



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 3—1946.

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I ASSENT,

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

Governor

26th January, 1946.

AN ORDINANCE to make special provision on account of circumstances arising out of the present emergency as to examination and service under articles in the case of persons desirous of being admitted as solicitors and for purposes connected with matters aforesaid.

[31st January, 1946.]

Commence-
ment.

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

Enactment.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Solicitors (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1946, and shall be read as one with the Solicitors Ordinance, 1942, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Short title.

No. 33 of 1942.

Interpretation. 2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires:—

“the present emergency” means the emergency which has been the occasion of the introduction of this Ordinance ;

“the period of the present emergency” means the periods beginning with the first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine and ending with such date as the Governor may declare to be the date on which the emergency which was the occasion of the passing of this Ordinance came to an end ;

“national service” means and includes—

(a) service in any of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown during the period of the present emergency ;

(b) detention during that period as a prisoner, military or civil, in any enemy country, or internment during that period in an enemy or neutral country in consequence of any war in which His Majesty may be or may have been engaged ; and

(c) any public service connected with or consequent upon the present emergency and being of a character approved by the Council of the Society.

Power to grant exemption from passing intermediate examination.

3. The Council of the Society may at their discretion grant to any articled clerk exemption from the passing of an intermediate examination or any separate part of or subject comprised in that examination on account of circumstances connected with or arising out of the present emergency, and any articled clerk to whom such exemption has been granted may, notwithstanding anything in section 18 of the Principal Ordinance, be admitted as a solicitor although he has not passed and therefore has not obtained a certificate of having passed such examination or such part or subject as the case may be.

Power to allow earlier presentation for final examination.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 32 of the Principal Ordinance, a person who has entered into articles for the required term and has duly served thereunder and complied with the provisions of Part III of that Ordinance applying to him up to the time for his presenting himself for final examination may with the permission of the Council of the Society, which they may grant or withhold at their discretion, present himself during the period of the present emergency for final examination at an examination earlier than the one next preceding the expiration of the term of his articles.

5. The Council of the Society at their discretion :—

(a) in the case of any articted clerk who after the commencement of his articles has been engaged in national service, may permit the whole or any part of the period of such national service to be reckoned as a period of good service under articles for the purposes of sections 18 and 19 of the Principal Ordinance ; and

Power to
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articles in
certain cases.

(b) in the case of any person desirous of being admitted as a solicitor who has been engaged in national service before the commencement of his articles, may permit the term of service under articles for which section 19 of the Principal Ordinance requires him to be bound to be reduced by the whole or any part of the period of such national service :

Provided that in any such case the clerk or person shall not be admitted as a solicitor unless he has during an aggregate period of not less than two years been actually employed as an articted clerk in the proper business practice and employment of a solicitor by the solicitor to whom he has been articted or in such employment as is mentioned in section 24 of the Principal Ordinance with a practising solicitor in England.

Passed in Council this ninth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

W. J. BOOS,
Clerk of the Council.