

## LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

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No. 18 of 1966.

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### AN ACT to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1964.

[Assented to 17th October, 1966.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Legal Practitioners Act Amendment Act, 1966.*

Short title  
and citation.

(2) In this Act the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1964, is referred to as the principal Act.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893-1966.

Commence-  
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation.

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repealed and  
re-enacted.

3. Section fifteen of the principal Act is repealed and re-enacted as follows—

Admission of  
practitioners.

15. (1) No person shall be admitted as a practitioner unless he is a natural born or naturalised British subject of the age of twenty-one years or upwards.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, a person may be admitted as a practitioner if—

(a) he has—

(i) taken a degree in law at a University recognised by the Board for the purposes of this section; or

(ii) fulfilled all the requirements of the University of Western Australia for the taking of a degree in law at that University,

and has served for such term under articles of clerkship to a practitioner as the Board may prescribe and at any time during that term has passed such examinations as the Board may prescribe; or

(b) he has served for a term of five years under articles of clerkship to a practitioner as required by this Act and has at any time during that term passed such examinations as the Board may prescribe; or

(c) he is a person who has been admitted and is entitled to practise in the Superior Courts of law in a place where at the time he is so admitted the system of jurisprudence administered therein was equivalent to or in

the opinion of the Board was substantially equivalent to the system of jurisprudence administered in this State and that person —

- (i) is possessed of such qualifications as in the opinion of the Board are substantially equivalent to those referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this subsection; or
- (ii) has passed such examinations or served such term under articles of clerkship to a practitioner or both as the Board may in writing require in respect to that person; or
- (d) he is a person enrolled or deemed to have been enrolled as a solicitor pursuant to the Solicitors (Scotland) Act, 1933 of the United Kingdom or that Act as amended from time to time, and has passed such examinations or served such term under articles of clerkship to a practitioner or both as the Board may in writing require in respect of that person. .

4. Paragraph (d) of section twenty of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the passage, "paragraph (c) or paragraph (d)" in the proviso thereto, the passage, "paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subsection (2)".

S. 20  
amended.

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