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**NATIONAL TRUST ACT**

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## CHAPTER 207

AN ACT for incorporating the Grenada National Trust with limited liability Act  
20 of 1967

[15th April, 1967]

WHEREAS Dr. John A. Watts, Raymond A. Smith, Dr. J. R. Groome, Alister Hughes, Beresford Wilcox, Molly McIntyre, Fr. Raymond Devas, Margaret Blundell, Hugh Vernon Jackson, Dr. Clifford Evans, Dr. Betty Meggers, Dr. Ripley Bullen, E. C. Baker, Cynthia Hughes, Marion Priest and Clifford Theobalds, persons constituting the formation committee of the Grenada National Trust, a body interested in the preservation of places of historic and architectural interest or national beauty and having as its objects— Preamble

- (a) listing buildings and monuments of prehistoric, historic and architectural interest and places of natural beauty with their animal or plant life;
- (b) the compilation of photographic and architectural records of the foregoing;
- (c) the preservation of chattels of prehistoric, historic or artistic interest and the establishment of museums;
- (d) making the public aware of the value and beauty of Grenada's heritage;
- (e) the pursuance of a policy of preservation, and acting in an advisory capacity;
- (f) acquiring property for the benefit of the people of Grenada;
- (g) promoting and preserving for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Grenada submarine areas of beauty or natural or historic interest, and the preservation (as far as possible) of their natural aspect, features and animal, plant and marine life;
- (h) attracting funds by means of subscriptions, donations, bequests and grants for the effective carrying out of those objects,

have prayed that an Act be passed incorporating the Grenada National Trust:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the  
**NATIONAL TRUST ACT.**

Incorporation  
of Grenada  
National  
Trust

2. (1) The members of the Grenada National Trust (hereinafter referred to as "the National Trust") shall be, and they are hereby declared and adjudged to be, one body politic and corporate by the name of "The Grenada National Trust", and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to purchase, take, hold, deal with and dispose of land and other property, and may sue and be sued in all courts and before all magistrates, justices and others in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever, and by the name aforesaid shall be in law capable of holding all such estate real and personal as hath been already acquired by them and of having, taking and holding other estates real and personal, either by purchase, gift, devise or legacy, for the use and benefit of the National Trust.

(2) Should the National Trust be dissolved or wound up all real estate, chattels, items of historic interest or other property of any kind whatsoever then in the possession or control of the National Trust shall pass to and become vested in the Government.

(3) The National Trust shall have a Head Office in the town of Saint George.

(4) The affairs of the National Trust shall be administered by a Council to be called "the Council of the Grenada National Trust" (hereinafter called "the Council") consisting of—

- (a) a President;
- (b) a First Vice-President;
- (c) a Second Vice-President;
- (d) an Honorary Treasurer;
- (e) an Honorary Secretary;
- (f) four other members; and
- (g) two members appointed by the Minister for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act.

(5) The members of the Council shall be elected by the Council in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of the Council of the National Trust Act, 1994, paragraph (g) of the election of the Council to (f).

(6) The term of office of the Council shall be that in the case of subsection (4) of the Council of the National Trust Act, 1994, paragraph (g) of the election of the Council to (f).

(7) The National Trust shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall be in law capable of holding all such estate real and personal as hath been already acquired by them and of having, taking and holding other estates real and personal, either by purchase, gift, devise or legacy, for the use and benefit of the National Trust.

3. The funds of the National Trust shall be used for the purposes of the National Trust and demand account of the capital of the National Trust with the payment of the National Trust beyond the National Trust.

4. (1) The Council shall make and ordain regulations, which may vary, as may be necessary, for the satisfaction of the Council of the National Trust, the Council of members, and the disposal of funds of the National Trust, and for the good government of the National Trust, and for the matter or thing which may be of good government.

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(5) The members mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (f) of subsection (4) shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Council in alternate years. The members mentioned in paragraph (g) shall be appointed by the Minister at the time of the election of the members referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f).

(6) The term of office of members shall be two years, except that in the case of the members mentioned in paragraph (f) of subsection (4) the term shall be one year only and in the case of the members mentioned in paragraph (g) the term shall, in the first instance, be one year and thereafter two years.

(7) The National Trust shall provide for the safe custody of the Common Seal, which shall be used only by the authority of the Council or of a committee of the Council authorized by the Council in that behalf, and every instrument to which the Common Seal shall be affixed shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Honorary Secretary.

3. The funds as well as the real estate and effects of the National Trust shall be alone subject and liable to any charge and demand against the National Trust, and no subscriber to the capital of the National Trust shall be liable for or charged with the payment of any debt or demand due from the National Trust beyond the extent of the funds, property and effects of the National Trust.

Limited  
liability

4. (1) The Council shall have full power and authority to make and ordain, and from time to time change or repeal or vary, as may seem proper, rules subject to the approval and satisfaction of the general body of members at a general meeting called for that purpose, for and concerning the objects of the National Trust, the nomination, election, suspension, expulsion of members, and the custody, management, collection and disposal of funds, money or estate belonging to the National Trust, and for conducting and regulating the business affairs and concern of the National Trust, and relative to any other matter or thing whatsoever which may in anywise concern the good government of the National Trust:

Rules of the  
National  
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Provided that such rules be not in anywise repugnant or contrary to any written law and that the same shall not in

any manner be binding on any other person or persons than those who are or may become members of the National Trust, and it shall be lawful for the Council to fix in all or any rules all or any reasonable and adequate fines, forfeiture and penalties for the non-observance, non-performance or breach of the same or for enforcing the due observance thereof.

(2) Rules made by the Council under the provisions of this Act, or of any other Act thereunto it enabling, shall have the force and effect of law when confirmed by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*.

Certain  
property of  
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5. Whenever lands or tenements (including buildings) or submarine areas shall become vested in the National Trust, the Council may by resolution determine that such lands or tenements or marine areas or submarine areas or lakes or rivers or such portions thereof as may be specified in such resolution are proper to be held for the benefit of the people of Grenada, and such lands or buildings or marine areas or submarine areas or lakes or rivers shall thereupon be so held by the National Trust and shall be inalienable.

Power to  
raise money

6. The National Trust may raise money by borrowing unsecured by the issue of loan stock or otherwise or secured by debentures giving a floating charge or fixed charges over all or any of their property (not being property specified in any such resolution of the Council as proper to be held for the benefit of the people of Grenada) and by way of specific mortgage thereof and by charging or appropriating as security for money borrowed the rents, profits or income derivable from any of the lands or properties of the National Trust, including the rents, profits and income arising from the property held for the benefit of the people of Grenada.

Power to  
obtain profes-  
sional services

7. The National Trust may retain the services of lawyers, accountants, scientists, seamen, airmen, drivers, gardeners, pest control experts and all manner of other professional men, experts and business men, and may pay their reasonable fees and charges for their services.

Accounts of  
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8. Proper accounts shall be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the National Trust and of the matters

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manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accord-  
ance with the rules for the time being of the National Trust,  
such accounts shall be open at all reasonable times to the  
inspection of the members.

9. Once at least in every year the accounts of the National  
Trust shall be examined and audited by an auditor or auditors  
being a chartered accountant or a certified public accountant,  
and such auditor or auditors shall be elected annually at a  
general meeting of the Council, and any previously elected  
auditor or auditors shall be eligible for re-election.

Audit of  
accounts

10. The Council shall apply all money received by the  
National Trust under this Act (except money borrowed and  
money received from the sale of lands or other moneys received  
on capital account) as follows, that is to say, firstly in payment  
of the working and establishment expenses of the National Trust  
and the cost of management, maintenance, upkeep and improve-  
ment of the National Trust property; secondly in payment of  
the interest on moneys borrowed under the powers of this Act  
and of the instalments (if any) of principal money so borrowed;  
and the balance (if any) shall be applied in furthering the objects  
for which the National Trust is established in such manner  
as the Council may from time to time direct.

Application  
of revenue

11. All fines, forfeitures and penalties incurred by virtue  
of any rules made as aforesaid and all sums becoming due  
to the National Trust from any of the members of the National  
Trust shall be sued for and recovered in a summary way before  
a magistrate on the complaint of the Honorary Secretary, and  
every magistrate is hereby authorized and required to take  
cognizance thereof accordingly; and all fines, forfeitures and  
penalties when received, or the overplus thereof after deducting  
necessary charges, shall be paid into the hands of the Honorary  
Secretary for the time being for the use of the National Trust.

Recovery  
and disposal  
of fines, etc.

Exemption  
from stamp  
duty and fees.  
Cap. 309

12. The National Trust shall be exempt from—

- (a) stamp duty with which, under the provisions of the Stamp Act, instruments drawn, made or executed by or on behalf of the National Trust are chargeable; and
- (b) fees payable on instruments drawn, made or executed by or on behalf of the National Trust upon which, or in respect of which, registration or recording fees are chargeable under the provisions of the Deeds and Lands Registry Act or any other written law relating to the payment of registration or recording fees.

Cap. 79

Exemption  
from rates  
and taxes.  
Cap. 294—1958

13. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Towns Administration Act, the National Trust shall, in respect of all property whatsoever owned or occupied by it, or held in trust for its use and benefit, be exempted from the payment of rates or taxes leviable under the provisions of that Act.

Cap. 276

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Real Property Tax Act, the National Trust shall, in respect of all property whatsoever owned or occupied by it, or held in trust for its use and benefit, be exempted from the payment of tax under that Act.

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