

METRIC CONVERSION

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The Metric Conversion Act 1973 No 6 was certified and commenced on 14 June 1973 (GN No 109/1973; Gaz 23/1973).

Amending Legislation	Certified	Date of Commencement
Revised Written Laws Act 2021 No 7	1 June 2021	1 June 2021

An Act to facilitate the adoption in the Republic of the metric system of measurement.

Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

1 Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as the *Metric Conversion Act 1973* and came into effect on 14 June 1973.

2 Interpretation

In this Act:

‘the metric system of measurement’ means measurement in terms of:

- (a) the units comprised in the International System of Units for the time being approved by the General Conference on Weights and Measures;
- (b) units decimally related to those units and for the time being so approved; and
- (c) such other units as the Minister declares, from time to time, by notice published in the Gazette, to be within the metric system; and

‘the Secretary’ means the Public Service Head of the responsible Department.

3 Objective

The objective of this Act is to bring about progressively the use of the metric system of measurement in the Republic as the sole system of measurement of physical quantities.

4 Powers and functions of the Minister

- (1) The Minister shall, on behalf of the Republic, do such things and make such arrangements as he or she thinks conducive to the attainment of the objective of this Act.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), the Minister has power to do all things, including entering into agreements on behalf of the Republic, which he or she considers necessary or convenient to be done in connection with, or incidental to, the performance of his or her functions under this Act and, in particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Minister may engage persons to advise him or her upon any matter related to his or her functions under this Act.
- (3) No agreement requiring, or which may require, the payment of monies by the Republic shall be entered into, nor shall any person be engaged under subsection (2) to advise the Minister, unless sufficient monies have been appropriated in the Treasury Fund by Parliament for the purpose.
- (4) Subject to subsection (3), all monies payable under any agreement made by the Minister on behalf of the Republic under this Section and all fees and allowances payable to persons engaged under subsection (2) to advise the Minister shall be charged upon and paid out of, the Treasury Fund.

5 Minister may authorise the Secretary

The Minister may, by an instrument in writing under his or her hand, authorise the Secretary to exercise and perform, subject to and in accordance with his or her directions, any of his or her powers and functions under Section 4.

6 Reports

- (1) The Secretary shall furnish to the Minister such report as the Minister may require of his or her exercise and performance of the powers and functions of the Minister which the Secretary is authorised under Section 5 to exercise and perform.
- (2) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the 30th day of June, 1973, lay before Parliament a written report under his or her hand on the operation of this Act since its commencement and shall thereafter as soon as practicable after the 30th day of June in each succeeding year lay before Parliament a written report under his or her hand on the operation of this Act during the year.

7 Regulations

The Cabinet may make regulations prescribing all matters that it considers necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.