

CHAPTER 122

INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY

Act
No. 15 of 1972.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY, CEYLON.

[28th April. 1972.]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon, Act.

(i) providing a forum for the presentation of original communications and discussions thereon;

Incorporation of the Institute.

2. From and after the 28th day of April, 1972, such and so many persons as now are corporate members of the Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon, as successor to the Chemical Society of Ceylon, (so long as they continue to be corporate members) shall by virtue of these presents be members of and form a body corporate by the name of the " Institute of Chemistry, Ceylon ", by which name they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and with full power and authority to use, alter, vary, break and renew such seal from time to time at their discretion, and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts and in all manner of actions and suits and shall have the power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

(ii) establishing and maintaining libraries,

(iii) publishing matters of interest to the profession of chemistry; and

(iv) any other means;

(d) to promote education in chemistry at all levels;

(e) to promote, encourage and foster original research in chemistry ;

(f) to assess the eligibility of candidates for admission to the various grades of membership;

(g) to conduct or provide for the conduct of the qualifying examinations for all grades of membership of the Institute and to promote, provide or approve, courses of study for such examinations;

General objects of the Corporation.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

(a) to promote and advance the science of chemistry and its applications in Sri Lanka;

(b) to advise the Government, and give counsel to public corporations, local bodies and other institutions on all matters connected with the application of chemistry to the progress and development of the country;

(c) to promote the acquisition, dissemination and interchange of chemical knowledge by—

(h) to conduct or provide for the conduct of examinations for the award of diplomas, certificates, and other distinctions, in such branches of chemistry as the Institute may from time to time deem necessary and to prescribe, approve or provide courses of study for such examinations;

(i) to ensure the maintenance of high standards in the professional activities and the general conduct of its members;

- (j) to establish liaison with other scientific and professional organizations;
- (k) to establish and enhance the status of the profession of chemistry in Sri Lanka;
- (l) to take any other measures that may be necessary for the attainment of all or any of the objects of the Institute.

Institute under this Act or the by-laws, shall be held, used and applied by the Institute in accordance with the by-laws for the furtherance of its objects and subject to such by-laws, the Institute shall have the power from time to time to buy, sell, grant, convey, devise, assign, exchange or otherwise dispose of or mortgage any such property and invest its funds in such manner as may be necessary or expedient for the furtherance of its objects.

Council of the Institute.

4. The affairs of the Institute shall, in accordance with by-laws in force for the time being, be administered by a Council.

7. The Institute shall be able and capable in law to charge—

Power to charge fees and subscriptions.

Power to make by-laws.

5. (1) It shall be lawful for the Institute from time to time at a general meeting of the Institute and by the requisite majority of the members voting, to make by-laws for the management of the affairs of the Institute and the accomplishment of its objects.

(a) such fees, as the Institute may deem reasonable, for admission to any course or examination conducted by the Institute;

(b) fees for the election of persons to any class of membership of the Institute; and

(2) The by-laws set out in the Schedule* to this Act shall be deemed to have been made under subsection (1) and shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (3), be for all purposes the by-laws of the Institute.

(c) such subscriptions and fees, as the Institute may deem reasonable, in respect of the services by the Institute.

(3) The by-laws may be altered, added to, amended or rescinded at a general meeting of the Institute by the requisite majority of the members voting thereat.

8. All debts and liabilities of the Institute, existing at the 28th day of April, 1972, shall be paid or discharged by the Corporation, and all debts due: and subscriptions, contributions and fees payable to the said Institute shall be paid to the Corporation.

Debts due from and payable to the Institute.

Power to acquire property and raise money.

6. (1) The Institute shall be able and capable in law to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, exchange or in any other manner and hold any movable or immovable property and to dispose of any such property acquired or held by the Institute.

9. The Institute shall have the power to appoint an Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee and to take such other steps as may be found necessary from time to time for the maintenance of professional standards and discipline among persons practising or acting as chemists in Sri Lanka.

Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee.

(2) The Institute shall have the power to borrow or raise money necessary for the furtherance of its objects and to create, execute, grant or issue any mortgages, bonds or obligations to receive such money.

(3) All property, movable and immovable, acquired or held by the Institute and all moneys paid to or received by the

10. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic of Sri Lanka or of any body corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

* Schedule is omitted.