



## CHAPTER 6

An Act to make provision for matters arising out of the recommendations of the Commonwealth Education Conference. [17th December, 1959]

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1.—(1) There shall be a Commission, to be known as the The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”), which shall be charged with the duty of—

- (a) selecting the recipients of awards arising out of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan to persons coming to the United Kingdom,
- (b) making arrangements for the placing of the recipients at universities, university colleges, colleges of technology or other appropriate establishments in the United Kingdom, and for the supervision of their work during the currency of their awards,
- (c) selecting persons to be put forward as candidates from the United Kingdom for awards arising out of the said Plan and to be granted in countries outside the United Kingdom, and
- (d) discharging any other functions arising out of the said Plan which the Secretary of State may assign to the Commission.

In this subsection “the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan” means the Plan so named which was put forward by the Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in July, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

11 & 12 Geo.  
6 c. 56.

(2) The persons to be selected in pursuance of paragraph (a) of the foregoing subsection shall be Commonwealth citizens or British protected persons (within the meaning of the British Nationality Act, 1948) except where the Commission for special reasons, approved by the Secretary of State, otherwise determine.

(3) The Commission shall consist of a chairman and not less than nine nor more than fourteen other members appointed by the Secretary of State, and not less than four of the members shall be persons appointed as the holders of high academic office.

(4) A member of the Commission shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and shall be eligible for reappointment, but may at any time resign his office by notice in writing to the Secretary of State.

(5) The quorum at any meeting of the Commission shall be six, but subject as aforesaid the Commission shall have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number or any defect in the appointment of a member.

(6) The Commission may appoint committees to assist them in the discharge of their functions, and may delegate the discharge of any of their functions to a committee so appointed, with or without restrictions or conditions.

Any such committee may include persons who are not members of the Commission.

(7) In the discharge of their functions the Commission shall comply with any directions given to them by the Secretary of State:

Provided that no direction shall be given for the selection or rejection of any particular person for an award or as a candidate for an award.

(8) The expenses of the Commission (including the payment of travelling and other allowances to members of the Commission or of any committee thereof and to persons chosen by the Commission to act as advisers, being allowances of such amounts and payable in such circumstances as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury determine) shall be defrayed by the Secretary of State.

(9) As soon as may be after the thirtieth day of September in each year the Commission shall make to the Secretary of State a report on the discharge of their functions for the period of twelve months ending with that day, and the Secretary of State shall lay a copy of every such report before Parliament.

Expenses  
under  
Scholarship  
Plan.

2. The expenses of the Secretary of State—

(a) in making such awards as are mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the foregoing section up to the number of five hundred tenable at any one time,

(b) in supplementing any such awards as are mentioned in paragraph (c) of the said subsection (1), and

(c) in defraying the expenses of the Commission (including the allowances mentioned in subsection (8) of the foregoing section),

shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

3. This Act may be cited as the Commonwealth Scholarships Short title Act, 1959.

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