

# ACTS

PASSED BY

## THE PARLIAMENT

OF THE

### COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DURING THE YEAR

1939.

#### SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH.

No. 1 of 1939.

An Act to amend the *Science and Industry Research Act 1920-1937*.

[Assented to 6th May, 1939.]

[Date of commencement, 3rd June, 1939.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Science and Industry Research Act 1939*. Short title and citation.

(2.) The *Science and Industry Research Act 1920-1937\** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Science and Industry Research Act 1920-1939*.

2. Section three of the Principal Act is amended—

Definitions.

(a) by inserting before the definition of "Officer" the following definition:—

" 'Employee' means a person employed under section fourteen B of this Act; "; and

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\* Act No. 22, 1920, as amended by No. 20, 1926, and No. 27, 1937.

(b) by omitting from the definition of "Officer" the words "employed under" and inserting in their stead the words "appointed under section fourteen A of".

Council for  
Scientific  
and Industrial  
Research.

3. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (4.), before the word "gift" (wherever occurring), the word "purchase."

Membership  
of Council.

4. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.), after the word "Chairman", the words "and Vice-chairman".

Casual  
vacancies in  
Council.

5. Section nine of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

"(b) in the case of the member who holds office as member by reason of his being the Chairman or Vice-chairman of a State Committee—the deputy Vice-chairman (if any) of that State Committee shall hold the vacant office until the appointment of a Chairman or Vice-chairman of that Committee, as the case may be."

Appointment of  
State  
Committees.

6. Section twelve A of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (2.), after the word "Chairman", the words "and Vice-chairman".

Appointment  
of officers.

7. Section fourteen A of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the word "employed" and inserting in its stead the word "appointed"; and

(b) by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) the words "or as the Council, with the approval of the Minister, determines."

8. After section fourteen A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

Temporary and  
casual  
employees.

"14B. The Council may employ such temporary or casual employees as it considers necessary for the purposes of the Act, and may determine the rates of pay and conditions of employment of such employees:

Provided that a person shall not, except with the approval of the Minister, be employed under this section for any period exceeding twelve months."

Discoveries by  
officers and  
employees.

9. Section fifteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the words "of the Council" and inserting in their stead the words "and employees".

Bonuses for  
discoveries  
by officers and  
employees.

10. Section sixteen of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words "of the Council" (first occurring) and inserting in their stead the words "and employees".