

LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**PUBLIC HEALTH (NURSERY SCHOOLS AND
PRIMARY SCHOOLS IMMUNISATION) ACT**

CHAPTER 28:03

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This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

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**An Act respecting the immunisation of persons seeking entry into
nursery schools and primary schools against certain
communicable diseases.** ^{10 of 1973.}

[23RD MAY 1973]

Commencement.

WHEREAS it is enacted *inter alia* by section 13(1) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies may expressly declare that it shall have effect notwithstanding sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution and, if any such Act does so declare, it shall have effect accordingly:

And Whereas it is provided by section 13(2) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies is one the Bill for which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and at the final vote thereon in each House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of that House:

And Whereas it is necessary and expedient that this Act shall have effect notwithstanding sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Nursery Schools and Primary Schools Immunisation) Act. ^{Short title.}

(2) This Act shall have effect notwithstanding sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution. ^{Act at variance with Ch. 1:01 Constitution.}

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

“certificate of immunisation” means a certificate of a medical practitioner certifying that he is satisfied that a person is immune with respect to a communicable disease—

(a) by reason of his having been immunised against such communicable disease; or

(b) by reason of his having suffered from any communicable disease whereby immunity to such disease was derived;

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“communicable disease” means any disease from time to time specified in the Schedule;

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“medical practitioner” means a person registered under the Medical Board Act;

“nursery school” means a school including a department of a school used mainly for the purpose of providing education for children under the age of five years;

“parent” includes a guardian;

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“primary school” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Education Act;

“school” includes a special school established under section 39 of the Education Act.

Certificate of immunisation required for admission to nursery schools and primary schools.

3. (1) Notwithstanding any rule of law to the contrary, no person may be admitted into any nursery school or primary school unless he produces to the Principal thereof a certificate of immunisation with respect to every communicable disease, save that where a person produces a certificate of a medical practitioner certifying that immunisation against any particular communicable disease or communicable diseases is not advisable on medical grounds, no certificate of immunisation is required to be produced with respect to that communicable disease or those communicable diseases, as the case may be.

(2) A Principal of any nursery school or primary school who admits any person to such school in contravention of subsection (1) or section 5 is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars.

The Schedule—power to vary.

4. The Schedule specifying the communicable diseases to which this Act refers may, from time to time, by Order of the Minister, be varied, added to or otherwise amended.

5. Where any communicable disease has become epidemic or when an epidemic of any such disease is threatened, the Minister may by Order suspend from attendance at any nursery school or primary school persons to whom a certificate of a medical practitioner certifying that immunisation against any such disease is not advisable on medical grounds was issued pursuant to section 3(1) or refuse entry to any such person to any such school, and the suspension or refusal of entry as the case may be, shall be effective until the Minister by further order declares that the epidemic is ended or the threat of the epidemic is past.

Minister's
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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Section 4.

Poliomyelitis
Smallpox
Diphtheria
Tetanus
