State Gazette
ESTONIAN EXPERIENCE
HISTORY

- **1918**  First state gazette (*Riigi Teataja*)
- **1940**  Publication discontinues
- **1990**  Publication continues
- **1996**  State gazette goes online
- **1 June 2002**  Electronic state gazette becomes official, consolidated texts obtain legal force
- **2010**  Publication of the paper version ends
  Consolidated texts published along with amending instruments
- **2013**  Consolidated texts of regulations of all local authorities published
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**EUROVOC KEYWORDS**

**SYSTEMIC CLASSIFICATION OF ACTS**

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Employment Contracts Act
Chapter 3
ADVOCATE

§ 22. Members of Bar Association
(1) Sworn advocates and clerks of sworn advocates are members of the Bar Association (hereinafter advocates).
[RT I, 21.12.2012, 1 – entry into force 01.03.2013]
(2) All persons who comply with the requirements provided for in this Act and have passed the advocate’s examination may be members of the Bar Association.
(3) In Estonia, only members of the Estonian Bar Association may provide legal services as advocates, unless otherwise provided in this Act.
(4) Membership in the Bar Association is certified by a Bar Association membership certificate and an advocate’s certificate. The advocate’s certificate shall contain the information specified in clauses 21 (2), (2), (6) and (7) of this Act.
[RT I, 21.12.2012, 1 – entry into force 01.03.2013]

§ 22¹. Advocate emeritus
(1) The title of an advocate emeritus may be granted to a person who has reached the retirement age and has been excluded from the Bar Association.
(2) Grant of the title and the status of an advocate emeritus shall be provided for in the internal rules of the Bar Association.
[RT I, 04.03.2016, 1 – entry into force 14.03.2016]

§ 23. Requirements for advocates
(1) A person may be admitted to the Bar Association, if he or she:
1) has active legal capacity;
2) resides in Estonia or is a citizen of the Republic of Estonia, another member state of the European Union, European Economic Area or Switzerland;
[RT I, 04.03.2016, 1 – entry into force 14.03.2016]
3) complies with the educational requirements presented for judges according to clause 47 (1) (1) of the Courts Act or whose professional qualification
§ 114. Murder

1) in a tortuous or cruel manner;
2) in a manner which is dangerous to the public;
3) against two or more persons;
4) at least twice;
5) in connection with robbery or for the purpose of personal gain;
6) in order to conceal another offence or facilitate the commission thereof;
7) by using an explosive device or explosive substance,
is punishable by 8 to 20 years’ imprisonment or life imprisonment.

[RT I 2007, 13, 69 - entry into force 15.03.2007]

(1) Manslaughter, if committed:

The same act, if committed by a legal person,
is punishable by a pecuniary punishment.

[RT I, 12.07.2014, 1 - entry into force 01.01.2015]
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Amendment of Public Holidays and Days of National Importance Act

§ 1. The following subsection 3¹ is inserted in section 3 of the Act
«3¹) 4 June – Flag Day;».

§ 2. This Act enters into force on the day following publication in the Riigi Teataja.

CONSOLIDATED TEXT

Issuer: Riigikogu
Type of Legal Instrument: Act
Type of Text: Consolidated text

Public Holidays and Days of National Importance Act

§ 1. The national day and a day of rest is: 24 February, Independence Day and anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.

§ 2. Public holidays and days of rest are:
1) 1 January – New Year’s Day
2) Good Friday;
3) Easter Sunday;

§ 3. The days of national importance are:
1) 6 January - Epiphany;
2) 2 February – Anniversary of Tartu Peace Treaty;
3) second Sunday in May – Mother’s Day;
4) 14 June – Day of Mourning;
5) 2 November – All Souls’ Day;
6) the second Sunday in November – Fathers’ Day;
7) 16 November – Day of Declaration of Sovereignty.
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