

Registration of Organization Law
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Chapter 1

Title and Definitions

1. This Law shall be called the Law relating to Registration of Organizations.
2. The following expressions in this Law shall have the following meanings--

(a) "State" means The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

(b) "The union government" means the Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

(c) "Union Registration Committee" means the registration committee which is formed and entrusted by the Union Government to undertake the registration of organization at national level.

(d) "State (or) Regional registration committee" means the registration committee which is formed and entrusted by state (or) region government to undertake the registration process at state (or) regional level.

(e) "Nay Pyi Daw Council area registration committee" means the registration committee which is formed and entrusted by Nay Pyi Daw Council to undertake the registration process at Nay Pyi Daw Council level.

(f) "Self-autonomous Region or self-autonomous special region registration committee" means the registration committee which is formed and entrusted by Self-autonomous Region Governance Board to undertake the registration process at Self-autonomous Region level.

(g) "District level registration committee" means the registration committee which is formed and entrusted by District level administration department to undertake the registration process at township level.

(h) "Township level registration committee" means the registration committee which is formed and entrusted by township level administration department to undertake the registration process at township level.

(i) An organization means local organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

(j) Local organization means an association formed with two or more than two people organization means a nonprofit association, in line with fundamental rights stated in constitution, which is working for the common interest or public interest, and is formed by two or more persons for the common objective or program. It also includes branch of an association.

(k) "International non-governmental organization" means an organization that was registered in other country and registered at Union level registration committee to carry out any social activity in the country.

(g) "Registration certificate" means the acknowledgement certificate to international non-governmental organization and local non-governmental organization.

(h) "Ministry" means Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union Government of the Republic of Union of Myanmar.

(i) "Department" means the General Administration Department of Ministry of Home Affairs.

Chapter II Objectives

3. Objectives of this law are as follows:

(a) To follow the prescribed procedure for the registration of associations and registration of international non-governmental organization

(b) To enable association to form and operate freely in accordance with Constitution

(c) To ensure that the activities of an organization are supportive to the benefits of the State and citizens

(d) To get necessary support from respective ministries in line with law

(e) To ensure the strengthening of the civil society organisations

Chapter III

Formation of Registration Committee and Responsibilities of Registration Committee

4. The government must form Registration Committee as below:

- (a) Union registration committee
- (b) State (or) Regional registration committee"
- (c) Nay Pyi Daw Council areas registration committee
- (d) Self-autonomous Region registration committee
- (e) District registration committee
- (f) Township level registration committee

5. According to article (4) Responsibilities of Registration Committee are as follows:

(a) Union registration committee must be formed with the following personnel:

- (1) Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs Chairman
- (2) Deputy Minister of President Office Member
- (3) Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Member
- (4) Deputy Minister, National Planning and Economic Development Member
- (5) Director General of Foreign Economic Relation Dept Member
- (6) Director General of General Administration Department Secretary
- (7) Director General of Attorney General Office Joint Secretary

(b) State (or) Regional registration committee must be formed with the following personnel:

- (1) Social Welfare Minister Chairman
- (2) State or Region Police officer Member
- (3) 2 Representatives from state (or) region level organizations Members
- (4) Director, State (or) Region General Administration Department Secretary
- (5) State or Regional Law Officer (Persecutor) Joint-secretary

(c) Nay Pyi Daw Council areas registration committee shall be formed with people below:

- (1) Member of Nay Pyi Daw Council Chairman
- (2) Nay Pyi Taw Police Officer, Myanmar police force Member
- (3) 2 Representatives from Nay Pyi Daw council area level organization Members
- (4) Director, Nay Pyi Daw General Administration department Secretary
- (5) District Law Officer, Law Officer Office Joint-secretary

(d) Self-autonomous Area Governing Board shall form the Township Level registration committee with

following personnel:

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| (1) Self-autonomous Area Governing Board member | Chairman |
| (2) District Police Officer, Myanmar Police force | Member |
| (3) 2 representatives from Self-autonomous Area level organization | Members |
| (4) Administrative officer from general Administration department | Secretary |
| (5) Law Officer assigned by a Chair Person | Joint-secretary |

(e) District general administration department shall form the District registration committee with following personnel:

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| (1) District Administrator, General Administration Department | Chairman |
| (2) District Police Officer, Myanmar Police force | Member |
| (3) 2 representatives from District level organization | Members |
| (4) Deputy Director from general Administration department | Secretary |
| (5) District Law Officer | Joint-secretary |

(f) Township general Manager, township general administration department must form the Township Level registration committee with following personnel:

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| (1) Township general Manager, Township level
General Administration Department | Chairman |
| (2) Township Police Officer, Myanmar Police force | Member |
| (3) 2 representatives from township level organization | Members |
| (4) Administrative officer from general Administration department | Secretary |
| (5) Township Law Officer | Joint-secretary |

6. Responsibilities of Registration Committee are as follows:

- (a) to make decision on registration of organizations
- (b) to issue registration certificate and renew the certificate to local organizations according to the procedure
- (c) to give necessary assistance to follow the registration procedure under this law
- (d) to give instruction to render necessary assistance for cooperation between an organization and respective ministries
- (e) National level registration committee's responsibility is to give registration and renew it to international non-governmental organizations

(f) Refusal of the Registration Certificate Renewal for Extension if an organization fails to comply with the provision in this law, by law, standing order, order, directives, and procedure under this law

Chapter IV Registration of Local Organizations

7. The chairperson, Secretary or Responsible person of local organization shall submit the application to the respective registration authorities according to the procedures to get registration certificate as per their free will.

- (a) Organization name
- (b) Organization address and location
- (c) organization starting date
- (d) Objectives
- (e) Activities
- (f) Number of committee members
- (g) Number of Members
- (h) Organization's fund and assets
- (i) Activities being implemented
- (j) Organization's structure and article of association
- (k) Other documents (if needed)
- (l) Application date

8. The applicant organization according to article 7 will be issued the *temporary registration certificate* within 7 days (public holidays should not be counted), and will be examined with prescribed criteria,

(a) The respective Registration committee shall decide if the applicant organization has no reason to damage the Rule of Law and State Security, then it shall issue the registration with prescribed set of principles. The timeframe for issuing the registration certificate are as follow:

- (b) Registration certificate will be issued in following days if the formation is permitted
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| (1) Union registration committee | 60 days |
| (2) State or Regional registration committee | 60 days |
| (3) Nay Pyi Daw registration committee | 60 days |
| (4) Self-autonomous Region registration committee | 30 days |
| (5) District registration committee | 30 days |

(6) Township registration committee 30 days

(b) An organization whose registration has been approved shall pay the registration fee.

(c) The committee shall notify in writing to the association or organization whose formation has not been approved giving adequate reason in following days:

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| (1) Union registration committee | 30 days |
| (2) State or Regional registration committee | 30 days |
| (3) Nay Pyi Daw registration committee | 30 days |
| (4) Self-autonomous Region registration committee | 15 days |
| (5) District registration committee | 15 days |
| (6) Township registration committee | 15 days |

(9) An organization whose registration has not been approved shall receive the reasons in the written document and also has the right to appeal after negotiation with the respective registration committee making necessary changes

(10) An organization registered in Union Registration Committee can operate in the whole union territory. Registration fee is 100,000 kyats

(11) An organization registered in State/Regional Registration Committee can operate in respected States and Regions. Registration fee is 30'000 kyats.

(12) An organization registered in Nay Pyi Daw council can operate in Nay Pyi Daw Council areas. Registration fee is 30'000 kyats.

(13) An organization registered in Self-autonomous region Registration Committee can operate in respected respective Self-autonomous region. No need to pay registration fee.

14. An organization registered in District Registration Committee can operate in respective district territory. No need to pay registration fee.

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Chapter V

Registration of International Nongovernment Organisations

16. The Responsible person of an international non-governmental organization shall submit the application to Union registration committee according to the procedures to get registration certificate.

- (a) Organization Name
- (b) Organization's head name
- (c) Responsible person's name
- (d) Organization address and location
- (e) Head office
- (f) Activities in Myanmar
- (g) Related Ministries
- (h) Project information
- (i) Number of Committee members
- (j) Location of branch office and address
- (k) Responsible person for branch office
- (l) Application date

17. The applicant organization according to article 16 will be issued the temporary registration certificate within 7 days (public holiday should not be counted), and will be examined with prescribed criteria,

(a) The Union Registration committee shall decide if the applicant organization has no reason to damage the Rule of Law and State Security, then it shall issue the registration with prescribed set of principles.

The timeframe for issuing the registration certificate is 90 days (do not include public holidays)

(b) An organization whose registration has been approved must pay the registration fee. Registration fees is (100,000) Kyats.

(c) The committee shall notify in writing to the association or organization whose registration has not been approved giving adequate reason within thirty days.

18 An organization whose registration has not been approved has the right to be given adequate reason and has the right to appeal after negotiation with the respective registration committee making necessary changes

Chapter VI

Organizations That Do Not Require To Apply For Registration

19. the following organizations do not require to apply for registration;

(a) Organizations that pursue religious and economic activities only:

(b) Organization formed under the Political Parties Registration Law with the Union Elections Commission:

(c) Organization registered under any existing law

Chapter VII

Renewal and Extension of Registration Certificate

20 All registered local organization shall -

(a) submit annual and financial report to respective registration committee.

(b) The committee shall consider the organization who submits annual report as functioning organization. Registration certificate shall be renewed after five years.

(c) According to sub article (b) no registration fee is needed for renewal.

21. Any registered International non-governmental organization shall submit application to extend their registration certificate after five years. Registration fee is needed for renewal.

22. All registered organizations who fail to submit annual report for 5 consecutive years shall be considered as not functioning. If this organization wants to reactivate, new registration certificate application process shall be pursued.

23. A local organization that is not permit to be renewed shall not function or continue to exist over Ninety (60) days starting from the date of receiving notification letter from respective registration committee still have the +right to appeal for renewal after negotiation with the respective registration committee making necessary changes.

24. An international non-governmental organization (or) any local organization wish to work in whole county that are not permit to be renewed shall not function or continue to exist over one hundred and eighty days (120) starting from the date of receiving notification letter from respective registration committee still have the right to appeal for renewal after negotiation with the respective registration committee making necessary changes.

Chapter VII

Protection and Benefits of the Association

25. Any legitimate act of registered organization under this law shall have the corporation and protection from related regional administration department.
26. Registered organization under this law shall have the right to receive the support from the State.
27. Any Registered local organization under this law shall have the right to accept support from any international government and international non-government organization, local organization or any individual who wants to support in accordance with existing laws
28. Any Registered local organization under this law shall have the right to file a law suit, do fund raising activities, receive funding and open a bank account and own properties or assets.
29. Registered organization under this law shall have the right to have own logo, trademark and uniform in accordance with respected law

Chapter VIII

General

- 30 The member of any political party may participate in organization formed under this law except doing party affairs
31. Any government staffs and companies employees may participate in organization formed under this law. In accordance with civil servant law.
32. Accountability and rights of both organizations working in partnerships shall be made equitable while collaborating.
- 33 Any registered organization under this law shall report and get approval to registration committee when they wish changes the aim and type of implementation from the registered one.
34. Under this law, local organizations shall inform respective Registration Union when they wish to expand their activities from township to state (or) region

35. In case of any emergency, any registered local organization can start humanitarian emergency activities after informing the respective local administrative office and registration committee
36. In case of any emergency, temporary registration will be issued to any international non-governmental organization by national level registration committee. National level registration committee has to issues the temporary registration certificate as soon as possible.
37. Organization disbanding, changing name or changing physical address shall inform the respective registration committee within seven days.
38. If member(s) of an organization voluntarily resigned, or deceased, or an organization wants to change its executive committee, it shall inform the respective registration committee by issuing the official letter within 7 days of the incident.
39. The members representing local organizations in respective registration committees shall be elected in 30-month time, and local organizations shall make own arrangement for this election.
40. While implementing of the prescribed procedures of this law,
(a) The Ministry may enact necessary bylaws and rules and regulations with the approval of the government.
(b) The Union level registration Committee may issue necessary, gazette, directive, and procedures.
(c) The State and regional registration Committee may issue necessary orders and directives.
41. Bylaws, rules, orders, directives and procedures enacted under associational law (Law no. 6/88 under State Law and Order Restoration Council) continue to be valid, if not contrary to this law, by law, regulations and directives, and only before the enactment of new by law, regulations and directives.
42. All current registered organization under associational law (Law no. 6/88 under State Law and Order Restoration Council) which is void by this law is assumed as registered organizations under this law.
43. Associational law (Law no. 6/88 under State Law and Order Restoration Council) shall become void by this law.

Hereby, I undersigned according to the Constitution of the Union of Myanmar.

Thain Sein
The President
Union of Myanmar