

# **The Law of Adult Education and Eradication of Illiteracy**

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## **Article 1**

This Law shall be named (The Law of Adult Education and Illiteracy Eradication).

## **Article 2**

This Law aims at eliminating illiteracy amongst all classes and categories of the Saudi citizens and preparing a good enlightened person who has the ability to help himself and contribute in promoting his society.

## **Article 3**

For the purpose of this Act, illiterates means all Saudi citizens who are not mastering reading and writing and are beyond the maximum age accepted in elementary schools, but not attaining the age of forty five.

## **Article 4**

A comprehensive plan aiming at eliminating illiteracy within a period not exceeding twenty years should be prepared in the light of statistical data concerning the number of illiterates and their gathering centers.

## **Article 5**

The following resources shall be appropriated for the projects of illiteracy eradication and Adult Education:

- (a) The amount which every minister in the kingdom appropriated for this purpose.
- (b) Expenditures imposed on private companies and firms according to this Act.
- (c) Monetary aids presented to the projects of illiteracy eradication and Adult education.
- (d) Other recourses added by a ministerial decision.

## **Article 6**

Illiteracy among illiterates shall be combated by following methods suitable for adults' education, to include:

- a- Arrange regular classes throughout the Kingdom.
- b- Launch intensive elective campaigns in areas wherein holding regular classes is too difficult such as the areas of nomads and remote areas.
- c- Arranging suitable and adequate programs by radio and T.V and other media to eradicate illiteracy.
- d- Use the mosques, summer activities centers, clubs and gathering and festival centers for illiteracy eradication.

#### **Article 7**

Programs and courses (curriculum) concerning eradication of illiteracy and Adult Education shall be organized pursuant to the methods approved by ministry of Education and implemented under its supervision.

#### **Article 8**

Suitable government building specially schools, institutes and social and cultural centers shall be used as locations for illiteracy eradication. Special premises may be established or rented as required.

#### **Article 9**

Teachers may be selected for these programs from qualified public civil service employees or others. If unqualified, they shall be qualified for this purpose.

#### **Article 10**

The employees working in adult education and illiteracy eradication programs may be given rewards to commensurate their exerted efforts. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy shall mutually agree upon assessment and terms of entitlement of such rewards.

#### **Article 11**

Illiteracy eradication and Adult Education programs should be free, and learners shall be freely provided with books, necessary tools and instructional materials throughout their learning period.

#### **Article 12**

Volunteers may be accepted according to measures prescribed by the Higher Committee for Adult Education and Illiteracy Eradication.

#### **Article 13**

Working to eradicate illiteracy among citizens shall be the duty of every citizen according to his abilities; the illiterates shall seek their illiteracy eradication by benefiting by all available means.

#### **Article 14**

All government authorities and public corporations shall eradicate illiteracy among their employees within six years from the date of this Law commencement. This period may be extended, when necessary, by a resolution by the Council of Ministers.

#### **Article 15**

Private companies and corporations shall, on demand, provide the Ministry of Education with data concerning the number of their illiterate workers, their ages, their professions and the steps taken to eradicate their illiteracy.

#### **Article 16**

Private companies and corporations shall eradicate illiteracy among their employees in accordance with the following:

(1) Companies and corporations wherein the number of illiterate workers at one location exceeds twenty persons at any time after the commencement of this Law, shall establish special and sufficient classes or alternatively pay the costs required for the eradication of illiteracy as decided by the Higher Committee for the Eradication of Illiteracy and Adult Education.

(2) Companies and corporations wherein the number of illiterate workers does not exceed twenty persons and not willing to establish its own classes to eradicate their workers illiteracy, shall be committed to make them join government classes without paying the costs of such except the cost of their transportation to these classes.

#### **Article 17**

Every government or private institution undertaking a project of the eradication of illiteracy among its employees shall provide, in advance, the Ministry of Education with the following:

- 1- The number of classes proposed annually.
- 2- The number of teachers and administrators needed for such classes.
- 3- The number of learners.
- 4- The required books and curriculums.

5- Proposed places for classes. Implementation shall be on the basis mutually agreed upon by the Ministry and the concerned institution.

#### **Article 18**

The Ministry of Education shall extend suitable assistance to other institutions working on illiteracy elimination; furthermore, it shall evaluate and follow up their programs.

#### **Article 19**

The Higher Committee for Illiteracy Eradication and Adult Education shall be formed as follows:

- (1) The Minister of Education; chairman.
- (2) The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, member and deputy chairman.
- (3) The Director of the Popular Culture Directorate at the Ministry of Education; member and secretary general.
- (4) A member from the Ministry of Interior.
- (5) A member from the Ministry of Defense and Aviation.
- (6) A member from the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.
- (7) A member from the ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.
- (8) A member from the Ministry of Information.
- (9) A member from the National Guard Presidency.
- (10) A member from the Presidency General for Girls Education.

The Committee may seek the help of any other specialists, as it deems necessary.

#### **Article 20**

In addition to the responsibilities set forth in this Law, the Higher committee for the Eradication of illiteracy and Adult Education shall perform the following:

- (a) Approve the comprehensive plan for eradication of illiteracy, planned policy for adult education and following up their implementation.
- (b) Propose and recommend new sources to finance the project of illiteracy eradication and procuring the approval of the concerned institution.

(c) Coordinate the efforts of the ministries, governmental authorities and the private institutions.

**Article 21**

The Higher Committee shall set the internal law, which determine the duration of membership, way of voting and the number of ordinary and extraordinary sessions.

**Article 22**

There shall be formed, upon a decision of the Higher Committee for Illiteracy Eradication and Adult Education, a subcommittee chaired by the Director of Education and composed of the representatives of the Ministries and the concerned circles to follow up the execution of the illiteracy eradication plan.

**Article 23**

The regulations to execute this Law shall be issued by a decision from the Minister of Education.

**Article 24**

The governmental or non-governmental concerned authorities shall execute this Law, each within its jurisdictions.

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