

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance
(Chapter 318)

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 2) ORDER 2017

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Executive Council on 27 June 2017, the Council ADVISED and the Chief Executive (“CE”) ORDERED that the Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2017 (“the Order”), at the **Annex**, should be made under section 36(2) of the Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (“the Ordinance”) to substitute the reference to the “Textile and Clothing Training Board” by the “Fashion and Textile Training Board” of the Vocational Training Council (“VTC”) in Schedule 2 to the Ordinance.

JUSTIFICATIONS

Clothing Industry Training Authority

2. The Clothing Industry Training Authority (“the Authority”) was established in 1975 under the Ordinance to provide training courses for the clothing industry through its industrial training centres, to assist in the placement of persons who have completed training courses and to make recommendations with respect to the rate of the clothing industry training levy to be paid by exporters of clothing items.

Appointment to the Authority

3. Schedule 2 to the Ordinance stipulates that the Authority shall consist of 17 members. Section 1(c) of Schedule 2 stipulates that out of these 17 members, two shall be persons nominated by the Textile and Clothing Training Board of VTC.

4. In response to the recommendation made by the Task Force on Promotion of Vocational Education, VTC conducted a review on the list of Training Boards and General Committees in 2015 to reflect the latest development of different business sectors and to cover emerging industries. A rationalisation of Training Boards and General Committees, which involved the renaming and consolidation of some Training

Boards, was proposed in late 2016. As a result, the Textile and Clothing Training Board changed its name to the Fashion and Textile Training Board with effect from 1 April 2017.

5. Since the Textile and Clothing Training Board no longer exists, section 1(c) of Schedule 2 to the Ordinance should be amended to remove the reference to the “Textile and Clothing Training Board” of VTC. We considered it necessary for the Fashion and Textile Training Board of VTC to be represented in the Authority. The Fashion and Textile Training Board is the only Training Board in VTC that is relevant to the clothing industry. Its representation in the Authority is consistent with the Authority’s objective that members should come from relevant and representable organisations of the industry. Section 1(c) of Schedule 2 should thus be amended to substitute the “Textile and Clothing Training Board” of VTC by the “Fashion and Textile Training Board” of VTC.

THE ORDER

6. The Order amends section 1(c) of Schedule 2 to the Ordinance to substitute the “Textile and Clothing Training Board” of VTC by the “Fashion and Textile Training Board” of VTC. The effect of the amendment is that the two persons currently nominated by the Textile and Clothing Training Board of VTC to be members of the Authority will be nominated by the Fashion and Textile Training Board instead.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

7. The Order will be published in the Gazette on 30 June 2017 and tabled at the Legislative Council for negative vetting on 5 July 2017.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

8. The proposal is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights. Given its merely technical nature, this amendment will not affect the current binding effect of the Ordinance. It has no financial, civil service, competition, economic, productivity, environmental, sustainability, gender, or family implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

9. The making of the Order has in effect induced no change to the composition of the Authority. This is a technical amendment and public consultation was considered not necessary. The Authority has been consulted and is fully supportive of the proposal.

PUBLICITY

10. The Order will be published in the Gazette on 30 June 2017. A Government spokesperson will be available to answer enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

11. Enquiries on the brief should be made to Mr. Daniel Fong, Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Manpower) (Telephone number: 2810 3290).

Labour and Welfare Bureau

28 June 2017

**Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedule 2) Order 2017**

(Made by the Chief Executive under section 36(2) of the Industrial Training
(Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 318) after consultation with the
Executive Council)

1. **Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance amended**
The Industrial Training (Clothing Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 318) is
amended as set out in section 2.

2. **Schedule 2 amended (members of the Authority and quorum of
meetings)**
Schedule 2, section 1(c)—
Repeal
“Textile and Clothing”
Substitute
“Fashion and Textile”.

Chief Executive

2017

Explanatory Note

This Order amends Schedule 2 to the Industrial Training (Clothing
Industry) Ordinance (Cap. 318) to reflect the renaming of the
Textile and Clothing Training Board of the Vocational Training
Council as the Fashion and Textile Training Board of the Council.