

Composition of Board

15B. (1) The Board consists of not less than seven and not more than 13 members, including the chairperson and the deputy chairperson, appointed by the Minister.

(2) A member of the Board is appointed for a period of four years: Provided that a member may not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.

(3) A member of the Board must—

- (a) be a fit and proper person to hold office as a member; and
- (b) have appropriate qualifications and relevant experience.

(4) The Board must—

- (a) be representative of the communities and interests affected by this Act; and
- (b) have not less than 50% women members.

(5) Before the Minister appoints members of the Board in terms of subsection (1), the Minister must by notice in two newspapers and the *Gazette* invite all interested persons to submit, within the period and in the manner mentioned in the notice, the names of persons fit to be appointed as members of the Board.

(6) The Minister must appoint a nomination committee to make recommendations to the Minister for the appointment of members of the Board.

(7) In establishing a nomination committee, the Minister must ensure that the committee is broadly representative of the various racial groups, communities and interests affected by this Act and geographic areas of the Republic, and that both males and females are represented.

(8) The deputy chairperson of the Board must act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson of the Board.

(9) (a) The Board may determine the proceedings at its meetings as it may deem fit, and must cause minutes of such proceedings to be kept.

(b) A majority of the members of the Board is a quorum for a meeting of the Board.

Functions of Board

15C. (1) The functions of the Board are to advise the Minister and the Director-General on tenure security matters, and generally, the Board shall—

- (a) guide and oversee the Land Rights Management Committees in the execution of their functions in terms of this Act;
- (b) assist in the creation and maintenance of a data base of occupiers, land rights disputes and their resolution as well as evictions, which must contain such additional information as may be prescribed;
- (c) assist in the provision of mediation and arbitration of land rights disputes arising from the application of this Act;
- (d) facilitate the implementation of information dissemination measures to develop awareness of the provisions of this Act;
- (e) monitor and evaluate the impact of related laws, in relation to the functions of the Board;
- (f) assist in the creation of mechanisms for the provision of legal assistance and legal representation to affected persons in terms of this Act;
- (g) assist in the formulation of a means test relating to funding for legal assistance;
- (h) generally, advise on any other matter referred to it by the Minister.

(2) The Board shall involve all the various structures and representatives of organisations with vested interests in land within the commercial farming areas, to promote effective ways of monitoring and mediating land rights disputes.