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An Act to provide for the civil defence of Malaysia.

*[Peninsular Malaysia—24 March 1952;
Sabah—30 October 1964, L.N. 201/1965;
Sarawak—10 November 1964, L.N. 201/1965]*

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Civil Defence Act 1951.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“civil defence” includes any measures not amounting to actual combat for affording defences against any form of hostile attack or for depriving any form of hostile attack of the whole or part of its effect, whether the measures are taken before, at or after the time of the attack;

“civil defence forces” and “civil defence services” mean respectively forces and services formed wholly or mainly to meet the needs of civil defence.

Minister may make rules for civil defence

3. (1) Whenever it appears to the Minister necessary or expedient so to do he may make such rules as appear to him to be necessary or expedient for the civil defence of Malaysia.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality or scope of the powers conferred by subsection (1) such rules may provide for—

- (a) the organization, formation, maintenance, equipment, training and discipline of civil defence forces and services;
- (b) the organization, equipment and training for civil defence purposes of the police force, fire brigades and employees of statutory and other bodies, whether corporate or unincorporate, employed primarily for purposes other than civil defence purposes;
- (c) the instruction of members of the public in civil defence and their equipment for the purposes of civil defence;
- (d) the provision, storage and maintenance of commodities and things required for civil defence;
- (e) the provision, construction, maintenance and alteration of premises, structures and excavations for civil defence purposes;
- (f) the requisition, purchase and hire of land, buildings, materials, property and goods required for civil defence purposes;
- (g) the assessment and payment of remuneration or compensation in respect of all matters done including work done and services rendered and damage and injury suffered in consequence of powers conferred by or under this Act;
- (h) the payment of compensation in respect of any physical injury arising out of and in the performance by a member of the civil defence forces or services of his duties as such member;
- (i) the constitution of bodies and the appointment of officers in States for the purposes of this Act and the delegation to such bodies and officers of all or any of the powers conferred by or under this Act; and
- (j) the imposition of penalties for any act or omission in contravention of any rule provided that no such penalty shall exceed imprisonment for a term of three years and a fine of five thousand ringgit.

(3) Every rule made by the Minister under this section shall be laid, as soon as conveniently possible, on the table of the Dewan Rakyat.

Appointment of Director General, Assistant Directors General and officers

4. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong may appoint a Director General for Civil Defence and such Assistant Directors General and officers as he may consider necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Director General for Civil Defence may make regulations

5. The Director General for Civil Defence may make regulations consistent with this Act and any rules made thereunder providing generally for details connected with the organization and personnel of civil defence forces and services and for the duties, equipment and training and instruction of persons to whom such rules apply.

Members to be public servants

6. Members of the civil defence forces and services shall be deemed to be public servants for the purposes of the Penal Code [Act 574].

Yang di-Pertuan Agong may call out the civil defence forces and services for service

7. (1) The Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by proclamation, call out for service the whole or any part of the civil defence forces or services.

(2) A member of the civil defence forces or services called out under subsection (1) shall report for service at such time and place as the Director General for Civil Defence may by notification in the *Gazette* or otherwise appoint.

Civil defence forces may be ordered to perform relief and rehabilitation works

8. (1) The Director General for Civil Defence may with the concurrence of the Minister order the civil defence forces or services or any part thereof to be employed for performance of any relief work or giving protection to, or taking measures for ensuring the safety of the life, person or property of the civilian population in the event of any disaster or impending disaster or for effecting or facilitating their rehabilitation after such disaster.

(2) Members of the civil defence forces and services employed in pursuance of subsection (1) shall be deemed to perform civil defence duties.

Repeal of rule 28

9. Rule 28 of the Civil Defence (Civil Defence Corps) Rules 1970 [*P.U. (A) 74/1970*] is hereby repealed.

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Amending law	Short title	In force from
L.N. 332/1958	Federal Constitution (Modification of Laws) (Ordinance and Proclamation) Order 1958	13-11-1958
P.U. (B) 324/1970	Titles of Office Ordinance 1949	01-01-1971
Act A188	Civil Defence (Amendment) Act 1973	30-03-1973
Act 160	Malaysian Currency (Ringgit) Act 1975	29-08-1975

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4	L.N. 332/1958	13-11-1958
7	Act A188	30-03-1973
8	Act A188	30-03-1973
9	Act A188	30-03-1973
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