



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 21 of 1971**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Electric Installations (Buildings)  
(Amendment) Ordinance, Ch. 30. No. 15.

*[Assented to 28th April, 1971]*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by Enactment  
and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House  
of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the  
authority of the same as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the short title  
(Amendment) Act, 1971.

Section 6 of  
Ordinance  
amended.  
Ch. 30. No. 15

2. Section 6 of the Electric Installations (Amendment) Ordinance is amended by substituting for paragraph (c) the following—

“(c) being the holder of such a certificate of efficiency issued after 1st January, 1950, is over the age of twenty-three years and satisfies the Chief Electrical Inspector that he has had not less than three years practical experience in electrical installation work; or”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 8th day of April, 1971.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 16th day of April, 1971.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the Senate*

# CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ACT, 1971

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