

*Legal Supplement Part A to the "Trinidad and Tobago Gazette", Vol. 43,  
No. 35, 4th March, 2004*

---

---

Second Session Eighth Parliament Republic of  
Trinidad and Tobago

---

---



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 7 of 2004**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Public Assistance Act, Chap. 32:03  
and to validate certain things done thereunder

*[Assented to 26th February, 2004]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Public Assistance Short title  
(Amendment and Validation) Act, 2004.

Chap. 32:03  
amended

**2. Section 11A of the Public Assistance Act is amended—**

*(a)* in subsection (1)—

(i) by deleting paragraph *(b)* and substituting the following paragraph:

“*(b)* he—

(i) is a citizen or resident of Trinidad and Tobago as defined in the Immigration Act; and

Chap. 18:01

(ii) has been continuously resident in Trinidad and Tobago for a period of three years preceding the claim for disability assistance, except that he has not been absent from Trinidad and Tobago for a period exceeding six months in the aggregate;”;

(ii) in paragraph *(c)* by deleting the word “forty” and substituting the word “eighteen”; and

(iii) in paragraph *(d)* by deleting the full stop and inserting the words “ and has been certified by a Medical Officer as being so disabled.”;

*(b)* in subsection (3), with effect from 1st December, 2003, by deleting the words “six hundred” and substituting the words “six hundred and fifty”; and

(c) by inserting after subsection (4) the following subsection:

“ (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1) (b)(ii), the Minister may approve a claim for disability assistance where the applicant has been continuously resident in Trinidad and Tobago for more than twelve months but less than three years.”.

**3.** The increase in disability assistance in excess of six hundred dollars paid by the Board to persons on or after 1st December, 2003, is hereby validated. <sup>Validation</sup>

Passed in the House of Representatives this 28th day of January, 2004.

**D. DOLLY**  
*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 10th day of February, 2004.

**N. JAGGASSAR**  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*