



GUYANA

ACT No. 9 of 2012

OFFICIAL GAZETTE ACT 2012

I assent.

Donald Ramotar,
President.

August 31, 2012

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AN ACT to provide for the publication of the Official *Gazette* in printed and electronic form and for connected purposes.

A.D. 2012	Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-
Short title.	1. This Act may be cited as the Official <i>Gazette</i> Act 2012.
Interpretation.	2. In this Act “Minister” means the Minister responsible for Legal Affairs; “Official <i>Gazette</i> ” or “ <i>Gazette</i> ” means the Official <i>Gazette</i> and its Supplement, and the <i>Gazette</i> Extraordinary, published in printed or electronic form.
Past and future Official <i>Gazettes</i> .	3.(1) Every printed copy of the Official <i>Gazette</i> including its Supplement, and every <i>Gazette</i> Extraordinary, printed before the coming into operation of this Act, are declared to have been and are deemed to be issues of the Official <i>Gazette</i> , legally printed and published, and shall have effect and be receivable in evidence accordingly. (2) Every future issue of the Official <i>Gazette</i> including its Supplement, and every <i>Gazette</i> Extraordinary, in pursuance of this Act, shall be and are deemed to be issues of the Official <i>Gazette</i> , legally published, and shall have effect and be receivable in evidence accordingly.
Continuation of publication of Official <i>Gazette</i> in printed form, and publication of electronic version of the <i>Gazette</i> .	4.(1) The Official <i>Gazette</i> shall continue to be published in printed form and shall also be published electronically in Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Official <i>Gazette</i> website of the Government. (2) The printed and electronic versions of the Official <i>Gazette</i> shall be published on the same date. (3) The Official <i>Gazette</i> shall continue to be published at such times and occasions as was done before the coming into operation of this Act. (4) If for any reason the electronic version of the Official <i>Gazette</i> cannot be issued at any time, any publication and the contents of the publication in the printed version of the <i>Gazette</i> and any act or thing done in pursuance of any publication or the contents of the publication in the printed version shall be valid.

Declaration of particulars of Official Gazette website of the Government.

5. The Minister may, by order, declare the particulars of the Official *Gazette* website of the Government, and any publication of the Official *Gazette* on the website shall be deemed to be a publication under the authority of the Government.

Publication in the Official Gazette required by law.

6. Every person shall publish in the Official *Gazette* any advertisement or notice the person is required or authorised by law or otherwise to publish in the Official *Gazette*, and the publication in the *Gazette* shall be deemed to be evidence of its due publication.

Official Gazette to be evidence of matters in that Gazette.

7. Every copy of the Official *Gazette*, published by authority on the Official *Gazette* website of the Government and printed by the Government Printer, shall be –

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- (a) admitted in evidence by every court and in every legal proceedings without any proof being given that the copy was so published;
- (b) taken and accepted as *prima facie* evidence of any appointment, notification and other publication in the *Gazette* in which it is published, and of the matters and things contained in the appointment, notification and publication;
- (c) in accordance with the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, taken and accepted as evidence of any Act and subsidiary legislation in the *Gazette* in which it is published.

Offences and penalties.

8. Any person who –

- (a) procures or attempts to procure the publication of any unauthorised matter in the *Gazette*;
- (b) wilfully causes to be published in the *Gazette* any false or inaccurate matter; or
- (c) contravenes any regulation made under this Act,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Regulations.

9. The Minister may by regulations –

- (a) amend the manner and form, times and occasions in which the Official *Gazette* is published or issued;
- (b) prescribe –

- (i) the fees or charges for publication in the *Official Gazette* of notices, advertisements and any other matter;
- (ii) charges and subscriptions for the *Official Gazette* in printed and electronic forms;
- (iii) any other matter necessary for the due administration of this Act.

Passed by the National Assembly on 2nd August, 2012.



Clerk of the National Assembly.

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OFFICIAL GAZETTE BILL 2012

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Amendment to be moved by the Attorney General and
Minister of Legal Affairs.

Section

How amended

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Insert the following words immediately after the
word "Act"-

"Minister" means the Minister responsible
for Legal Affairs;'