



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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I ASSENT,

A. B. WRIGHT,

Acting Governor.

5th May, 1945.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Licensing of Dealers and Sale
of Precious Metals and Stones.

ENACTED by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the Enactment.
advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Licensing of Dealers Short title.
(Precious Metals and Stones) Ordinance, 1945, and shall come
into force on such date as the Governor may declare by notice
in the *Royal Gazette*.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance—

“precious metals” include bullion, platinum, gold and silver coins, and jewellery made from same;

“stones” include diamonds, rubies and precious and semi-precious stones.

Dealers to be licensed.

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to carry on the business of a dealer in precious metals and stones unless he shall have previously taken out a licence under this Ordinance.

Licences.

4. (1) Licences under this Ordinance shall be granted by and at the discretion of the Magistrate of the district in which the premises to be licensed are situate.

(2) No such licence shall be granted without the previous report of the officer of Police in charge of the division in which the premises to be licensed are situate, and before the expiration of twenty-one days at least after application in writing has been made therefor to the Magistrate.

(3) Such licences shall be in the form in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be annual licences terminating on the 31st day of December of the year for which they are granted. A fee of \$2.40 shall be paid to the Magistrate for each such licence.

Signboard.

5. Over one of the principal entrances to the premises licensed under this Ordinance there shall be placed a board on which shall be printed, in legible letters of at least two inches in length, the name in full of the person holding such licence and the words “Licensed dealer in precious metals and stones”.

Dealer to keep books—2nd and 3rd Schedules.

6. (1) Every person licensed under this Ordinance shall keep his books in the forms in the Second and Third Schedules hereto, and he shall legibly enter in ink in the appropriate book, the date and hour of the day when any precious metals or stones are purchased, received or sold, the name in full, and the residence and occupation of the person from whom any such metals or stones are purchased, or received, and to whom any such metals or stones are sold, and in the case of an agent, the name and address of the principal, the quantity purchased, received or sold, and the price paid or received for the same. Every such entry as aforesaid shall be made at the time of such sale, purchase, or dealing, and shall be signed by the vendor or his agent and the licensee or his agent.

(2) No such person shall purchase or receive any such precious metals or stones except between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening. Times for dealing.

(3) No such person shall purchase or receive any precious metals or stones from any person apparently under the age of sixteen years. Persons under 16 years.

(4) No such person shall employ any servant or apprentice or other person under the age of sixteen years to purchase or receive such precious metals or stones. Idem.

7. It shall be lawful for any constable at any time when the licensed premises are open for business to inspect any such book as aforesaid and all precious metals and stones in the premises of any licensee under this Ordinance; and such licensee, or his representative, or the person in charge of such premises, or the person in whose custody or charge such book, precious metals or stones may be, or the person who shall have made any entry in such book with respect to which any such constable may desire to ask any questions, shall permit such constable to inspect such book, precious metals and stones, and shall answer all such questions as shall be asked by such constable with reference to such book, precious metals or stones or any of the entries or contents of such book. Power of entry and inspection.

8. All precious metals and stones purchased or received by a licensed dealer shall be kept in the licensed premises and shall not in any way be changed in form or shape or disfigured for a period of at least ten days after such precious metals and stones shall have been purchased or received: Goods purchased to be kept for 10 days.

Provided that the officer of Police in charge of the division in which the licensee carries on his business may, in his discretion, on the application of any licensee, grant a permit for the shipment or alteration in form or shape of any such precious metals or stones without the same having been kept for such period of ten days. Exemption.

9. Every person licensed under this Ordinance who, after notice has been given to him by any constable or by advertisement in the *Royal Gazette* that any precious metals and stones have been stolen or fraudulently obtained, fails to give information to the Police that articles of the like description were offered to him or were or are in his possession, shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance. Failing to give information to Police.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

(Section 6.)

Delivery Book.

Date	Hour	Name of Purchaser	Address	Occupation	Name and address of Principal	Description of Articles	Weight	Price	Signature of Licensee or Agent

Passed in Council this twentieth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

W. J. BOOS,
Clerk of the Council.