

A BILL

To

Amend the Vocational Training Council Ordinance to empower the Vocational Training Council to perform its functions outside Hong Kong; to empower the Deputy Chairmen of the Council to sign statements of accounts; and to make other minor amendments.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title

This Ordinance may be cited as the Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Ordinance 2004.

2. Interpretation

Section 2 of the Vocational Training Council Ordinance (Cap. 1130) is amended—

- (a) in the definition of “disabled person”, by repealing “disabled person” and substituting “person with a disability”;
- (b) in the definition of “skills training”, in paragraphs (a) and (b), by repealing “disabled persons” and substituting “persons with a disability”.

3. Objects of the Council

Section 5(d) is amended by repealing “disabled persons” and substituting “persons with a disability who are”.

4. Functions of the Council

Section 6 is amended by adding—

“(3) Subject to subsection (4), the Council may perform any of its functions under this section in Hong Kong or elsewhere either on its own or jointly with or as agent for other person or organization.

(4) The Council may not perform any of its functions outside Hong Kong using any money appropriated by the Legislative Council under section 12(a) unless the functions so performed are for the training and education of Hong Kong persons.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4) and this subsection—
“Hong Kong person” (香港人) means a person who—

(a) holds an identity card issued under the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177); and

(b) (i) is not subject to any condition of stay imposed in respect of the person under the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115), other than a limit of stay; and
(ii) is not in breach of any limit of stay;

“limit of stay” (逗留期限), in relation to a person, means a condition of stay limiting the period during which the person may remain in Hong Kong.”.

5. Accounts

Section 17 is amended—

(a) in subsection (3), by repealing everything after “thereof” and substituting a full stop;

(b) by adding—

“(4) The statement and balance sheet required by subsection (3) shall be signed by the Chairman, or if the Chairman is absent from Hong Kong or is for any other reason unable to exercise the powers or perform the duties of a Chairman, by any one of the Deputy Chairmen.”.

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill amends the Vocational Training Council Ordinance (Cap. 1130) to—

(a) empower the Vocational Training Council to perform its functions outside Hong Kong;

(b) empower any one of the Deputy Chairmen of the Council to sign statements of accounts when the Chairman is absent from Hong Kong or is unable to act as Chairman; and

(c) amend “disabled person” to “person with a disability”.