1. Better protection for charities
   - New criteria for disqualification:
     i. Convictions for terrorism, terrorism financing or money laundering offences.
     ii. Removal by the COC from any capacity following an inquiry.
   - Disqualified person cannot hold a key position in another entity which is a member or board member of a charity.
   - A person will not be disqualified or removed due to a spent conviction.

2. Enhanced safeguards for public trust
   - The COC can suspend for up to 2 years:
     i. Unfit individuals from a charity, with the consent of the Attorney-General, following an inquiry.
     ii. Improper fund-raising appeals pending the completion of investigations.

3. Clarified “fund-raising appeal” definition
   - All charitable fund-raising appeals in Singapore, whether online or offline, for local or foreign purposes, are regulated.

4. Electronic filing of annual submissions
   - Regulations will be made to require charities to file annual submissions and applications via the Charity Portal.

Note: The amendments in points 1 and 2 came into effect in April 2018. The amendments in points 3 and 4 will progressively be brought into effect from 2H 2018.

For more info on the Charities (Amendment) Bill 2017, read Minister Grace Fu’s speech on the MCCY website:

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