents, other than those required by law to be under seal made by, and all decisions of the St. John Ambulance may be signified under the hand of the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman or the Secretary.

10. (1) The St. John Ambulance shall at all times have a fixed address for service of documents on it and such address shall within fourteen days of incorporation, or if there is a change of address within fourteen days of that change, be registered with the Registrar General. Service of documents

(2) Service upon the St. John Ambulance of any notice, order or other document shall be executed by delivering the same or by sending it by registered post addressed to the Secretary at the registered office of the St. John Ambulance.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the St. John Ambulance liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

11. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them. Saving of State or Other Rights

Passed in the House of Representatives this 25th day of November, 1977.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 17th day of January, 1978.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Clerk of the Senate