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Registration of Associations Law

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The State Administration Council has enacted this law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Chapter (1)

Title and definitions

1. This law shall be called the Registration of Associations Law.
2. The expressions used in this law shall have the meanings given hereunder -
 - (a) “**State**” means the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) “**Association**” means a local association and an international non-governmental organisation [*in the original, “non-governmental international association”*].
 - (c) “**Local association**” means a non-governmental association registered under this law, formed by 5 or more citizens to carry out non-profit social activities for the benefit of the State and citizens in keeping with the rights in the Constitution. This expression includes branches opened with the permission of the relevant registration board.
 - (d) “**International non-governmental organisation**” means an organisation legally established in a foreign country, registered as an international non-governmental organisation under this law with the Union Registration Board, with at least 40% of its executive members being Myanmar nationals, in order to carry out non-profit social activities in the State. This expression also includes branches opened in the State with the approval of the Union Registration Board.
 - (e) “**Registration board**” means the Union Registration Board, a Regional or State Registration Board, the Union Territory Registration Board, a Self-Administered Division



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or Zone Registration Board, a District Registration Board, or a Township Registration Board.

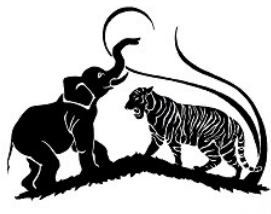
- (f) **“Registration certificate”** means a registration certificate issued by the relevant registration board to an association. This term includes a temporary registration certificate and a renewed registration certificate issued by the relevant registration board.
- (g) **“Social activities”** means engagement for the common good that does not seek any profit, and does not interact with political, economic, religious or faith sectors. This expression includes social and academic development activities carried out for the common interest of the members.
- (h) **“Officer of an association”** means the president, secretary or executive board member of a local association, and the head, office manager, or executive member of an international non-governmental organisation. It also means any member of the association who has been assigned responsibility for any of the association’s businesses.
- (i) **“Ministry”** means the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union Government.
- (j) **“Department”** means the General Administration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs and its subordinate Union Territory, Region or State, Self-Administered Division or Zone, District, and Township General Administration Departments.

Chapter (2) Objectives

3. The objectives of this law are as follows -

- (a) Enabling the establishment of associations in keeping with the rights in the Constitution;
- (b) providing the right to establish an association in accordance with the law;
- (c) protecting their right to operate by registering associations in accordance with this law;
- (d) enabling associations to seek and receive assistance for their undertakings and activities, to make use of their rights in accordance with the law, and to give associations access to assistance in accordance with the law from the relevant government departments and organisations;
- (e) establishing a monitoring system in order to foster associations that act responsibly and are accountable when engaging in their activities;

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- (f) strengthening associations that benefit the State and citizens.

Chapter (3)

Establishment of the registration boards; their duties and functions

4. Registration boards shall be established as follows in order to supervise and register associations under this law -
- (a) Union Registration Board;
 - (b) Regional or State Registration Boards;
 - (c) Union Territory Registration Board;
 - (d) Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Boards;
 - (e) District Registration Boards;
 - (f) Township Registration Boards.
5. (a) The Union Government shall establish the Union Registration Board as follows -
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| (1) | Union Minister Ministry of Home Affairs | Chairman |
| (2) | Representatives from relevant government departments and organisations | Members |
| (3) | Director General General Administration Department | Secretary |
- (b) The Regional or State Governments shall establish Regional or State Registration Boards as follows -
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| (1) | Minister from the Regional or State Government | Chairman |
| (2) | Representatives from relevant government departments or organisations | Members |
| (3) | Director Regional or State General Administration Department | Secretary |
- (c) The Union Territory Administration shall establish the Union Territory Registration Board as follows -



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- (1) Member of the Union Territory Administration Chairman
 - (2) Representatives from relevant government departments or organisations Members
 - (3) Director Secretary
Union Territory General Administration Department
- (d) The Governing Bodies of a Self-Administered Division or Zones shall establish Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Boards as follows -
- (1) Executive Committee Member from the Governing Body of the Self-Administered Division or Zone Chairman
 - (2) Representatives from relevant government departments or organisations Members
 - (3) Director Secretary
Self-Administered Division or Zone General Administration Department
- (e) The District Administrator, District General Administration Department shall establish a District Registration Board as follows -
- (1) District Administrator Chairman
District General Administration Department
 - (2) Representatives from relevant government departments or organisations Members
 - (3) Assistant Director Secretary
District General Administration Department
- (f) The Township Administrator, Township General Administration Department shall establish a Township Registration Board as follows -
- (1) Township Administrator Chairman
Township General Administration Department
 - (2) Representatives from relevant government departments or organisations Members
 - (3) Deputy Township Administrator Secretary

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Township General Administration Department

- (g) Those with the power to establish a registration board under sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) may reshuffle the registration board as prescribed.
6. The functions of the registration boards are as follows:
- (a) Reviewing the application for a registration certificate from the relevant association; allowing registration; deciding not to allow registration; revoking the registration certificate;
 - (b) reviewing the application for renewal of the registration certificate from the relevant association; allowing renewal or deciding not to allow renewal;
 - (c) helping the association comply with the law;
 - (d) coordinating with relevant government departments and organisations regarding the objectives and planned activities of the association;
 - (e) instructing the association not to directly or indirectly cooperate with, assist with, or support money laundering and terrorism financing through financial management or financial support;
 - (f) coordinating with relevant government departments and organisations to inspect the association's money and assets and the association's annual financial statements if necessary.

Chapter (4)

Registration of local associations

7. In order to obtain a registration certificate, a local association shall apply to the relevant registration board with the following information, either through the president or the secretary of the association, or any executive member, or any member who has been authorised to take care of the association's registration -
- (a) Name of association;
 - (b) name of the president and secretary of the association;
 - (c) location of the association and contact details;
 - (d) date of establishment;



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- (e) objectives;
 - (f) intended activities;
 - (g) recommendation from the government department or organisation that is concerned with the objectives and intended activities;
 - (h) number of executive committee members;
 - (i) number of members;
 - (j) list of money and assets owned by the association;
 - (k) social activities to be carried out;
 - (l) constitution of the association;
 - (m) date of application;
 - (n) undertaking to comply with applicable law.
8. The relevant registration board –
- (a) shall issue a temporary registration certificate to the local association applying under section 7 within 21 days from the date of the application, excluding public holidays;
 - (b) shall scrutinise the application as prescribed after having issued the temporary registration certificate;
 - (c) may allow the registration of the association if there is no reason to suspect any harm to national sovereignty, law and order, security and ethnic unity;
 - (d) shall issue the registration certificate within 30 days from the date of the decision if it decides to allow the registration.
9. (a) The local association entitled to be registered -
- (1) shall pay the registration fee into the relevant Myanmar Economic Bank within the period specified by the relevant registration board, and obtain the registration certificate by showing proof of payment;
 - (2) shall return the temporary registration certificate when collecting the registration certificate.



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- (b) If the temporary registration certificate is not deposited, or if the registration certificate is not collected, or if proof of payment of the registration fee cannot be submitted, the temporary registration certificate and the approved registration certificate that have already been issued are revoked after the specified period has passed.
10. If the relevant registration board decides not to allow registration as a local association, it must reply to the local association that applied within the following deadlines from the date of such decision, stating the reasons in full.
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| (a) | Union Registration Board | 30 days |
| (b) | Regional or State Registration Board | 30 days |
| (c) | Union Territory Registration Board | 30 days |
| (d) | Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Board | 15 days |
| (e) | District Registration Board | 15 days |
| (f) | Township Registration Board | 15 days |
11. (a) A local association that received a reply from the relevant registration board stating that the registration will not be allowed may, within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the reply, reapply to the relevant registration board; it will have to clarify and make amendments to smooth out the reasons for the rejection.
- (b) If the relevant registration board decides to reject the registration again upon re-application under sub-section (a), such decision shall be final.
- (c) If the local association does not re-apply under subsection (a) after the relevant registration board rejected the application for registration, or the relevant registration board decided to reject the re-application under subsection (b), the temporary registration certificate issued to the association is revoked from the date of such decision by the relevant registration board.
- (d) If the relevant registration board decided to reject the application for a registration certificate, the local association against whom the decision was made shall not be allowed to register with any other registration board.
12. (a) A local association shall -



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- (1) pay a registration fee of MMK 300,000 if it applies for registration with the Union Registration Board;
 - (2) pay a registration fee of MMK 100,000 if it applies for registration with a Regional or State Registration Board;
 - (3) pay a registration fee of MMK 100,000 if it applies for registration with the Union Territory Registration Board;
 - (4) pay a registration fee of MMK 50,000 if it applies for registration with a Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Board;
 - (5) pay a registration fee of MMK 50,000 if it applies for registration with a District Registration Board;
 - (6) pay a registration of MMK 30,000 if it applies for registration with a Township Registration Board.
- (b)
- (1) A local association that has received a registration certificate from the Union Registration Board has the right to operate in the whole State.
 - (2) A local association that has received a registration certificate from a Regional or State Registration Board has the right to operate within the relevant Region or State.
 - (3) A local association that has received a registration certificate from the Union Territory Registration Board has the right to operate within the Union Territory.
 - (4) A local association that has received a registration certificate from a Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Board has the right to operate within the respective Self-Administered Division or Zone.
 - (5) A local association that has received a registration certificate from a District Registration Board has the right to operate within the respective district.
 - (6) A local association that has received a registration certificate from a Township Administration Board has the right to operate within the respective township.
13. A local association that has received a registration certificate from one registration board shall not be allowed to register again with any other registration board.



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14. (a) If a local association that has obtained a registration certificate wishes to continue operating after the certificate's expiry date, it shall apply as prescribed 90 days prior to the expiry date to the relevant registration board for renewal of the registration certificate.
- (b) If a local association applying for the renewal of its registration certificate does not apply 90 days prior to the expiry date in accordance with subsection (a), it shall pay the specified penalty into the relevant Myanmar Economic Bank and apply for renewal of the registration certificate as prescribed. If the local association has paid the penalty, the renewed registration certificate shall be issued to it within 30 days from the date of the decision to allow the renewal of the registration certificate.
- (c) A local association applying after the expiry of its registration certificate shall reapply as if applying for a new registration.
- (d) The relevant registration board may approve the renewal of the registration certificate after scrutinising the local association that applied for the renewal of its registration certificate under subsection (a) or (b) in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 8.
- (e) If the relevant registration board has decided to allow the renewal of the registration certificate, the local association applying for renewal shall pay the registration fee into the relevant Myanmar Economic Bank within the specified period, and if it provides proof of having made this payment, the relevant registration board shall issue the renewed registration certificate.
- (f) If the renewed registration certificate is not collected, or if proof of payment of the registration fee for renewal cannot be presented, the renewed registration certificate that has already been granted is revoked.
15. (a) A local association that has obtained a registration certificate from the Union Registration Board shall pay a registration fee of MMK 100,000 for its renewal.
- (b) A local association that has obtained a registration certificate from a Regional or State Registration Board or the Union Territory Registration Board shall pay a registration fee of MMK 50,000 for its renewal.
- (c) A local association that has obtained a registration certificate from a Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Board or District Registration Board shall pay a registration fee of MMK 30,000 for its renewal.



- (d) A local association that has obtained a registration certificate from a Township Registration Board shall pay a registration fee of MMK 10,000 for its renewal.
16. (a) A local association that applied to have its registration certificate renewed and to which the relevant registration board replied that it will not allow the renewal of the registration certificate may, within 30 days from the date of receiving such reply, reapply to the relevant registration board; it will have to clarify and make amendments to smooth out the reasons for the rejection.
- (b) If the relevant registration board decides not to allow the renewal of the registration certificate upon re-application under sub-section (a), this decision is final.
- (c) If the relevant registration board has decided not to allow the renewal of the registration certificate, the local association against whom the decision was made shall not be allowed to register with any other registration board.

Chapter (5)

Registration of international non-governmental organisations

17. In order to obtain a registration certificate, an international non-governmental organisation shall apply to the Union Registration Board with the following information, either through the head of the organisation, or the person in charge of the organisation, or an executive member, or a member who has been appointed to carry out any of the organisation's business.
- (a) Name of the organisation;
- (b) summary of the background of the organisation;
- (c) name of the head of the organisation in the country where the organisation is based;
- (d) name of the person in charge of the organisation in the State;
- (e) country where the organisation is based;
- (f) location and contact details of the organisation's office;
- (g) evidence of recognition in the country where the organisation is based;
- (h) organigram of the organisation in the country where it is based;
- (i) memorandum of understanding (draft);
- (j) name of the person in charge of the organisation's head office in the State;



- (k) number of executive members:
 - (1) number of Myanmar citizens;
 - (2) number of foreigners;
 - (l) number of members;
 - (m) contact details of the organisation's head office in the State;
 - (n) social activities to be carried out in the State and the source of their financing;
 - (o) approval from the government department or organisation that is concerned with the intended activities;
 - (p) approvals from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Ministry of Immigration and Manpower;
 - (q) letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting its opinion;
 - (r) approval from the local administration in the area where the activities will be carried out;
 - (s) name of the person in charge of each branch office opened in the State;
 - (t) number of branch offices opened in the State and their contact details;
 - (u) date of the application;
 - (v) undertaking to comply with the laws in force.
18. The Union Registration Board -
- (a) shall issue a temporary registration certificate to the international non-governmental organisation applying under section 17 within 21 days from the date of the application, excluding public holidays;
 - (b) shall scrutinise the application as prescribed after having issued the temporary registration certificate;
 - (c) may allow the registration of the organisation if there is no reason to suspect any harm to national sovereignty, law and order, security and ethnic unity;



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- (d) shall issue the registration certificate within 30 days from the date of the decision if it decides to allow the registration.
19. (a) The international non-governmental organisation entitled to be registered -
- (1) shall pay the registration fee of MMK 500,000 into the relevant Myanma Economic Bank within the period specified by the Union Registration Board, and obtain the registration certificate by showing proof of payment;
- (2) shall return the temporary registration certificate when collecting the registration certificate.
- (b) If the temporary registration certificate is not deposited, or if the registration certificate is not collected, or if proof of payment of the registration fee cannot be submitted, the temporary registration certificate and the approved registration certificate that have already been issued are revoked after the specified period has passed.
20. If the Union Registration Board decides not to allow the registration as an international non-governmental organisation, it must, within 30 days from the date of such decision, send a reply to the international non-governmental organisation that applied, giving full reasons.
21. (a) An international non-governmental organisation that receives a reply from the Union Registration Board stating that the registration will not be allowed may, within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the reply, reapply to the Union Registration Board; it will have to clarify and make amendments to smooth out the reasons for the rejection.
- (b) If the Union Registration Board decides not to allow registration upon re-application under sub-section (a), such decision shall be final.
- (c) If the international non-governmental organisation does not reapply for a registration certificate under subsection (a) or if registration is not allowed under subsection (b), the temporary registration certificate issued to this organisation is revoked from the date of such decision by the Union Registration Board.
22. (a) If an international non-governmental organisation that has obtained a registration certificate wishes to continue operating after the certificate's expiry date, it shall apply as prescribed 90 days prior to the expiry date to the Union Registration Board for renewal of the registration certificate.
- (b) If an international non-governmental organisation applying for the renewal of its registration certificate does not apply 90 days prior to the expiry date in accordance



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- with subsection (a), it shall pay the specified penalty into the relevant Myanma Economic Bank and apply for renewal of the registration certificate as prescribed. If the international non-governmental organisation has paid the penalty, the renewed registration certificate shall be issued to it within 30 days from the date of the decision to allow the renewal of the registration certificate.
- (c) An international non-governmental organisation applying after the expiry of its registration certificate shall reapply as if applying for a new registration.
 - (d) The Union Registration Board may approve the renewal of the registration certificate after scrutinising the international non-governmental organisation that applied for the renewal of its registration certificate under subsection (a) or (b) in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of section 18.
 - (e) If the Union Registration Board has decided to allow the renewal of the registration certificate, the international non-governmental organisation applying for renewal shall pay MMK 300,000 registration fee into the relevant Myanma Economic Bank within the specified period, and if it provides proof of having made this payment, the Union Registration Board shall issue the renewed registration certificate.
 - (f) If the renewed registration certificate is not collected, or if proof of payment of the registration fee for renewal cannot be presented, the renewed registration certificate that has already been granted is revoked.
23. (a) An international non-governmental organisation that applied to have its registration certificate renewed and to which the Union Registration Board replied that it will not allow the renewal of the registration certificate may, within 30 days from the date of receiving such reply, reapply to the Union Registration Board; it will have to clarify and make amendments to smooth out the reasons for the rejection.
- (b) If the Union Registration Board decides not to allow the renewal of the registration certificate upon re-application under sub-section (a), this decision is final.
24. An international non-governmental organisation whose application for a registration certificate was rejected under section 21 subsection (b) or whose application for renewal of the registration certificate was rejected under section 23 subsection (b) may not apply again for a registration certificate.



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25. If an international non-governmental organisation is found to be directly or indirectly involved in interfering with national sovereignty, security, law and order, and ethnic unity, the Union Registration Board shall immediately dissolve the organisation.

Chapter (6)

Organisations not subject to registration

26. The following organisations are not subject to registration under this law:
- (a) Organisations that work directly or indirectly on religious, faith, economic and political issues in accordance with the laws in force;
 - (b) political parties that must apply to the Union Election Commission under the Political Parties Registration Law;
 - (c) organisations established under any other law in force;
 - (d) committees or organisations formed by government departments at the Union, Regional, State, or Union Territory level.

Chapter (7)

Rights and obligations of an association

27. The rights of a registered association are as follows:
- (a) Right to receive state-approved assistance;
 - (b) access to assistance provided by government departments and organisations for the association's activities in accordance with the law;
 - (c) right to receive assistance in accordance with the law provided by a foreign government, international organisation, international non-governmental organisation, local association, organisation established in accordance with any other law in force, or individual;
 - (d) right to accept donations in accordance with the law; right to establish and build funds; right to open a bank account; ownership of movable and immovable property in accordance with the law;
 - (e) right to sue and be sued;



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- (f) right to obtain the copyright in accordance with the relevant law of the association's own name, stamp, mark, and uniform design; right to continuous succession during the period in which the association holds its registration certificate;
- (g) right to be protected and to operate in accordance with the law;
- (h) right to move, with the approval of the relevant local administration, beyond their area to provide emergency assistance in areas declared a natural disaster area by the State according to the Natural Disaster Management Law.

28. The obligations of a registered association are as follows:

- (a) Not to misrepresent information in a dishonest manner when applying for a registration certificate;
- (b) when using the association's name, stamp, mark, and uniform design, not to make it similar to the following:
 - (1) name, stamp, uniform design, and mark officially used by national government departments and organisations;
 - (2) name, stamp, uniform design, and mark of an association that has obtained a registration certificate and any organisation established under any other law in force;
 - (3) a name suggesting that its bearer represents the whole State, an ethnic group, all ethnic groups, or an entire industry;
- (c) not to modify the information in the approved registration certificate and not to transfer the registration certificate to another association;
- (d) not to obtain a registration certificate without being able to carry out the objectives and promised activities of the association;
- (e) not to go beyond the objectives and activities approved by the relevant registration board according to the recommendation of the relevant government departments and organisations;
- (f) not to use the association's name to interfere in the business of a government department or organisation or to mislead the public into thinking that there is authority to interfere;



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- (g) An association that has obtained a registration certificate from the Union Registration Board, a Regional or State Registration Board, or the Union Territory Registration Board must compile an annual report in accordance with financial regulations and have it audited by a certified public accountant (fully qualified) registered with the Myanmar Accountancy Council, and an association that has obtained a registration certificate from a Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Board, District Registration Board, or Township Registration Board must compile an annual report in accordance with financial regulations and have it audited by an accountant or an audit team consisting of 3 executive members, and submit it together with the financial statements to the relevant registration board within 60 days after the end of each calendar year; furthermore, a copy of the report must be submitted to the relevant government department or organisation that issued the recommendation;
- (h) to permit inspections of the association with a registration certificate, requests for and the sighting of documents, or enquiries made by the registration board, a government department or organisation carrying out an assigned task, or the Department;
- (i) if an association that has received a registration certificate wishes to change or expand the objectives and activities stated at the time of approval, it must make a submission to the relevant registration board to obtain approval for this, and enclose recommendations from the relevant government departments and organisations concerned with the objectives and activities of the association;
- (j) if the association is to be dissolved, its name changed, its address changed, a branch office to be opened in the State, or an executive member to be changed for various reasons, this has to be submitted to the relevant registration board for approval within 7 days from the date on which the decision was taken with the approval of more than half of the executive members, certified and recorded as prescribed;
- (k) an association that wants to carry out emergency assistance in an area declared by the State as a natural disaster area in accordance with the Natural Disaster Management Law must obtain approval and cooperation from the local administration, stating the quantity of funds and goods to be donated, the estimated value of these items, and the activities to be carried out;
- (l) to report the activities of the association to the relevant Township Administrator, Township General Administration Department once every 3 months;
- (m) if the association wishes to work in restricted travel areas, to obtain permission from and cooperate with the relevant local administration and the security teams;



- (n) when carrying out assistance activities, to avoid activities that will cause discrimination against the supported organisations and individuals, or that are harmful or illegal;
- (o) to comply with this law and the rules, regulations, notices, orders, instructions and procedures issued under this law;
- (p) to comply with the laws in force;
- (q) to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs or politics of the State.

Chapter (8) **Administrative action**

29. The relevant registration board -
- (a) If it is found that the association has failed to comply with any of its obligations under section 28 subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o) or (p), the association may be subject to one or more of the following administrative orders:
 - (1) Warning;
 - (2) limiting the activities of the association for a specified period of time;
 - (3) temporary suspension of the registration certificate for a specified period of time;
 - (4) revocation of the registration certificate.
 - (b) If it is found that the association has failed to comply with its obligations under section 28 subsection (q), an order revoking the registration certificate of the association shall be issued.
30. (a) If the association is not satisfied with an administrative order made by the relevant registration board according to section 29, the officer of the association that is not satisfied or the association may file an appeal with the higher level registration board within 60 days from the date of the order.
- (b) The higher level registration board may confirm, amend, or revoke the order passed by the relevant registration board after having reviewed the appeal submitted under subsection (a).
 - (c) The order of the higher level registration board deciding the appeal is final.



31. If the association is not satisfied with an administrative order made by the Union Registration Board, the officer of the association that is not satisfied or the association may apply to the Union Registration Board for a review within 60 days from the date of the order. The order adopted by the Union Registration Board after such review is final.
32. The relevant registration board -
 - (a) shall review the activities of an association that has been reported by a government department or organisation according to section 50;
 - (b) may pass one or more than one order if the activities of an association reviewed according to subsection (a) should be dealt with by administrative action according to section 29;
 - (c) may coordinate with relevant government departments or organisations if activities of an association reviewed according to subsection (a) are actionable under any other law in force.

Chapter (9) Prohibitions

33. Nobody shall establish and operate an association without a registration certificate.
34. Nobody shall continue to operate an association after the expiry or revocation of its registration certificate.
35. Nobody shall participate as a member in, operate, encourage or support, or pretend to be a member of, an association without a registration certificate.
36. No association with a registration certificate may use the name of the association to preach, organise or persuade for a political party or for a religion or for any interest beyond carrying out social and academic development activities for the common interest of its members.
37. No association with a registration certificate shall obtain, transfer, use or contribute any money, goods or assistance by illegal means, or conceal or fail to disclose any such activity.
38. No association with a registration certificate shall directly or indirectly contact or support any of the following organisations or individuals -
 - (a) organisations and individuals having taken up arms against the State;
 - (b) organisations and individuals designated by the State as committing acts of terrorism;



- (c) unlawful associations and their members.
39. No association with a registration certificate may directly or indirectly harm the sovereignty, law and order, security, and ethnic unity of the State.

Chapter (10)

Penalties

40. Anyone found guilty of having violated the prohibition in section 33 shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 3 years or a fine not exceeding MMK 1,000,000.
41. Anyone found guilty of having violated any of the prohibitions in sections 34 or 35 shall be sentenced to a fine not exceeding MMK 500,000. If he does not pay the fine, he shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 2 years.
42. If any association with a registration certificate is found guilty of having violated any of the prohibitions in sections 36 or 37, the officer of the association who committed the offense shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 3 years or a fine or both.
43. If any association with a registration certificate is found guilty of having violated any of the prohibitions in sections 38 or 39, the officer of the association who committed the offense shall be sentenced to imprisonment for up to 5 years or a fine not exceeding MMK 5,000,000 or both; furthermore, the association that committed the offence shall be liquidated and its money and property confiscated as national property.

Chapter (11)

Miscellaneous

44. The relevant registration board shall, in order to decide in accordance with the law on the issuance of a registration certificate to an association or on its renewal, instruct the relevant Department to do pre-screening and to request necessary documents, to review complaints related to an association with a registration certificate, and to do the office work. The relevant Department shall bear the associated costs.
45. The relevant Department instructed under section 44 -
- (a) if a complaint regarding the association has turned out to be correct upon review, shall report to the relevant registration board that administrative action or action according to another law in force should be taken;



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- (b) if a complaint has turned out to be incorrect, shall keep a record of the complaint and report back to the relevant registration board.
46. The registration board, government departments and organisations carrying out tasks assigned to them, and the Department may inspect an association with a registration certificate, request and sight documents, and make enquiries.
47. The validity of the registration certificate is five years from the date of approval by the relevant registration board.
48. The association with a registration certificate shall apply for a copy as prescribed if the registration certificate is damaged or lost.
49. When the relevant registration board decides not to allow the issuance of the registration certificate to the association or revokes it, this shall be announced for the public to know.
50. When it is found that the relevant association does not comply with the rules, the government department or organisation that gave a recommendation or the government department or organisation that signed a memorandum of understanding when the association applied for the registration certificate may notify the relevant registration board to take administrative action or prosecute according to any other law in force.
51. Except for an association that has filed for winding-up under any of the following conditions, or an association that has received a temporary registration certificate, an association whose registration certificate has been revoked shall hand over its remaining assets to the department or organisation designated by the Union Government in the manner prescribed -
- (a) Voluntary winding-up approved by all executive members, certified and recorded as specified;
- (b) more than half of the executive members of the association requested its winding up, certified and recorded as specified;
- (c) court order to wind up the association.
52. Administrative actions taken under this law shall not bar judicial proceedings, whether criminal or civil.
53. Changing the name of the association shall not alter its original rights and obligations.



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54. The registration certificate of an association having breached a prohibition and therefore found guilty of a criminal offence shall be deemed to have been revoked by the relevant registration board.
55. Associations formed without registration before this law came into force shall, if they wish to continue to operate as an association in accordance with this law, apply for a registration certificate within 60 days after the enactment of this law.
56. (a) Associations registered and established before this law comes into force under the Registration of Associations Law (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 31/2014) are allowed to operate in compliance with the provisions of this law until the expiration of their registration certificate.
- (b) If associations referred to in sub-section (a) wish to continue operating as an association in accordance with this law, they must reapply for a registration certificate once their registration certificate expires.
57. Provided that they do not conflict with this law, the rules, notices, orders and instructions issued under the Registration of Associations Law (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 31/2014) may continue to be applied.
58. When implementing the provisions of this law -
- (a) The Ministry may issue the rules, regulations and by-laws with the approval of the Union Government.
- (b) The Department of the Ministry and the Union Registration Board may issue notifications, orders, instructions and procedures.
59. The Registration of Associations Law (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 31/2014) is hereby repealed.

I have signed in accordance with Article 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Republic of Myanmar.

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