

VCS Governance Evaluation Checklist



Period: January 2019 to December 2019

S/No.	Code guideline	Code ID	Response (select whichever is applicable)	Explanation (if Code guideline is not complied with)
BOARD GOVERNANCE				
1	Induction and orientation are provided to incoming governing board members upon joining the Board.	1.1.2	Complied	
2	Are there governing board members holding staff* appointments?		No	
5	The Treasurer of the charity (or any person holding an equivalent position in the charity, e.g. Finance Committee Chairman or a governing board member responsible for overseeing the finances of the charity) can only serve a maximum of 4 consecutive years. If the charity has not appointed any governing board member to oversee its finances, it will be presumed that the Chairman oversees the finances of the charity.	1.1.7	Complied	
6	All governing board members must submit themselves for re-nomination and re-appointment, at least once every 3 years.	1.1.8	Complied	
7	The Board conducts self evaluation to assess its performance and effectiveness once during its term or every 3 years, whichever is shorter.	1.1.12	Complied	
8	Is there any governing board member who has served for more than 10 consecutive years?		Yes	
9	The charity discloses in its annual report the reasons for retaining the governing board member who has served for more than 10 consecutive years.	1.1.13	Complied	
10	There are documented terms of reference for the Board and each of its committees.	1.2.1	Complied	
CONFLICT OF INTEREST				
11	There are documented procedures for governing board members and staff to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest to the Board at the earliest opportunity.	2.1	Complied	

12	Governing board members do not vote or participate in decision making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.	2.4	Complied	
STRATEGIC PLANNING				
13	The Board periodically reviews and approves the strategic plan for the charity to ensure that the charity's activities are in line with the charity's objectives.	3.2.2	Complied	
HUMAN RESOURCE AND VOLUNTEER* MANAGEMENT				
14	The Board approves documented human resource policies for staff.	5.1	Complied	
15	There is a documented Code of Conduct for governing board members, staff and volunteers (where applicable) which is approved by the Board.	5.3	Complied	
16	There are processes for regular supervision, appraisal and professional development of staff.	5.5	Complied	
17	Are there volunteers serving in the charity?		Yes	
18	There are volunteer management policies in place for volunteers.	5.7	Complied	
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS				
19	There is a documented policy to seek the Board's approval for any loans, donations, grants or financial assistance provided by the charity which are not part of the charity's core charitable programmes.	6.1.1	Complied	
20	The Board ensures that internal controls for financial matters in key areas are in place with documented procedures.	6.1.2	Complied	
21	The Board ensures that reviews on the charity's internal controls, processes, key programmes and events are regularly conducted.	6.1.3	Complied	
22	The Board ensures that there is a process to identify, and regularly monitor and review the charity's key risks.	6.1.4	Complied	
23	The Board approves an annual budget for the charity's plans and regularly monitors the charity's expenditure.	6.2.1	Complied	
24	Does the charity invest its reserves (e.g. in fixed deposits)?		Yes	

25	The charity has a documented investment policy approved by the Board.	6.4.3	Complied	
FUNDRAISING PRACTICES				
26	Did the charity receive cash donations (solicited or unsolicited) during the financial year?		Yes	
27	All collections received (solicited or unsolicited) are properly accounted for and promptly deposited by the charity.	7.2.2	Complied	
28	Did the charity receive donations in kind during the financial year?		No	
DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY				
30	The charity discloses in its annual report — (a) the number of Board meetings in the financial year; and (b) the attendance of every governing board member at those meetings.	8.2	Complied	
31	Are governing board members remunerated for their services to the Board?		No	
34	Does the charity employ paid staff?		Yes	
35	No staff is involved in setting his own remuneration.	2.2	Complied	
36	The charity discloses in its annual report — (a) the total annual remuneration for each of its 3 highest paid staff who each has received remuneration (including remuneration received from the charity’s subsidiaries) exceeding \$100,000 during the financial year; and (b) whether any of the 3 highest paid staff also serves as a governing board member of the charity. The information relating to the remuneration of the staff must be presented in bands of \$100,000. OR The charity discloses that none of its paid staff receives more than \$100,000 each in annual remuneration.	8.4	Complied	
37	The charity discloses the number of paid staff who satisfies all of the following criteria: (a) the staff is a close member of the family* belonging to the Executive Head* or a governing board member of the charity; (b) the staff has received remuneration exceeding \$50,000 during the financial year. The information relating to the remuneration of the staff must be presented in bands of \$100,000. OR The charity discloses that there is no paid staff, being a close member of the family* belonging to the Executive Head* or a governing board member of the charity, who has received remuneration exceeding \$50,000 during the financial year.	8.5	Complied	

PUBLIC IMAGE

38	The charity has a documented communication policy on the release of information about the charity and its activities across all media platforms.	<u>9.2</u>	Complied	
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