

L.N. 159 of 2017

**GOVERNMENT LANDS ACT
(CAP. 573)**

Agricultural Land Regulations, 2017

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (L) of paragraph (g) of article 31 of the Government Lands Act the Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Simplification of Administrative Processes has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Agricultural Land Regulations, 2017. Citation.

2. Agricultural land means any land belonging to the Government which is mainly let for the growing of crops, flowers, fruit-trees or vines and for cognate agricultural purposes, including the erection of glasshouses, cloches or cold frames, but does not include grazing grounds. Definition of agricultural land.

3. (1) Every person holding a valid title on agricultural land belonging to the Government can transfer and assign his rights on such land or part thereof, subject to those conditions imposed by the Lands Authority, including the agricultural rent, to third parties as long as such third parties are *bona fide* full-time or part-time farmers registered with the Director of Agriculture or is a member of an agricultural co-operative, producers organisation or a recognised association of farmers. Each and every transfer is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Lands Authority and shall be done in accordance to the conditions imposed by the said Board, which conditions must be published. Transfer of agricultural land.

(2) Prior to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Lands Authority of any agricultural land or part thereof, there must be verified that there is no breach of any law or contractual disposition with regards to the said mentioned land.

4. Every person who has completed successfully an academic course relating to agriculture within the previous five years prior to the introduction of these regulations may be given by the Lands Authority under title of lease, agricultural land belonging to the Government with the aim of establishing an agricultural activity as described above. Any grant of land. Any grant of agricultural land subject to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Lands Authority and shall be done in accordance to the conditions imposed by the said Board, which conditions must be published. Any person who qualifies under this regulation is to benefit from a preferential Students.

rate with regards to the rent payable for a maximum period of five years.

Applicability. **5.** (1) When the lessee of the agricultural land dies, the lease shall pass onto the person who is so entitled to it in accordance with the provisions of the Agricultural Leases (Reletting) Act.

Cap. 199. (2) If after the death of the lessee, no other person is recognised by the Lands Authority as the lessee of the agricultural land and there is no other person who qualifies to become the lessee in his stead in accordance with the provisions of the Agricultural Leases (Reletting) Act, the land is to return to the Government.

Expenses. **6.** The Lands Authority shall ensure that all the expenses involved for the transfer of agricultural land as above-mentioned are to be collected from the person to whom the agricultural land is to be given to.

