

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 32 of 1983

AN ACT

To amend the Legal Practitioners Act

[Assented to 16 September 1983]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of the Commonwealth, as follows:

SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the Legal Practitioners Amendment Act 1983.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The Legal Practitioners Act is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

DEFINITIONS

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of "restricted practising certificate" and substituting the following:

"'restricted practising certificate' means -

- (a) a restricted practising certificate class1; or
- (b) a restricted practising certificate class2;
- 'restricted practising certificate class 1' means a practising certificate certifying to the entitlement of the holder to perform the functions of a legal practitioner whilst in the employ of another person;

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'restricted practising certificate class 2' means a practising certificate certifying to the entitlement of the holder to practise as a legal practitioner on his own account subject to the conditions that he shall so practise -

- (a) as a barrister only; and
 - (b) whilst under the pupillage, for a period, commencing on the date on which the practising certificate is expressed to take effect, of not less than 12 months but not more than 2 years, of a local Counsel who holds an unrestricted practising certificate;".

4. ROLL OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

- "(7) For the purposes of sub-sections (2)(b) and (4), a person shall not be taken to not be acting independently of another legal practitioner by reason only that the person is -
 - (a) by virtue of holding a restricted practising certificate class 2 - under the pupillage of a local Counsel who holds an unrestricted practising certificate; or
 - (b) the local Counsel referred to in paragraph (a).".
- 5. CERTAIN PRACTITIONERS TO HOLD PRACTISING CERTIFICATES

 Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended -
 - (a) by inserting in sub-section (1) after "certificate" the words "or restricted practising certificate class 2";
 - (b) by omitting from sub-section (3) "practising certificate" and substituting "unrestricted practising certificate or restricted practising certificate class 1";
 - (c) by inserting at the end of sub-section (3A) the words "class 1"; and

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(d) by inserting in sub-section (4) after "certificate" the words "or restricted practising certificate class 2".

6. APPLICATION FOR PRACTISING CERTIFICATES

Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c) and substituting the following:

- "(c) in the case of an application for -
 - (i) a restricted practising certificate class
 1 the name and address of the person's employer or proposed employer; and
 - (ii) a restricted practising certificate class 2 - the address at which the person practices or proposes to practise in the Territory.".

7. TRANSITIONAL

A restricted practising certificate, within the meaning of the Principal Act as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, which was current on the day immediately before that commencement shall, on and from that commencement, for the purposes of the Principal Act as amended by this Act, be deemed to be a restricted practising certificate class 1.

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